

Two meetings were to take place in this area tonight: featuring at Keele University, that notorious right-winger, Harvey Proctor; and at Stoke Town Hall, Michael Meacher, failed deputy leadership candidate of the Labour left. But, due to pressure Proctor's meeting was cancelled.

You might think these two have nothing in common. After all their parties come from either end of the political spectrum. But, can you really tell the difference between either brand? While you wait, we challenge you to take our quiz. The first correct answer we open will receive a special prize.

TEST YOUR SOCIALIST PRINCIPLES

WHO SAID:

- 1) The plain fact is that a socialist party cannot hope to make a success of administering the capitalist system because it does not believe in it.
 - a) Militant Editorial Board, 1982
 - b) Clement Attlee, 1937
 - c) SWP editorial, 1983
- 2) Never has any previous Government done so much in so short a time to make modern capitalism work.
 - a) Edward Heath, Prime Minister, 1973
 - b) Douglas Houghton, Labour cabinet Minister and member of the TUC General Council, 1967
 - c) Harold MacMillan, Prime Minister, 1960
- 3) No social transformation which is necessary is repugnant to me. Hence I accept the famous worker's supervision of factories and equally their cooperative social management; I only ask that there should be a clear conscience and technical capacity and that production be increased. If this is guaranteed by the Trade Unions, instead of the employers, I have no hesitation in saying that the former have the right to take the latter's place.
 - a) Leon Trotsky
 - b) Mussolini
 - c) Tony Benn
- 4) I want industry to be profitable. It is in your interest that Industry should be profitable.
 - a) Margaret Thatcher
 - b) James Callaghan
 - c) Tony Benn
- 5) We must show that we have positive policies which are based upon the implacable requirement that the interests of the British people must predominate.
 - a) Winston Churchill
 - b) Neil Kinnock
 - c) Martin Webster
- 6) We demand therefore: abolition of incomes unearned by work. Abolition of the thralldom of interest... The ruthless confiscation of all war profits. We demand the nationalisation of all businesses which have been amalgamated. We demand that there should be profit-sharing in the great industries.
 - a) A Militant editorial
 - b) Socialist Worker
 - c) Programme of the National Socialist German Worker's Party (NAZIs)

7) Economic planning is the attempt to regulate production in accordance with effective demand.

- a) Lenin
- b) Harold MacMillan
- c) Tony Benn

8) Talking of the Falkland islands. "Its people wish to be associated with this country. We have a moral and political duty to answer that. They have an absolute right to look to us at this moment of their desperate plight....The government must prove by deeds, because they will never be able to do so by words, that they are not responsible (for their betrayal)."

- a) Enoch Powell
- b) Michael Foot
- c) David Owen

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So, why are the left and the right so alike? Because they are all trying to do the impossible. Trying to control an insane system. Trying to unite 'the people' behind National Enterprise, the better to compete in the world market economy. Any system where profit is the motive for production, no matter how that profit is spent, survives on the exploitation of the working class.

For the real alternative, come to the next CARELESS TALK meeting, on Tuesday, March 6th on 'The General Strike, 1926', in the Lounge Bar, the George INN, Corner of Barracks Road and North Street, Newcastle. We start at 7.30pm.

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Answers: 1:b); 2:b); 3:b); 4:b); 5:b); 6:c); 7:b); 8:b).