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Brexit: Democracy and racism go hand in hand...

Democracy is capitalist class rule, not mass rule!

June 30 -- The writing is on the wall. The Brexit vote, or the vote for Britain to leave the European Union (EU), tells us that day-to-day life under "austerity programs" is creating an ungovernable working class, a class capable of being racist or revolutionary. It is a nightmare for the capitalists because, given the economic crisis that grips the world, all they can offer us is "austerity programs" (layoffs and cutbacks) and war.

Their horror becomes our opportunity. It allows us to address an enlivened working class (everyone is talking about it) about the deadly limits of democracy. It strengthens our call for building a revolutionary communist share-and-share-alike alternative.

Amid all the media hype it is easy to forget, the masses only voted for Britain to leave the European Union. It hasn't left yet!

DEMOCRACY IS OWNED BY BILLIONAIRES

In fact, it is going to take at least two years of negotiations where the experts decide what the masses actually meant by their vote. And these negotiations will be carried out by bureaucrats dedicated to serving the almighty profit needs of bankers and captains of industry. They will be carried out away from the glare of the media and we, the masses, will not be invited or consulted. Democracy is a system of capitalist class rule, not mass rule.

The communist world we are beginning to build calls on mobilizing the masses to get rid of money and profits (which are always private and hidden). It calls on organizing society based on our commitments to one another. We need to be active (organizing, mobilizing), not passive (voting)!

BALLOT BOX: A FORM OF PASSIVITY

We have no power in "Democracy." The Brexit campaign shows us that. Well over \$200 million (in austerity governed Britain) was poured directly into the referendum. The masses, did not supply that money, the capitalists did. They did not develop the arguments, the political establishment did. They did not generate the talking points, the media did. In short, the masses did not frame the issues. They had no dog in this fight.

They only were assigned one crucial role: they were asked to endorse the whole (capitalist) package by putting an x in one box or another. Choose the EU style of austerity (vote "REMAIN" and get treated like the workers in Greece) or choose the Brexit style of austerity (vote "LEAVE" and get treated like the workers in Greece but wrapped in a British flag). The ballot box is participatory in form but not in content! The ballot box is not political activity, it is political passivity. Democracy is a system of capitalist class rule, not mass rule.

Communist society won't need a box with a slit in it placed behind a drawn curtain to show our commitment to one another! We'll build an open society and put the ballot box in a museum. It will be an exhibit of capitalism a society run on secrecy, deceit and distrust of one another! Who needs a ballot box when we can raise our hand and be open about our opinions because we are building a share-and-share-alike society?

**DEMOCRACY: THE "LEAVE" RACIST
VOTE VERSUS THE "REMAIN"
RACIST VOTE**

But to the horror of the main wing of the British ruling class the masses did not follow the complete script. They voted the "LEAVE" racist card not the "REMAIN" racist card! They voted to protest the bosses opening of 'humanitarian' borders to rescue of millions of refugees (from US and European supported racist wars). The "REMAIN" racist card wanted to use the mass of refugees to compete against and lower the wages of workers in Europe. Capitalism needs racism so that it can pit worker against worker.

However, in thinking democracy and racism could deliver any sort of control over their lives, the British workers made a great mistake.

The day after the vote, the Airbus group (a joint European aircraft building company) in Wales warned its workers that unless they remained 'competitive' (i.e. work harder and faster and cheaper) the company could leave Britain!

In other words, if a stronger Brexit border prevented a mass of refugees entering Britain and being used to lower wages in manufacturing then the company would move to where it could exploit the misery of the refugees. Democracy is a system of racism and capitalist class rule, not mass rule.

Capitalism thrives on borders, pockets of poverty and racism. The communist culture our revolution is forging says "One class, one world, one flag, one Party!" We fight racism.

The Brexit vote took place in Britain but the issues involved in it, the passion and anger it showed are common the world over. And so are the lessons. "If voting changed anything (for the better)," the saying goes, "they would have outlawed it by now!" And that saying is just as true today.

In the US as the capitalist class prepares to spend at least \$5 billion just on the upcoming Presidential elections we must learn the lessons of the Brexit vote:

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Don't vote, mobilize the masses for Communism.

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