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* HOW CAN WORKERS HERE HELP WORKERS IN POLAND ? *
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In Poland working class people are bravely resisting the military government's efforts to crush all opposition and snatch back everything Polish workers have fought for in the last 2 years.

Both in the 'state capitalist' east and in the 'mixed economy' west economies are in crisis. Both in the east and in the west the ruling classes are trying to solve this crisis at the expense of the working class. Poland, Britain, U.S.A., U.S.S.R. - its the same struggle. Workers' needs versus a 'profitable national economy'. Of course western leaders have shed crocodile tears for the Polish people and Reagan has started some sanctions against the Soviet Bloc. But this is just a phony move designed so that political points can be scored without hurting American big business.

How can workers in the west help workers in Poland? One way would be for workers here to refuse to unload, transport or work with goods from the U.S.S.R. or Poland that were being imported into western states. This would hit the Soviet and Polish rulers financially without hurting Polish or Soviet workers.

Dockers, airport workers, railway workers, lorry drivers, customs workers, clerical workers in import companies are among those who could be involved. If workers all over Britain, and in other countries too, declared that Soviet and Polish goods would be blacked until the Polish government lifted all the recently imposed repressive measures and released all those arrested, this would have considerable impact. In December dockers in Aarhus, Denmark refused for five days to unload a cargo of iron from a Polish freighter. In January a workers mass meeting at the Massey Ferguson tractor factory in Coventry voted to refuse to co-operate with their firm's exchange of parts with the Ursus tractor works near Warsaw, where an occupation in protest at martial law was ended by troops.

Action need not be confined to workers who directly handle Soviet and Polish goods. In France workers all over the country struck against the attacks on Polish workers. To be effective such action needs to go beyond a token 'one-off' strike of a couple of hours. Throughout Britain there are Soviet and Polish consulates, airline offices, etc.. Workers could refuse to deliver supplies, mail, to them. People could occupy such buildings.

Such solidarity actions could help towards workers uniting our struggles across national frontiers, thus making our struggles much stronger and more effective. Workers in Poland have shown how, instead of one group of workers fighting alone, strikes can be spread country-wide. If workers world-wide were striking, occupying their work-places and confronting the state as workers in Poland have been doing - then not only would the rulers in Poland find it much more difficult to crush the workers, but there would be a real possibility of the mass of people taking over the running of society, on a world-scale.

Today its the Polish state that is bankrupt, and offering its workers food rationing at gunpoint. The rest of the industrialised world could go the same way - unless people act to overthrow all ruling classes. How long are we going to tolerate people's needs being sacrificed to the Great God Profit?

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