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# Unity!



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## DISASTER CAPITALISM UNITE AGAINST THE TORIES AND BOSSES

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**FIGHTBACK**

**T**HE COMMUNIST PARTY has pledged its support for united trade union action in support of the mounting tsunami of disputes and pay struggles.

'The votes for strike action by members of PCS, the RCN – Britain's fourth largest union – and the Education Institute of Scotland confirm that the strike spirit has spread beyond the industrial, transport and communications sectors,' Alex Gordon told the late November meeting of the Communist Party leadership.

Alex Gordon, who is president of the RMT, said the current ballots by Unison in the NHS and the two main teachers' unions NEU and NASUWT will strengthen the determination of unions to coordinate strike

action and collective bargaining strategies in order to bust the Tory pay freeze and secure a real cost of living increase for workers.

Alex Gordon pointed to Chancellor Jeremy Hunt's Autumn Statement as evidence of the enormous attack being launched against people's living standards, democratic and employment rights and public services, with £60bn of new cuts in public spending planned from 2025 – after the next General Election.

Britain's Communists called for a 'united front' of working-class organisations and the left to challenge the ruling class offensive by the capitalist monopolies and their government. The Communist Party said it will give full support to the development of an effective coordination committee of trade unionists able to link up their disparate disputes into united struggles.

### Socialism or extinction

In his report Alex Gordon said that it was the common interest of the great mass of the population of our planet today to replace globalised finance capitalism by a socialist order of society.

This was demonstrated by the refusal of the US and other major capitalist powers at the COP27 summit in Sharm el-Sheikh to agree clear targets for rapid progress towards the elimination of fossil fuels.

'The EU proposal for a loss-and-damage fund are another attempt to wriggle out of the Paris Agreement commitments and to blame China for the failure of the rich developed countries to cut carbon emissions and cap global warming at 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels,' Alex Gordon said.

At the COP15 Copenhagen summit in 2009, the developed countries had pledged

\$100bn in climate change aid to developing countries by 2020, but the undisclosed sum raised so far has fallen a long way short.

'All attempts to greenwash global finance capitalism have collapsed as US banks refuse to disinvest from fossil fuels – a contradiction that demonstrates the limits of capitalism and threatens the future of the planet,' Alex Gordon said.

● The Communist Party executive committee received reports from chair Ruth Styles and international secretary Kevan Nelson on the International Meeting of Communist and Workers Parties in Havana and from general secretary Robert Griffiths on his visits to Cuba and the congress of the Venezuelan Communist Party in Caracas.

★ **Page 3** Alex Gordon's political report

## Covid highlights the scale of the capitalist crisis

**UNITY! NEWS TEAM**  
**IDEOLOGY**

**B**RITISH COMMUNIST leader Robert Griffiths took part in an International Ideological Seminar in Caracas hosted by the Bolivar-Marx Institute of the Partido Comunista Venezuela (PCV).

Robert Griffiths told the conference: 'The impact of the Covid pandemic on many capitalist economies has had the effect of masking and disrupting their increasingly

synchronised economic cycle. Growth rates in the major economies (the US, Germany, Britain, France, Japan) were stagnant or declining in 2019 and almost certainly heading for recession. Covid plunged them into deep decline in the course of 2020.

Thus a virus – rather than capitalism – is being held responsible for the steep downturn that might well have happened anyway. And the fact that the downturn was so extreme means that the recovery looks all the more impressive – in mathematical terms at least –

when coming up so quickly from such a deep trough.

Yet the speed and extent of the recovery – funded by state spending – is such that the major central banks are now worried about inflation and its impact on economic stability and currency values.

The IMF and the OECD have been urging central banks to reduce economic demand by continuing to raise interest rates, while the World Bank is warning that increasing them too much would make an

international recession more likely and much worse, especially in the developing and so-called 'emerging market' economies, as higher interest rates make borrowing for government, business and household spending and investment more expensive.

Obviously, the Russia-Ukraine War has contributed to fears of both inflation and recession because of the disruption it has brought to energy and food supplies.

Full text: <https://tinyurl.com/yc89mf8k>

▲ Faced with the rise of a strike movement for pay increases to catch up with a profit-driven price spiral oil multi-millionaire Tory minister Nadhim Zahawi told nurses' that their pay strike was helping Vladimir Putin!

So far nothing abnormal here. Tories demanding workers accept wage cuts – even without an appeal for 'national unity' against an external enemy – is not new. The problem is that Westminster Labour shares this approach.

Asked whether they back striking teachers, NHS staff, railway workers, posties or Telecom workers the answer from official Labour speakers is always evasive.

But faced with unprecedented rise in energy prices – driven by sanctions imposed on Moscow – and a runaway price explosion for everyday food and goods the the official Labour position is to stand aside.

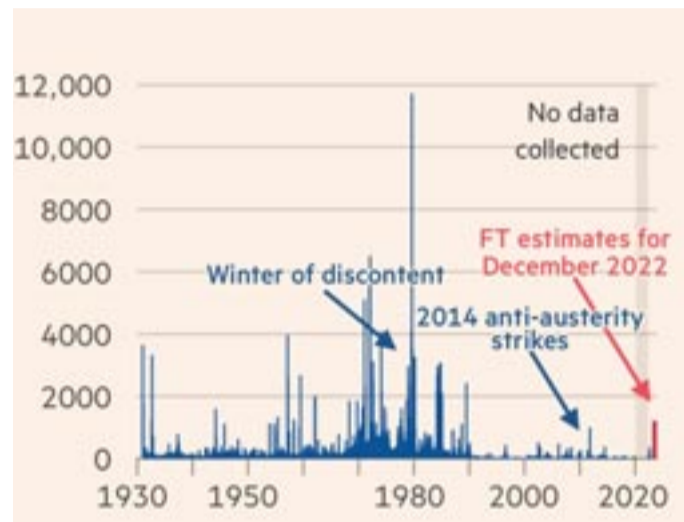
Workers in Britain need a united front – not against any 'external' enemy but against our boss class and their government.



# STRIKING

Everywhere, in all the European countries and in America, the workers feel themselves powerless when they are disunited; they can only offer resistance to the employers jointly, either by striking or threatening to strike . . . However, strikes, which arise out of the very nature of capitalist society, signify the beginning of the working-class struggle against that system of society.  
**Lenin On Strikes (1899)**

## Largest strike wave since 1989 is expected Days lost to strike action in thousands



## Ruth Styles: 'A united front can defeat the Tory government'

Nick Wright

### STRIKES

**S**UPPORT THE People's Assembly all-Britain conference on 14 January the Communist Party has urged. Welcoming as 'historic' the Royal College of Nursing decision to strike party chair Ruth Styles said it reflects the depth of the crisis in the NHS'.

Up to 100,000 nurses across England and Wales are taking action for the first time in the union's history, demanding higher pay as annual

inflation rises above 10 per cent.

Last year, 25,000 nursing staff left the Nursing and Midwifery Council, many of them fed up with being overworked, underpaid and undervalued in our underfunded NHS. This year, the NHS has spent £3bn hiring agency workers in an attempt to fill the gap, while waiting lists for elective surgery have soared above seven million.

'Now we learn today that UNISON health workers have voted to strike over pay and staffing levels, underlining the need for

coordinated as well as generalised action against the Tory and ruling class offensive' Ruth Styles told the party's political committee.

The key question, she said, is whether this gathering strike wave across the public and private sectors will go beyond an 'economistic' response to the cost of living crisis and develop into a broad and political working class counter-offensive.

While strikers are winning public support on a scale not seen for decades, Britain's Communists are calling for more solidarity and

action in local communities through a 'united front' of unions, trades councils and anti-cuts, housing and environmental campaigners.

'These can be important building blocks towards the formation of a united front at national level, fighting to bring down a corrupt government that priorities military spending, nuclear weapons and war over the health, heating and housing needs of the people,' Ruth Styles said.

NICK WRIGHT IS EDITOR OF UNITY!

▲ A useful innovation from the comrades at Strikemap.

Images Strike Map and IER



## Straight Left Stewart McGill on de-industrialisation and the 'knowledge' economy

**P**EOPLE ACTUALLY know very little about the reality behind these phrases, even a little knowledge would be better than the complete absence of any awareness beyond the mainstream narrative exhibited by most. This is partly down to (i) a bit of laziness, (ii) the belief that the economy is some kind of force of nature that we can't control so no point going behind the headlines and (iii) the scarcity of any critical analysis of economic events and policies in the mainstream media, one of the reasons why the myth described at (ii) survives.

First of all, the extent of de-industrialisation across much of the developed world is exaggerated by outsourcing (functions like design and engineering that were previously done inside manufacturing concerns), reclassification (10 per cent of UK de-industrialisation between 1998 and 2006 in terms of employment) and the differential growth rates in productivity between the services and manufacturing sectors leading to relative falls in manufacturing prices versus those of services.

For example, from the early 1990s to the early 2010s in Germany, Italy and France, the manufacturing share of output at constant prices fell by 20 per cent, 30 per cent and 40 per cent respectively. At constant prices it fell by less than 10 per cent across all three countries. In some developed countries it actually rose over that period, in Switzerland by

around 5 per cent and by nearly 50 per cent in Sweden and Finland. Manufacturing remains important: it still matters, a lot.

The UK's manufacturing decline has been much steeper than other developed countries, attributable to loss of competitiveness down to low investment, short-termism etcetera. This matters, if a country's manufacturing sector has slower productivity growth than its counterparts in other countries it becomes internationally uncompetitive leading to balance of payments issues and long term impacts on living standards. The manufacturing sector drives productivity growth: the more the sector shrinks comparatively, the lower becomes overall productivity growth in the economy.

Service sector productivity does not grow as fast as does that of manufacturing, partly because productivity improvements can severely damage quality of service, something that is key to success.

Further, services are inherently more difficult to trade. To illustrate, services' share of world trade rose from 17 per cent in the early 1980s to 20 per cent in the early 1990s, but it's stayed at around that level since then. This has implications for developed economies like the UK, but matters a while lot more for developing countries, many of which have experienced serious de-industrialisation: in the late 1980s Brazil's manufacturing sector accounted for around 35 per cent of its

GDP, now it's less than 12 per cent.

And economies have always been about the successful application of knowledge, there is nothing new about this. The 'knowledge economy' is just a term used to rationalise the decline of manufacturing and exaggerate the compensatory role of services, particularly in countries like the UK where it's a real problem. Manufacturing drives research and innovation, it's always been the main source of new productive knowledge, new technologies and new productive techniques. All the big innovations that have mattered have been based around manufacturing: the internal combustion engine, the tractors that revolutionised agriculture, refrigeration, the washing machine etcetera. The sector still drives innovation: in the USA and Britain, manufacturing accounts for around 10 per cent-12 per cent of the economy but 60 per cent-75 per cent of the research and development undertaken.

The UK has many firms that provide design and engineering services to manufacturing companies. Working relationships become more difficult and feature less face-to-face contact with customers as the latter become increasingly concentrated overseas, it also becomes difficult to recruit people if they have to spend half the year travelling. The long term future of these 'knowledge' industries inside the UK is not unrelated to the existence of manufacturing being based here.

Singapore ranks second in the planet as the country with the greatest manufacturing value-added per capita (Switzerland is number one, another country that is wrongly associated with being all about services, and they didn't invent the cuckoo clock, that was the Germans.) Singapore has a specific policy goal to ensure that manufacturing remains at least 20 per cent of the economy: this is a polity that, for all its faults, is much more *dirigiste* than its reputation, and that understands what is required to maintain and grow its potential.

So Britain, and large parts of the developing world, should not be as relaxed about de-industrialisation as their ruling classes appear to be; those ruling classes have prospered from that de-industrialisation which is part of that problem, their removal is as important as the formulation of a decent industrial policy that protects industries that need space for development. Further, in the UK there are parts of the 'knowledge' economy that destroy value. A recent study by the Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute estimated that the UK has suffered a cumulative £4.5 trillion hit to its GDP from 1995-2015, due to the financial sector being too large and having turned away from its proper traditional functions towards more harmful and predatory ones. That is equivalent to 250 per cent of GDP – or £170,000 per UK household. Apart from the cost of bailing the City out from the implications of its inept greed, the parasite sector attracts a lot of good people that could add genuine value rather than writing algorithms that further enrage the already wealthy. And its demand for short-term returns have hamstrung economic development for a long time.

See the report here, always seek understanding beyond your immediate perception, and always be sceptical about those boasting of the power of their 'knowledge.'

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# DISASTER CAPITALISM

The economic fundamentals of the UK economy can be summarised as low wage, low productivity, low investment, low growth - the inevitable legacy of 12 years of Tory governments that promised to stimulate economic growth by cutting public spending and failed to do either. A global rise in inflation and interest rates now threaten the UK's highly financialised public sector and could lead to a housing market crash in the next year with mortgage payment defaults in the buy-to-let market.

Alex Gordon Political Report to the Communist Party Executive Committee November 2022



Alex Gordon's political report to the November meeting of the Communist Party's leadership

## For a united front

Rob O'Connell

★ There are clear indications from the more advanced trade unions in Britain of an understanding of the need for coordinated industrial action and coordinated sectoral collective bargaining to resist the economic and political attacks from employers and the current government.

**A** YEAR AGO, in November 2021 the Communist Party 56th Congress domestic resolution argued: "The election of Johnson's government in December 2019 began to resolve a political crisis that had threatened to destabilise the British state." Looking at the wreckage of two Tory governments since then, we can clearly see that the political crisis has intensified, and stability remains elusive.

One year ago, Boris Johnson flew back from the COP26 summit in Glasgow to strongarm Tory MPs into voting to absolve Owen Patterson, a member of the European Research Group of Tory MPs who had flouted paid advocacy rules. That vote broke Tory MPs' two-year truce since the December 2019 election and led to the rapid unravelling of Johnson's administration, a calamitous Tory leadership contest, and the spectacular collapse of the even more disastrous Truss premierships.

At the COP27 summit in Sharm el-Sheikh, the US and EU aim to divide the bloc of developing countries. Latest EU proposals on a 'loss and damage fund' are another attempt to wriggle out of the Paris agreement commitments and to blame China for rich, developing countries failure to cut emissions to keep global warming to 1.5C. Already, last year's attempt to greenwash global financial capitalism has collapsed. The Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), a group of banks, asset managers, insurers, pension funds and money managers launched by former Bank of England Governor, Mark Carney in April 2021 that pledged \$130 trillion (40 per cent of dollar assets) to limit global warming, has fallen apart as US banks refuse to disinvest from fossil fuels during an energy crisis. Thus, US imperialists' strategy to control energy supplies has derailed their own attempt to market green energy - a contradiction that demonstrates the very limits of capitalism and threatens the future of the planet.

The UK government Autumn Financial statement delivered by the latest Tory

Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, exposed the profound and enduring crises of both the British state and capitalist accumulation in Britain - crises which have led to three Prime ministers and four Chancellors of the Exchequer in the last 12 months and derailed all previous attempts to stabilise capitalist political and economic relations in Britain.

Hunt admitted the UK economy is already in recession, due primarily to higher energy prices (a consequence of the UK government's aggressive advocacy of sanctions on Russia). UK GDP will shrink by 1.4 per cent in 2023. This follows a GDP fall of 11 per cent in 2020 - during the first wave of pandemic - the biggest decline in economic output for 300 years.

Against this backdrop Hunt set out £55 billion of tax increases and spending cuts. He announced two new fiscal rules: first, underlying debt must fall as a percentage of GDP within five years (a rolling target that is already coming under fire for not being sufficiently robust); and secondly, public sector borrowing must be below 3 per cent of GDP (an echo of the public borrowing criteria in the Maastricht Treaty that triggered the political crisis in John Major's Tory party thirty years ago).

Hunt shied away from direct increases in individual or corporate tax rates, opting to freeze tax thresholds for income and inheritance tax until April 2028 and to cut the threshold for the 45p additional rate of tax from £150,000 to £125,140. A temporary 45 per cent windfall tax levy on electricity producers will raise £14bn, which will be used to subsidise business rates. 40 per cent of firms continue to pay no national insurance contributions at all. Within 24 hours Keir Starmer accepted the putative £55bn gap in the public finances and made clear that Labour would use the £55bn fiscal gap as a baseline for policies in any future manifesto.

Hunt evoked George Osborne's 2010 austerity budget, which sought to "balance the books within four years" by saying, "public spending discipline" must

be shown through a "challenging period". Under Hunt's plans government spending will grow at 1 per cent a year from 2023 to 2025 at a time when RPI inflation (October 2022) is 16.4 per cent and rising. Hunt pledged to protect health and defence budgets from spending cuts, so other unprotected departments will face "2014-15 levels of austerity" according to The Resolution Foundation, which also points out that workers who are living through two decades of wage stagnation now face a permanent 3.7 per cent income hit.

Public infrastructure capital budgets are frozen for two years, but strategic projects, including Sizewell C nuclear power station and HS2 are protected. The energy price guarantee (a subsidy for energy monopolies) will be increased for a further 12 months to an average of £3,000 per household, from £2,500. Social housing rent rises will be capped at 7 per cent in 2023. The 'national living wage' will rise by 9.7 per cent to £10.42/hour. Benefits will rise by 10.1 per cent (September CPI). The pensions triple lock will stay.

Despite their very public disavowal of the short-lived, Tory libertarian 'dash for growth' under Truss and Kwarteng, and partly because of their rejection of Johnson's 'levelling-up' agenda, the Sunak/Hunt government will be as divided and weak as its predecessors. Despite a paper majority of 80 MPs, this Tory government is as vulnerable as its every Tory government since 2016 to splits and loss of confidence by its own MPs, the financial services industry in the City of London, or both.

The economic fundamentals of the UK economy can be summarised as low wage, low productivity, low investment, low growth - the inevitable legacy of 12 years of Tory governments that promised to stimulate economic growth by cutting public spending and failed to do either. A global rise in inflation and interest rates now threaten the UK's highly financialised public sector and could lead to a housing market crash in the next year with mortgage payment defaults in

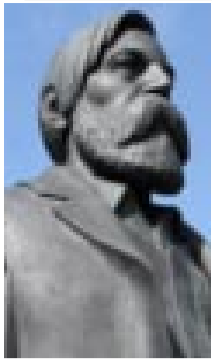
the buy-to-let market.

As wages slump far behind price rises, and super-profits continue to be reported by monopolies in energy, banking and finance and arms manufacturing, the stage is set for a transformation of the discrete trade union industrial disputes we have seen this year into a class-wide confrontation between workers and the Sunak/Hunt government, which stands behind the monopolies and protects their profits and asset holdings. This is a moment that has the potential to be developed from the stage of burgeoning trade union consciousness, which we have seen during the spring and summer of 2022, into the beginnings of a broader class consciousness over coming months.

The spring and summer of 2022 already showed that trade unions based on national industrial organisation including RMT, ASLEF, TSSA, Unite, UCU and CWU could win national/sectoral strike ballots for the first time since the Cameron government introduced the 2016 Trade Union Act and can prosecute effective strikes winning huge public support by doing so.

The national strikes across the rail, telecoms, postal and key private sector pay strikes in bus companies, docks are evidence of the need and determination of organised workers to fight the ruling class onslaught and attempts to use 'fire and rehire' as an instrument of labour discipline to intimidate workers, force down pay and reset employment relations in favour of employers.

The latest votes for strike action by members of the RCN (Britain's fourth largest union), PCS and EIS are confirmation that the strike spirit has spread beyond these industrial sectors. The current strike ballots underway by Unison (in the NHS), NEU and NASUWT will hopefully strengthen the determination of trade unions to coordinate strike action and collective bargaining strategies to secure a real cost of living increase for workers and bust the Tory pay freeze.



# YOUTH IN ACTION

‘What is genuine is proved in the fire, what is false we shall not miss in our ranks. The opponents must grant us that youth has never before flocked to our colours in such numbers, ... in the end, one will be found among us who will prove that the sword of enthusiasm is just as good as the sword of genius.’

Engels, *Anti-Schelling* (1841)

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In this conjuncture, the Communist Party can play a critical role, but only if our analysis is informed by Marxist-Leninist theory AND practice. The current period resembles in some respects that of the late 1920s and early 1930s when world capitalism was mired in stagnation and depression and sought to find ways to resolve its crisis through imperialist expansion.

In that period the world communist movement developed the theory of the United Front of the working class against fascism delivered by Dimitrov at the seventh Comintern Congress in 1935. Dimitrov warned:

“The imperialist circles are trying to shift the whole burden of the crisis onto the shoulders of the working people. That is why they need fascism. They are trying to solve the problem of markets by enslaving the weak nations, by intensifying colonial oppression and repartitioning the world anew by means of war. That is why they need fascism.”

No mass fascist party exists in Britain, yet the British government is arming fascist and far right forces in Ukraine. Far right political parties are in government in Italy, Hungary, and Poland. The Overton window of bourgeois politics in Europe has shifted massively to the right in just a few years. The correct application of the united front tactic is essential in this current period of capitalist crisis.

Dimitrov emphasised: “The establishment of unity of action by all sections of the working class, irrespective of the party or organization to which they belong, is necessary even before the majority of the working class is united in the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism and the victory of the proletarian revolution.

There are clear indications from the more advanced trade unions in Britain of an understanding of the need for coordinated industrial action and coordinated sectoral collective bargaining to resist the economic and political attacks from employers and the current government. Coordinated action represents an opportunity to develop the application of the united front tactic.

The Communist Party must develop a clear understanding of the united front tactic in three areas. Firstly amongst our own members through a process of education and discussion in *Communist Review* and through Branches, Districts and Nations. Secondly, we must argue for the application of united fronts in trade union strikes and community struggles in Britain. This means the Party giving full support to develop an effective coordination committee of trade unionists able to liaise between trade unions, to link up their disparate disputes into united struggles. Thirdly, by arguing for the common interest of the great mass of the population of our planet today in the replacement of globalised finance capitalism by a socialist order of society.

For the United Front of the Working Class Against Disaster Capitalism, as Dimitrov might have said.



## Pledged to struggle

Unity! news team  
YOUNG COMMUNISTS

YOUNG COMMUNIST women rounded off an intensive year of activity with a two day conference coinciding with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

In a statement the Young Communist league said: ‘Capitalism and patriarchy are perpetrating violence against young women and girls all over the world, with many direct consequences in our modern society. From the normalisation of sexual exploitation via subscription platforms (like OnlyFans), the disproportionate effect imperialist wars have against women in war torn countries, and the difficulty for women in Britain to access NHS services for childbearing, mental health care, and so on. All are a reflection of the past few years of growing capitalist crisis, resulting in unimaginable suffering & misery.’

The Young Communists pledged to respond with organisation and struggle: ‘Together we debated, we taught, we learned, and we developed new strategies in order to effectively combat the oppression of Women in Britain today’ it said.

‘A women’s place is in her trade unions, students unions, community organisations, the Communist Party, and the Young Communist League!’

## On the move

Scotland

The Communist Party Scottish office has moved to Dixon Road, Glasgow’s Southside—10-15 mins by train and foot from Glasgow Central station. This modern office with meeting and educational facilities is now in operation.

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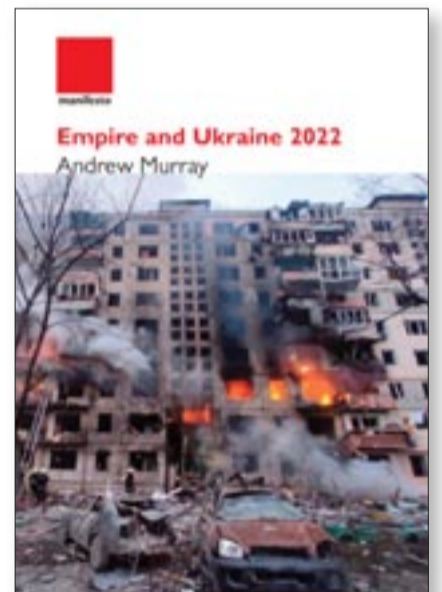
Organised by the Morning Star London Readers & Supporters Group

## Two vital pamphlets



### ‘the fight of our lives’

In this short pamphlet, the Communist Party offers perspectives on the urgent priorities for the left in the trade union movement and on the need for greater left organisation. What is the left doing now to offer leadership? What should our key demands be and how can we best organise to achieve them? £2.00 £1 unwaged <https://shop.communistparty.org.uk>



### Empire and Ukraine 2022

The US has given permission for the Kiev regime to strike targets inside Russia. Mass demonstrations in European cities protests against NATO. *Empire and Ukraine 2022* brings us up to date with the invasion of Ukraine, NATO’s expansion and the heightened threat of world war. £2.50 from [www.manifestopress.coop](http://www.manifestopress.coop).



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# international bulletin

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▲ 11pm Friday 9 December As Unity! goes to press the Peruvian communists report that Peruvians are marching in Lima to demand the closure of the right-wing majority congress that just ousted Pedro Castillo in a legislative coup.

Rural indigenous communities are said to be marching towards the capital tonight.

## Communists defend democracy against coup

### PCP PERU COUP

For the people what belongs to the people, because the people earned it, for the people what belongs to the people, for a true government of the people! is the slogan of the moment

where the Executive and Legislative confrontation will be determined by the people on the streets. In this perspective, the PCP welcomes the call of the ANP (National Alliance of the People) and the CGTP (General Confederation of Workers) to the Mobilization on

Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. in the glorious Plaza 2 de Mayo to express rejection of the coup of the neo-fascist congress and prevent President Pedro Castillo from fulfilling the commitment to implement the program of national sovereignty, growth and distribution

of wealth, tax reform, new constitution, labour dignified, II agrarian reform, among other points that are vital to confront poverty, corruption and the exploitation of the failed neoliberal model.

STATEMENT OF THE PERUVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

## Unity for peace and against imperialism



### Ruth Styles /Kevan Nelson HAVANA

COMMUNIST AND Workers parties from across the world met in Havana, Cuba. 145 delegates from 77 parties and from sixty countries assembled at Havana's palace of conventions. The theme of the meeting was solidarity with Cuba and unity against imperialism, capitalism and the threat of fascism.

A total of 117 parties are affiliated to the International Meeting of Communist and

Workers Parties.

After two days of speeches, led by the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC) followed by all parties present, a political declaration and a plan of action were agreed unanimously. These documents are available on the Solidnet website ([www.solidnet.org](http://www.solidnet.org)).

Ruth Styles addressed the meeting on behalf of the Communist Party of Britain affirming our party's solidarity with Cuba, our stance on the war in Ukraine and briefing delegates on the intensification of class struggle in Britain.

This was the first meeting of the IMCWP for three years and was a resounding success. A broad unity was achieved despite (both expressed and underlying) divisions and tensions on some key international questions such as the causes of the war in Ukraine and socialist China's role in the world.

The PCC as hosts invested great efforts in securing communist unity, with the politburo attended throughout, chairing each session. Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canal addressed the closing session (above) and resoundingly

reaffirmed that "our horizon continues to be socialism".

The British delegation visited the Cuban Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CIGB). A presentation on the Abdela Covid-19 vaccine, other Cuban biotechnical innovations and research was made by director general Marta Ayala – a member of the PCC political bureau and Dr Merardo Pujol.

On 27 October – following an all-day meeting of the IMCWP working group chaired by PCC's Angel Arzuaga Reyes, 24/25 working group member parties present and 24 other parties in attendance), Ruth Styles was invited to a meeting at the Palace of the Revolution with Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel who welcomed delegates on behalf of the PCC, the Cuban government and stressed the importance of the event.

On the morning of 28 October delegates attended an annual commemoration of revolutionary hero Camilo Cienfuegos to mark the anniversary of his disappearance in 1959.

On 28 October the main conference commenced chaired by Roberto Morales Ojeda, organisation secretary of the PCC central committee and political bureau member. The conference was attended by the PCC leadership as well as Fernando Gonzalez of ICAP.

Opening comments were made by PCC, referencing the international and multi-dimensional crisis of capitalism, the unsustainability of the current world order, the unity of the Cuban party, state and people and the commitment to the PCC to the ideas of Jose Marti, Marx and Lenin.



# ON LIBERATION

*Comrades, there is no true social revolution without the liberation of women. May my eyes never see and my feet never take me to a society where half the people are held in silence. I hear the roar of women's silence. I sense the rumble of their storm and feel the fury of their revolt.* **Thomas Sankara 1988**

## Prospects for the Kenyan communists



Nigel Flanagan  
**KENYA**

**T**HE 2022 KENYAN general election once again demonstrated the ongoing influence of the West in African politics and the reduction of political parties to mostly being deals between leaders manoeuvring for the big jobs in government. The eventual winner President Roti successfully placed himself as an outsider against entrenched interests previously behind the departing President Kenyatta.

Nothing could have been further from the truth. Roti was and is a fundamentalist Christian backed by western money who had previously served in government with his opponent Odinga. Odinga himself is an imperialist stooge whose international position is firmly in the camp of imperialists over issues like Palestine and the people of Western Sahara.

Kenya is the fastest expanding economy in Africa, rated number 50 in the world by the World Bank for investment and development. In its 60 years of independence Kenya has developed a fast growing economy and a powerful and very wealthy ruling class in a country with 40% unemployment and still struggles with mass poverty. It also has the fastest growing IT sector in Africa with US funded universities producing graduates capable of working all over the world. Yet bordered by Somalia it also exists as a client state of the USA and the UK, its military trained and armed by them and deployed against Al Shabaab terrorist groups. It is also conversely the recipient of much progressive Chinese investment, the latest example being the construction of the hugely important Nairobi to Mombasa railway.

Within this context it has been difficult for the Communist Party of Kenya to organise in Kenyan society. The Party is young, created in 1992 from the Social Democrat Party. The SDP was not a Communist organisation and was unable to create headway in a society so dominated by rich political elites.

Conversely Communists in Kenya had taken full part in the liberation from Britain only to find itself under the oppression from subsequent Kenya governments who were eager to reassure CIA backed organisations that Kenya was safe from communism. Activists had to flee the country or operate deep under cover as the Moi dictatorship in particular sought to eradicate any communist organisation.

Now however the CPK was able to field candidates and its election slogan for 2022 'Kenyan think outside the box' was designed to breakthrough to those who see the elite power games for what they are. Success in terms of winning seats was not possible and the level of support was very limited – less than 4%. Nevertheless the change in Kenyan politics at a grassroots level – with more and more discussion and debate about economics and the causes of poverty rather than the language and narrative of the elites has created optimism inside the party.

It is also another development inside the party that has created a new leadership. The former General Secretary and Party Chair split from the CPK to join the Kenya Kwanze political alliance, a decision that was ideologically incompatible with the need to build a communist party capable of leading workers in struggle. The reassertion of the need for the party to build amongst workers rather than indulge in more centre-left political manoeuvres has been welcomed by the new leadership. A new surge to reorganise the party is now a priority. The CPK is now launching a fundraiser to equip its new headquarters in Nairobi – see their twitter account @communistske

The CPK faces the prospect of organising workers facing an unprecedented surge of economic growth within a context of deepening poverty and divisions, western influence and the continued exploitation of Africa, its resources and its people. We can assist directly and support their development and we urge comrades to help with their fundraising efforts.

## Viva Sankara!



Nigel Flanagan  
**BURKINO FASO**

**T**HIRTY YEARS ago on October 15th 1987 one of Africa's greatest revolutionaries was murdered by former comrades. 'The African Che' as he was known, was shot down in a coup d'état by soldiers who were rebelling against his socialist transformation of Burkina Faso, a landlocked poor remnant of the French colonial empire in West Africa.

Thomas Sankara took power in 1983 and in his 4 years completely changed the lives of the people of Burkina Faso. A long term admirer of the Cuban revolution, he led the country away from the ongoing misery of the domination of French imperialism. He led an unprecedented vaccine programme against yellow fever and meningitis that saved the lives of over 50,000 children, he led the campaign to plant over 10 million trees to halt in a deforestation disaster and his government banned genital mutilation, polygamy and forced marriages. He set up Cuban style democratic 'Committees for the Defence of the Revolution' and created Revolutionary Tribunals to try government officials for corruption. School attendance went up from 6 to 22% in 4 years, homes were built and the powers of tribal elders were stripped back to present a fairer and more democratic society.

His foreign policy was principled and progressive, offering support for the Palestinian people and the fight against Apartheid in South Africa. He developed close links with Cuba and campaigned hard for African independence from former colonial powers. The latter brought him directly into conflict with President Mitterand of France, who continued to try and rule Burkina Faso though economic domination. This also led him into conflict with client African states of France such as neighbouring Ivory Coast, from where inevitably the coup

against him was organised.

His speeches at the Organisation of African States are legendary, rejecting aid and loans as a continuation of colonialism he stated

'He who feeds you, controls you.'

His position on the resistance to colonialism summed up in this statement

'We have to work at decolonizing our mentality and achieving happiness within the limits of sacrifice we should be willing to make. We have to recondition our people to accept themselves as they are, to not be ashamed of their real situation, to be satisfied with it, to glory in it, even'

He lived in a different manner and style to many African leaders. He scrapped all government BMW cars and replaced them with Renault 5 cars, he was often seen out jogging, playing football and playing guitar out in public. His lack of concern for his personal safety was not arrogance, just an assumption that he posed no threat to the people of Burkina Faso.

He was brutally assassinated along with 12 people with whom he was meeting. His body was riddled with 20 bullets. His assassins were acting under the supervision and support of the Governments of France and Ivory Coast.

I have visited his grave of Sankara in Ouagadougou. His body was subjected to a battle over exhumation. His grave site is smashed up and destroyed, the stones of it scattered across a desolate cemetery. The 4 years of Sankara rule was and still is a huge inspiration to African comrades. His grave is desecrated by those who oppose liberation. Sankara will be mourned again across Africa and around the world.

'When the people stand up, Imperialism trembles'.

NIGEL FLANAGAN IS THE AUTHOR OF *OUR TRADE UNIONS: WHAT COMES NEXT AFTER THE SUMMER OF 2022* (MANIFESTO 2022)



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Solidarity with Cuba and all the struggling peoples. United we are stronger in the anti-imperialist struggle, together with social and popular movements, in the face of capitalism and its policies, the threat of fascism and war; in defence of peace, the environment, workers' rights, solidarity and socialism" <http://www.solidnet.org>





# ON SOCIALISM

*Socialism is not about big concepts and heavy theory. Socialism is about decent shelter for those who are homeless. It is about water for those who have no safe drinking water. It is about health care, it is about a life of dignity for the old. It is about overcoming the huge divide between urban and rural areas. It is about a decent education for all our people. Socialism is about rolling back the tyranny of the market. As long as the economy is dominated by an unelected, privileged few, the case for socialism will exist.*

**Chris Hani** General secretary of the South African Communist Party and chief of staff of uMkhonto we Sizwe,

## ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE NETS MEPS AND INTERNATIONAL UNION LEADER

Five people were arrested on Friday 9 November in Brussels after investigators made 16 searches into suspicions of “substantial” money payments by a Gulf country to influence MEPs.

They include the current general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation and former general secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation Luca Visentini.

Greek Pasok MEP Eva Kaili – one of 14 vice presidents at the European ‘parliament’ – was arrested, suspended from the socialist group at the Parliament and expelled from PASOK.

Belgium Prosecutors said they had recovered €600,000 in cash and had impounded computers and mobile phones.

“For several months, investigators of the Federal Judicial Police have suspected a Gulf country to influence the economic and political decisions of the European Parliament, this is done so by paying large sums of money or offering large gifts to third parties with a significant political and/or strategic position within the European Parliament,” it said.

Four of the arrested quartet are reported to be Italian: director of No Peace Without Justice NGO Niccolò Figà-Talamanca; trade union leader Luca Visentini; the former S&D MEP Pier-Antonio Panzeri; and parliamentary assistant in the S&D group and Kaili’s partner, Francesco Giorgi.

## SACP condemns the release from jail of Chris Hani assassin

SACP

**CHRIS HANI**

**T**HE SOUTH AFRICAN Communist Party has issued a statement on “on the sickeningly disappointing Constitutional Court judgment releasing Janusz Waluś, the murderer of Comrade Chris Hani”.

Dated Monday 21 November 2022 it said: “The judgment delivered by the Constitutional Court on Monday, 21 November 2022, is sickeningly disappointing, to say the least. The South African Communist Party (SACP) general secretary Solly Mapaila reacted on behalf of the Party to the judgment: “The judgment does not even say anything about the submissions made by the SACP and the Chris Hani family when the court heard this matter.

“The SACP fully supports the family of Chris Hani, who was the general secretary of the SACP when he was assassinated on 10 April 1993. The

assassination of Chris Hani left a gaping wound in his family, the SACP and the ranks of the working-class. The judgment has rubbed salt granules to the wound.

“Hani was assassinated for being a communist, for leading the struggle for democracy in our country, but the Hani family permanently lost a husband, father, uncle, you name it all.

“Like Hani, we are unapologetic for being communists ourselves”, said Mapaila. The judgment has far-reaching implications that compel the SACP to analyse it deeper and look for a new way forward under the circumstances. The reality we now face is that the court failed to protect our right to exist as communists. We will have to protect this right ourselves”.

The Constitutional Court ordered the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to place on parole within 10 days Janusz Waluś, the assassin who murdered Chris Hani in cold blood on 10 April 1993.

## Communists confront Venezuela repression

Paul Dobson

**VENEZUELA**

**T**HE VENEZUELAN Communist Party (PCV) successfully held its XVI National Congress in November amid heightened attacks from the ruling circles of the United Socialist Party (PSUV) and continued efforts to regroup the grassroots revolutionary forces.

Under the slogans ‘Broad Worker-Popular Unity to Defeat Capital’s Offensive’ and ‘With Dignity, Fighting Spirit and Strength: Communists Forever!’ the Congress marked a key moment in the country’s class struggle.

Reactionary government tendencies have upped their media campaign to divide, annul or delegitimise the internal decision-making of the Party of late as part of efforts to silence its left-wing criticisms and possibly prepare the material conditions for yet another judicial intervention into a sovereign political party.

With hundreds of enthusiastic delegates from the PCV’s branches in upbeat mood, Congress carried out an extensive analysis of the current dire political, economic and social situation that Venezuela’s working class finds itself in, including the widespread rollbacks in workers’ and labour rights won under the Chavez governments and a neoliberal privatising economic package being applied by the Nicolas Maduro government with strong concessions to multinational capital.

Delegates also amended and approved the Party’s political line and programme to prepare for the new offensive and chapter of struggle in the country, in which increasing revolutionary discontent with the bourgeois, pro-capital and anti-worker nature of the government is on the rise.

Likewise, Congress elected the PCV’s reduced Central Committee (CC) of 41 principal and 21 alternative members. At the first meeting of the new CC, comrade Oscar Figuera was reaffirmed as PCV general secretary with comrade Perfecto Nieves as PCV honorary president.

Delegates also paid homage to a number of comrades killed in the class struggle since the XV Congress, including CC member Luis Fajardo, as well as formally welcoming a group of Communist Youth comrades to the rank and file of the Party.

The XVI Congress was accompanied by a host of fraternal international reps, including the JVP (Sri Lanka), KKE (Greece), PCP (Portugal), PCC (Colombia), CPS (Swaziland), CPP (Palestine) and PCM (Mexico).

The CPB was also represented through comrades Rob Griffiths and Irene Green, who received a standing ovation from Congress delegates for the CPB’s flagship solidarity fundraising campaign held this year.

International delegates met with a range of persecuted Venezuelan workers, allied organisations, women’s groups and youth movements during their visit.

PAUL DOBSON LIVES AND WORKS IN VENEZUELA

## New hope in Occupied Palestine. New fears in Israel.



▲ Israeli forces killed a Palestinian teenager on Thursday evening 8 November.

The killing of 17-year-old Diaa Muhammad Shafiq al-Rimawi occurred hours after Israeli troops killed three Palestinians during an early morning raid in the occupied West Bank city of Jenin.

Evan Pritchard

**PALESTINE**

**R**EPRESENTATIVES Of 12 Palestinian groups, including Hamas and Fatah, met in Algiers and signed an agreement to hold elections by next October. Voting would take place for the President and the Legislative Council, which acts as a parliament for the Palestinians in the Occupied Territories. Elections would also take place for a Palestinian National Council as a representative body for all Palestinians including those living abroad, in refugee camps, in Israel and the Occupied Territories.

The initiative is an attempt to resolve the rift between Hamas and Fatah that has undermined the people’s trust in the Palestinian leadership. The head of the Fatah delegation said, ‘We have signed this agreement to get rid of the malignant cancer of division that has entered the Palestinian body’.

The Algiers agreement comes amid intensifying Israeli raids in the Occupied Territories that has resulted in the deaths of more than 100 Palestinians so far this year. The Palestinian Authority’s Governor of Nablus said that the escalation of violence reflects a complete breakdown of trust in a political solution amid daily confrontations with troops and settlers. Successive Israeli governments have allowed settler expansion in the occupied Palestinian territories in violation of international law. There are at least 250 illegal settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem housing over 600,000 settlers. The unchecked settlement expansion will make the reality of an independent Palestinian State unviable and the prospect of annexation of the West Bank more likely.

The results of the elections in Israel on 1st November have increased the prospect of further expansion of the settlements and the annexation of east Jerusalem as a first step in the process.

The Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh said that ‘The results confirm that we have no partner in Israel

for peace. The international community must assume its responsibilities to implement the resolutions of international legitimacy and provide protection for our people from the aggressive Israeli policies after the rise of racist parties to power.’

The new Israeli government is likely to see former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu returned to office. However, the slight fall in the share of votes achieved by his Likud party will mean that he is more dependent on the support of more extreme Right-wing parties to govern. Likud’s allies in the Religious Zionist, Shas and United Torah Judaism parties all increased their votes substantially whilst the ‘left-Zionist’ parties Labor and Meretz achieved far fewer votes with the latter falling below the 3.25% threshold to secure any seats at all in the Knesset (Israel Parliament). A similar fate befell the Arab Balad party that had withdrawn from the Joint List at the last minute. Despite this, the left Hadash and Ta’al Joint List achieved 5 seats and its leader Ayman Odeh vowed that ‘We will always stand firm and strong against evil, supremacy and racism’.

Hadash Member of the Knesset (MK) Aida Touma-Sliman said that ‘We are facing a political reality that should be frightening for everyone. It is a reality in which we have a right wing willing to use violence, wild incitement and deep racism.’ Earlier in October after the killing of five members of a Palestinian armed group in Nablus, she had said ‘Stop the terror of the occupation, enough of the bloodshed! Isn’t it time to understand that the more you deepen the occupation, the more you provoke the resistance?’

Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Shtayyeh also said that the Palestinian people will not stop their ‘legitimate struggle to end the occupation, gain their freedom, and establish their independent state with Jerusalem as its capital, regardless of the identity of the winners of the Israeli elections’.

EVAN PRITCHARD IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY’S MIDDLE EAST GROUP



# SOCIALISM & SOVEREIGNTY

What we are not willing to negotiate and what we will not give in one iota is the revolution, socialism and our sovereignty.  
**Miguel Diaz-Canel** First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba

## Greetings to Colombian communists

Communist Party  
**COLOMBIA**

Dear Comrades,  
 The Communist Party of Britain (CPB) sends congratulations on the occasion of your 23rd National Congress and the 92nd anniversary since the Colombian Communist Party was founded. We are aware of the titanic struggles of the Colombian Communist Party in confronting imperialism and capitalism over the decades, and we celebrate your political struggle for the dignity and freedom of workers and campesinos.

In the face of state terrorism and policies of scorched earth unleashed against the labour movement by the Colombian-based dominant classes – in alliance with U.S. and British imperialism – Colombian communists have bravely led from the frontlines of the anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist struggle and have been an inspiration to internationalists globally.

The results of the struggle of the communist movement in Colombia are being witnessed today with the recent election of the left-leaning president Gustavo Petro and the growing mobilisation of the extra-parliamentary movement. The Communist Party of Britain salutes your sustained struggle against imperialism as well as your efforts to strengthen the extra-parliamentary organisations of workers and campesinos.

Yours in comradeship,

**Robert Griffiths**

General Secretary  
 Communist Party of Britain

## Unity for peace and against imperialism

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Cde Morales Ojeda stated “what unites us all: communists, socialists, revolutionaries and workers? We are united by anti-imperialism, which summarises the common effort to conquer a world of peace and greater social justice”.

A video was shown of the Cuban president visiting Pinar del Rio in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

All parties were invited (in alphabetical order!) to make statement (up to 8 minutes) on the theme of the meeting and the political situation. In a marathon 14 hour session over 50 speeches were made on day one.

On 29 October the second day of the main conference, the remaining speeches were delivered including a well-received contribution by Ruth Styles on behalf of our party. It was agreed that three new parties be added to the Solidnet list – the Reunionese CP, CP of Switzerland and Swiss CP. A final declaration focused on the global economic and political situation was agreed by consensus.

A Plan of Action was adopted proposing activities to strengthen the unity of the international communist and workers movement.

At the closing ceremony the Cuban president of Cuba, Miguel Diaz-Canel spoke of the centrality of work and example to the

### WHERE THE US HAS BOMBED SINCE WWII

Korea and China 1950 - 1953	Guatemala 1967 - 1969		
Guatemala 1954	Grenada 1983	Kuwait 1991	
Indonesia 1958	Lebanon 1983, 1984	Somalia 1993	Iraq 2003 - present
Cuba 1959 - 1961	Libya 1986	Bosnia 1994, 1995	Pakistan 2007 - 2015
Guatemala 1960	El Salvador 1980s	Sudan 1998	Somalia 2007 - 2008
Congo 1964	Nicaragua 1980s	Afghanistan 1998	2011 - present
Laos 1964 - 1973	Iran 1987	Yugoslavia 1999	Yemen 2009, 2011 - present
Vietnam 1961 - 1973	Panama 1989	Afghanistan 2001 - present	Libya 2011
Cambodia 1969 - 1970	Iraq 1991	Yemen 2002	2015 - 2019
			Syria 2014 - 2018

socialist project; the importance of marxist ideas and of testing them in practice; resisting and standing up to imperialism worldwide; the value of Communists learning from and reflecting on each others experiences in unity.

All contributions are being published on Solidnet website. Outstanding speeches were made by the CPC (China), PCE (Spain), PTB (Belgium), CPI(M), PPP (Palestine), PCP (Portugal) and CPUSA. There was absolute unity on solidarity with Cuba and opposition to US/EU imperialism. However there were sharp differences on the war in Ukraine and more nuanced difference on international alliances such as BRICS, neo-liberalism and multipolarity. A small minority of contributions were hostile to China.

The British delegation held bilateral discussions were held with the communist parties of Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Portugal, Sri Lanka, Syria, Venezuela and Workers Party of Belgium. Informal talks were held with delegates from many other parties.

Our Party will be a member of the IMCWP working group for 2023-25 along with 34 other parties. The 2023 IMCWP will be held in Turkey.

#### CPB contribution

<https://tinyurl.com/39mkkx5b>

#### Final declaration

<https://tinyurl.com/3fax8f6z>

#### Plan of action

<https://tinyurl.com/34fahp23>

RUTH STYLES IS CHAIR OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

KEVAN NELSON IS THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

## BJP victory in Gujarat and defeat in Delhi

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**INDIAN ELECTIONS**

Of the three elections that have taken place, the BJP has got a sweeping victory in Gujarat. But it has lost the other two elections – the Himachal Pradesh assembly polls and the Delhi municipal corporation election.

In Gujarat, the BJP's fifth successive victory is a confirmation of the deep communal polarization that has been engineered by the BJP-RSS over the last three decades. The projection of a pan-Hindu identity along with the rhetoric about Gujarati pride have overcome the more vital issues like price rises, unemployment and poor public health and educational facilities.

In Himachal Pradesh, the Congress victory constitutes a stinging defeat for the BJP which had put in all its resources and state machinery to try to retain power. The popular discontent over BJP misrule prevailed.

In Delhi, the elections to the unified municipal corporation has resulted in the Aam Aadmi Party defeating the BJP which had held the corporation for the past fifteen years. The people of Delhi have withstood all the blandishments and manoeuvres of the BJP and the Central government.

The results of Himachal Pradesh and Delhi have exposed the vulnerability of the BJP despite its huge money power and resources. The limits of the much-touted Modi factor have also come to the fore. The opposition parties should draw the proper lessons from these results and draw up plans to put up an effective united opposition to the BJP state-wise by marshaling all the forces. Source: CPIM

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