

group includes one person who is still a member of Solidarity, and intends to remain one, and in principle is not opposed to its members belonging to other political organisations. The group which is co-ordinating work on the newsletter is not the same as the Wildcat Group, nor does the membership of the two groups co-incide exactly.

7 Your proposal for a discussion journal is very similar to our proposal for a newsletter, and both attempt to fill the same void presently existing in the left communist milieu. Only we think that a discussion journal is healthier, the more people who participate in the discussion. We don't see what is gained by such a journal announcing at the onset that its purpose is to create the foundations of a new organisation. The Wildcat Group is split in our attitude towards the possible formation of a national organisation. Some members of the group are not personally interested in the idea of a national organisation (although they don't put forward any "theories" to justify this). Others, including myself, hope that a new national organisation will become possible in the future. We think that one of the functions of our newsletter would be to provide a forum for discussions where the basis for such an organisation could be worked out, at least in its initial stages. However, regardless of whether (a) new national organisation(s) emerge(s) we still think there will be a place for a "non-sectarian" forum for discussion within the whole of our political milieu.

8 I don't think that your vision is sectarian at all. However, the political "limbo" you want to escape from is an objective fact, which won't be abolished by forming another self-centred small group with delusions of grandeur. The remaining ex-members of the ICC must now decide, as a matter of urgency, on how to relaunch themselves into political activity. But whatever you decide to do, at best you will only be another small group in a fragmented political milieu. (And one or two extra members from Manchester won't change this at all, of course). What is essential is that all of us remain dissatisfied with this state of affairs, and continue to discuss and work together towards creating a movement which is more united, purposeful and effective.

Fraternally,

Weyden  
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- Note. (1) The newsletter mentioned in Weyden's letter has since appeared as Ultra Left Review.  
(2) The text Weyden mentions has since appeared in the above Ultra Left Review.

#### THE FALKLANDS WAR AND THE RESPONSE OF REVOLUTIONARIES.

The fighting in the Falklands between the Argentinian and British bourgeoisie sets certain specific tasks for communists, especially those in the belligerent countries. Whatever the differences between communists over all sorts of issues the murder of British and Argentinian workers in the South Atlantic demands a unified response by all revolutionaries condemning the slaughter and clearly stating that the working class has NO country. The proletariat of all countries is the enemy of the bourgeoisie of both Argentina and Britain. We thus wrote in this vein to everyone we knew of in the proletarian milieu in Britain suggesting that while differences of analysis could appear in the press of each group one single unified statement in leaflet form should be distributed as widely as possible - in Britain at least condemning the slaughter. Though some groups and individuals failed to respond we have had all in all a favourable reaction and overleaf is a tentative draft for the projected leaflet. Comments please! If it is acceptable everyone is enjoined to copy and distribute as widely as poss.

The War in the Falklands is a war waged against the working class - Argentinian and British. Workers have absolutely no interest in which of the warring factions, British or Argentinian Capitalism wins the war despite all the lies being told by both sides.

Galtieri lies when he tells the workers of Argentina that it is a war of national liberation, of anti colonialism. What possible interest could the starving masses of South America, reeling under the brutal capitalist regimes of such as Galtieri have in the acquisition of a few windswept rocks in the South Atlantic. Would the taking of the Falkland Islands solve the economic crisis in Argentina, stop the raging inflation, stop workers wages tumbling, stop the capitalist death squads and end the concentration camps? Of course not!

Thatcher also lies when she tells us that it's a war between democracy and dictatorship. British capitalism, left and right, has been supporting and running dictatorships all over the globe as part of the essential task, for the Western Bloc, of maintaining capitalism and attacking the workers. They have helped thugs like Galtieri smash working class opposition to the collapse of their living standards in the same way that 'democracy' has done in countless other countries itself. Democracy or dictatorship doesn't matter to capitalism so long as its successful in derailing the working class' attempt to fight back against encroaching misery.

Nor is it a war as Foot and his cronies on the left wing of capitalism would have us believe, to save the Falkland Islands and their inhabitants. For the past twenty years successive British governments have been trying to give the islands away to Argentina so its a bit late to be so concerned about the 1800 islanders who have had to move to the other side of the world to earn a decent wage.

No, the war is about none of these things. What it IS about is the bourgeoisie of BOTH countries trying desperately to survive in an increasingly collapsing world economic system.

For the embattled bourgeoisie of Argentina its a desperate attempt to divert the workers away from the realisation that their capitalist economy is crumbling. For months before the invasion hundreds of thousands of workers have been out on the streets protesting about their living conditions and threatening the state. The invasion was a blatant attack on the consciousness of workers in Argentina, a blatant attempt to divert workers away from their struggle into the dead end of nationalist fervour. For the moment it has certainly succeeded. Instead of rioting workers we have seen thousands of them cheering on the war and thus giving capitalism in Argentina a much needed breather.

The response from the British bourgeoisie was no different. Thatcher gleefully seized on the opportunity given by Galtieri to mount a massive campaign against working class consciousness, whipping up nationalist, patriotic hysteria through capitalist control of the media in order to draw workers in Britain behind the national capital, in order to make them agreeable to make sacrifices for capitalism. The war has been fought to get workers used to the idea of less wages, more austerity SO THAT Britain can have a large navy, a better army etc etc.. In a more general sense the notion of sacrifice for the country is to be instilled into the working class so that future plans for the programme of austerity can be sold as 'necessary patriotic sacrifice'. Workers are of course always asked to make sacrifices and the war shows theres a direct relationship between accepting lower living standards and being asked to die for the homeland. Even in the short term this poison is poured out by capitalism eg. the health workers are even now being castigated for striking while people are being killed in the Falklands war.

With the fall of Port Stanley the war between Argentinian and British capitalism may or may not be over. But the real war isnt over by a long chalk. The real war that is being fought is the ONLY war worth fighting. The war between the workers and th bosses. In this war the workers of Argentina are the allies of the working class of Britain. Our mutual enemy is the capitalist system in both Argentina and Britain which callously is murdering hundreds in the South Atlantic, and condemning millions more to increasing misery solely to save their rotting regime. This is the real war. This is the war the workers have to win before capital moves from murdering hundreds in the Falklands and thousands in Afghanistan and the Lebanon to the mass slaughter it has prepared for workers everywhere in the next global war.

Once an acceptable draft is agreed groups wishing to be signatories can run off copies putting signatory groups at the bottom. Aberdeen will circulate list. Individuals can get copies from Aberdeen or more likely from the nearest signatory group tendering some finance preferably to pay for the printing etc.