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# Capitalism vs. humanity

PREDATORY CAPITALISM continues to rampage throughout the world. At home and abroad attacks continue on working people. Hours are longer, "rights" are denied, strikes are made illegal and still the crushing machine advances, accumulating vast profits in the process. Living standards in the UK are supposedly rising, yet millions of children live in poverty and millions more adults are finding that job security is a joke and wages are pathetic. The struggle for survival consumes most of our lives.

Not content with screwing the life blood out of workers here, workers in the less industrially developed parts of the world face crushing exploitation, famine, war and imperial domination. All in the name of increasing profits, Africa, South America and Asia are witnessing the pauperisation of literally billions of workers and their families. The improvishment of the Third World means that workers there work for peanuts, often doing work that was formerly done in the West. So, all workers of the world in different ways are being driven to the wall.

And of course, with international capitalism, we get international wars. The history of the previous century and this new one illustrate this clearly. So we know what the problem is, but what is the solution?

Socialism used to be considered the answer but what have the various forms of socialism actually produced? Marxism has either produced brutal dictatorships over the working class or degenerated into pro-capitalist reformism. Of the former, China and North Korea are good examples of the "workers' paradise". If



*The scenes the US Army doesn't want you to see: almost nightly, coffins are loaded into cargo planes for burial back home. More inside.*

possible, exploitation in "socialist" China is even worse than in free market economies. And North Korea must be the most regimented society in the whole world.

And what of reformist "socialism"? Well, Tony Blair and co. are a good example of what that sort of socialism means. It is not just that the Labour Party has had to adapt to survive, Blairism and its old Labour predecessors have actually embraced capitalism. New Labour, though, makes no pretence of being anything other than an instrument of capitalist oppression, exploitation and domination. Tory anti-union laws remain on the statute books, identity cards are imminent and the worst kind of free market capitalism is actively encouraged.

So if socialism is part of the problem of capitalism, what is the way forward? Only anarchist communism provides any

real hope of ending capitalist exploitation and state oppression. Being opposed to both, it avoids the nightmare of state terror and the chaos and poverty created by the free market.

Anarchist communism is socialism without government, based on workers' control and direct democracy, arrived at by workers and oppressed acting for themselves, together, freely and as equals.

Only anarchist communism is built around the self-activity and autonomy of actual living people rather than ideological stereotypes. Through self-directed revolution and the creation of organisations after the revolution based upon free association, federation and equality, a free and better world can be made. Find out about it now!