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STEEL CLOSURES..... THE FIGHT BACK BEGINS

The campaign of action against B.S.C.s proposed closures at Shotton, Ebbw Vale and East Moors is developing well. At Shotton an attempt is being made to involve not only the affected workers themselves but the whole community in the struggle. There are plans for a community strike ...to stop paying rent, rates and electricity and gas bills etc and womens action groups have been formed to take up the struggle on a wide front. This is an important step forward from traditional attitudes where the struggle is narrowly defined as being for the men in the factory itself, and augurs well for the future success of the campaign.

The steelworkers demonstrations too - both in North Wales and in London - have been of a very welcome militant nature....charging their way through the police lines to the House of Commons and the blocking of the roads in the North Wales demonstrations. Such civil disobedience and militancy on a wide front backed up by strike action and perhaps occupation of the plants themselves offers the only hope of eventual victory. The Shotton militancy seems at last to be spreading to Ebbw Vale and East Moors, and the conference at Connahs Quay in mid-April for all threatened works in England and Scotland as well as Wales should provide a good opportunity to develop co-ordinated action.

The main danger to an effective campaign remains the hypocritical squealings of the Labour left, such as Michael Foot, who can be relied on to try and lead the workers away from militant direct action into the usual pleas for the return of yet another Labour government.....which like all its predecessors would make sod all difference to the Welsh working class. A strong rank and file campaign in the factories and communities can bring victory.....to be directed yet again down the blind alley of working for the return of another Labour government would mean failure and be a betrayal of the struggle of the ordinary men and women of Wales.

WALES T.U.C.

There can be few people who are not aware that there has been formed during recent months a Welsh Trades Union Congress. Despite early setbacks the Welsh T.U.C. is fast becoming a reality. There was, and still is to some extent, some opposition to the idea at first because certain officials felt the formation of a Welsh T.U.C. would bring about an unnecessary and dangerous split in the working class movement as a whole.

The first point that must be made is that a Welsh T.U.C. is not only necessary but absolutely essential. Despite the fact that Wales is a nation (and becoming more of a nation each day) it has not up till now had its own institutions. There are many industrial and economic problems facing the Welsh people that are especially peculiar to Wales and problems which hit Wales hardest of all e.g. the proposed steel closures. These problems must be considered and fought from a Welsh viewpoint. Nobody is as well acquainted with or understands ^{more} ~~more~~ about the problems of Wales than the Welsh Worker. Does the formation of a Welsh T.U.C. constitute a dangerous split in the working class movement? No! Why should it? The strengthening ~~of~~ of the power of the working class in Wales can do nothing but aid the international struggle against injustice and exploitation. When necessary the Welsh T.U.C. must, of course, aid our English comrades in our common cause against our common enemy. The W.S.V. is overwhelmingly in favour of the idea of a Trades Union Congress for Wales. However the Welsh T.U.C. must remember that in order to retain the respect of the Welsh working class it must never rest on its laurels, as it were. It must be constantly fighting against capitalist exploitation and working for justice and fair play. In short it must be the kind of movement the Welsh worker needs and deserves.

Ymlaen i'r chwyldro

The following proposals are intended to form a basis for discussion about a basic agreed programme for the WELSH SOCIALIST VANGUARD. We hope this will be a continuing debate which all revolutionary socialists and nationalists committed to a liberation movement will take part in.

- 1) To establish and develop a nucleus of dedicated and committed Welsh socialists as chiefly a vanguard agitprop organisation.....a vanguard of progressive political activists who realise the need for the creation of a liberation movement in Wales which would be both socialist in theory and socialist in action. A movement which would be built upon and around the Welsh peoples own community organisations and action groups and with its foundations firmly entrenched amongst the workers and their industrial organisations as by far its chief base of ground support.
A socialist liberation movement that would have a broad base and which would act as an umbrella organisation for all progressive and radical nationalist and socialist agencies, organisations and institutions in Wales who are prepared to accept the principle of unity and solidarity in the fight against imperialism and capitalism in Wales, having agreed on a common programme, policy and platform and who see the urgent need for the development of such a movement as the only alternative we are left with to enable us to defeat both the forces of imperialism and capitalism.
With the betrayal of socialism by the imperialist Labour party and its efforts to destroy the Welsh socialist spirit and traditions and its equally insidious actions in trying to crush the organised working class movement.....there is no alternative for real socialists other than that of opposing the Labour Party; as must progressive nationalists oppose Plaid Cymru, coming to realise the dangers in supporting a nationalist movement so bourgeois and reactionary in its basic policies and outlook.
The Welsh people urgently need a socialist liberation movement....a movement of the people for the people which will represent and fight on behalf of the people in defence of their liberties, interests and human rights.....with the ultimate aim of winning independence and freedom from English imperialism so that we may establish a democratic Welsh socialist republic.
- 2) In order to establish such a movement we must set out to the people the reasons why such a movement is needed....pertaining to the circumstances and conditions prevailing in Wales today in accordance with the dictates of historical development.
Hence the role of the vanguard organisation will be primarily one of educating the people, giving them confidence and awareness of the need for they themselves to assume leadership and control in the struggle to govern their own lives and destiny and why the development of such a movement is required.
This education will be achieved by vanguard members totally committed to this cause going out among the people, teaching them revolutionary socialist theory and policy and urging upon them the importance of a socialist struggle against imperialism and capitalism, being constantly active in the community and on the factory floor. Organising meetings, teach ins etc and by going out to meet people on the streets and joining in their struggles and campaigns.
- 3) The vanguard organisation must also be prepared to put theory into practice and support its educational campaign with action, to spearhead the struggle ~~xxx~~ of the people against their enemies. The vanguard must be active when and wherever it is needed to fight alongside the people in their own struggles against oppression and exploitation in whatever shape or form it appears or comes in.

4) The vanguard will also carry out a programme of education, activity and organisation in the industrial field amongst the workers, for we must realise that a socialist liberation movement and socialist struggle such as we envisage taking place in Wales will not be true to its philosophy or be able to sustain itself unless it is supported by the workers, and their industrial organisations remain always sympathetic to it.

Only the organised workers of Wales are capable of attaining ultimate victory, so the vanguard must support and aid the working class movement in Wales and work for unity and solidarity on the industrial front. To help build a strong and united brotherhood of workers organised as one strong and vigilant industrial force which will provide the socialist liberation movement with the strength and mobility to lead the struggle to victory.

5) From this initial vanguard of progressive and radical political activists will grow an alliance which will provide the foundation stones upon which we can build the socialist liberation movement. Even though the vanguard will remain initially a small organisation, it will be realised that chiefly it is a vanguard of an idea and hope. That it will eventually by education, agitation and organisation through socialist action on many fronts at many levels rally the people to the banners of a socialist liberation struggle.

SUMMARY

The name we have chosen for this organisation is the Welsh Socialist Vanguard. We have pledged the Vanguard to further the socialist struggle in Wales and to take up the fight of the workers of 1831, and of those who continued the struggle in 1839, 1842, and 1845, the followers of Rebecca and of the Chartist movement in Wales. The socialist struggle which they began was betrayed by the bourgeois imperialist 'radicals' and later ~~by~~ by the Labour Party which, in the years following the heroic struggles of 1926, in its search for constitutional political power and viability betrayed and tried to destroy the socialist traditions and spirit of the Welsh people. For their own base motives..... power and money coming before the hopes and desires of the people..... England's toryism before Wales's radicalism..... careerist reform before progressive socialism..... imperialist slavery not liberation..... wars not peace..... glory not humility. This is imperial labourism in alliance with tory capitalism.

The revolutionary years of 1831, 1839, 1842 and 45, 1910 and 1926 which are the heritage of the people who have valiantly fought the conqueror, both feudal lord and capitalist. A people sold down the river by native lords and ladies alike and enslaved by the treacherous act of union of 1536, humiliated for centuries by the oppressor, the carpetbaggers and soldiers of a foreign monarchy, the bosses police and soldiers. Then in 1831 with the glorious rising of the workers once more the sword was taken up to put wrongs to right and overthrow the enemies of the people and to restore to our land honour, liberty and justice.

Our objectives must be the same today as those that were fought for over 900 years of resistance against the conqueror..... to set free from the shackles of imperialism and capitalism our people and their heritage, language and culture that has been kept alive by the people..... the wren of the labourer's cottage and shanty town hovel, the men of no property who whilst starved and in rags kept alive the fine traditions of our land, whilst the native uchwelwyr spurned the native sod and hearth for the riches and titles to be found and collected whilst licking at the feet of the English crown, grovelling for a shiny saxon shilling.

For in the end it was the beggar and not the prince who fought on in the face of defeat and despair..... the gwerin owain, red bandits, and the scotch cattle who defended the people and plagued the conqueror and not the freebooter mercenary soldiers and pirates that left Wales or the traders, merchants and politicians that followed in their footsteps to cling to Britannia's skirts. Let not the bourgeois nationalists tell you different..... let them not talk of freedom and of the golden age of princes-princes who, in their desire and greed, trampled the land and terrorised the people, to divide among themselves the spoils of civil strife and war which they would deliberately provoke in their own interests.

Was it not these same petty princes who hindered and frustrated the advance of Welsh nationhood and sovereignty as much as their political counterparts today, for base motives and selfish reasons? They were perhaps only men of their times, circumstances and conditions change, but the system is the same except that the system adapts more easily to new sets of circumstances and conditions. A few great men have risen out of the squalor and strife of medieval Wales but the greater part of our so called defenders were no more than a bunch of gangsters and adventurers.

So let us pay no heed to those who cry out negative slogans of freedom and of socialism when they cannot offer us our land, its wealth and a just reward for our labours. Freedom and socialism are not just slogans or the subject matter of intellectual articles in heavy journals—freedom and socialism are one and the same, and they mean that we the people must once more possess our land, its mountains and valleys, its rivers and lakes, its wealth and minerals, and all that relates to these things and all that we produce with our hands and minds and all that we raise from our own endeavours and enterprise, so that all belongs to the people for the people.

When the people are free the land also will be free. There can be no freedom whatsoever until we have a revolution which will liberate us from the chains of imperialism and the manipulations of capitalism. Realizing this fact, we can but draw one conclusion, and that is the struggle against imperialism can only end in victory by first destroying capitalism and to weaken capitalism in colonial Wales we must also engage in the struggle against imperialism.

Far above all else, it is capitalism which is the arch enemy of our country and our people. If capitalism remains in any shape or form within the boundaries of our land then so will imperialism. For capitalism will provide imperialism with the ways and means of implementing still the policies of imperialism and colonialism in Wales, thus the oppression and exploitation of our people, our land and all that is rightly ours will continue.

Capitalism can and will be quick to absorb any shocks, and can, if the leopard can't, change its spots—capitalism will very readily assume a benevolent national "outlook" and identify with and thus support, by any means open to it—a reactionary (right wing, "liberal" or social democratic) government, all forms of petty native capitalism and a neo-colonial bourgeoisie establishment approving a status quo and native system of exploitation and tyranny. Capitalism will wholeheartedly assist the shaping of a "free Wales" which would be no more than a neo-colony and international unit for further exploitation by Anglo/American/European imperialism and capitalism. We would be dominated by the Coca-cola imperialism that bombed Vietnam and props up political crooks throughout South America, whilst the petty native capitalist would be a mere front man and the lords of our "free Wales" would become the middle-men of corruption working on behalf of imperial governments of the international capitalist system. Wales "free" or colonized would remain an area for capitalist expansion and exploitation, secured by dictatorships and shared by politicians and "wise-guys."—This will be the free Wales the Dominion Wales of Plaid Cymru or the federal Wales of the Regionalists.

It is the duty of the Welsh Socialist Vanguard to prevent this happening by warning the people, educating them of the dangers which face them, and by preparing and equipping so that they will be able to resist such a continuation of oppression and aggression.

In the struggle against imperialism/capitalism, the trades union movement in Wales will play a major part. The organized masses of workers must unite as one industrial union to wage the struggle on the industrial front at the same time assisting in the struggles on other fronts. The united and organized working class in Wales must come to realize that only in unity and solidarity between workers can they achieve victory over the bosses, the hangers-on and the lackies. At the same time the people in their communities must organize to preserve and defend their communities. Community action groups and social groups must come together collectively with minority and cultural groups and weld a strong peoples action movement throughout the land.

The struggle against imperialism/capitalism must be the struggle of the organized and united people in their communities and by the workers in the factories and on the land.

From this development will spring to life a real socialist liberation movement fighting for national, social, industrial and cultural freedom. The struggle against imperialism/capitalism for national liberation can only succeed if it forms part of a revolution against capitalism for social freedom, economic independence, and industrial democracy. Only then will we gain our ultimate victory of freedom; not just negative freedom and abstract socialism, but a freedom and socialism which means a free socialist society and economy, socialist industry and a socialist culture in a free land of free people. The Welsh Socialist Vanguard must call upon the people to rally to its socialist banners and the Red Dragon of Welsh freedom and to struggle for liberation and for the destruction of capitalism and the defeat of imperialism, so that we may build an independent socialist Republic of Wales.

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NORTH WALES BUILDING WORKERS CONSPIRACY TRIAL

On February 15 six building workers from North Wales appeared in court at Telford in Shropshire charged with conspiracy to intimidate other building workers during last years strike. The case was adjourned for a month and at the second hearing in Mid-March another eighteen men faced similar charges. The trial of the whole 24 has now been adjourned till April 25.

This is an extremely important case but you wouldn't think so from the almost total lack of coverage by the millionaire press. Just how seriously the authorities are taking it can be seen from the fact that before both the hearings hundreds of police surrounded the court building and prevented coachloads of striking building workers, steelmen and dockers who had come out for the day in sympathy with those on trial, from getting near the court building. And in court they applied for an order from the magistrates to take the photographs and fingerprints of those charged.

During last years strike flying pickets of building workers, heartened by the example of the miners earlier in the year, were extremely successful in North Wales and Shropshire in bringing out the unorganised sites in the area. Greatly annoyed by the fact that pickets are no longer content to have cups of tea and a quiet chat with the Chief Constable, the authorities are becoming increasingly worried and determined to stamp out this increasing working class militancy. They first tried it in Scotland after the miners strike when 13 miners... the Longannet 13... were charged with mobbing and rioting during a picket. Unfortunately the authorities reckoned without the considerable campaign of solidarity outside the courtroom, including the threat of a total stoppage by all Scots miners if the men were found guilty, and also the solidarity within the courtroom where a working class jury completely threw out all the charges.

This time they have tried to be more subtle. Again they have selected a small number of militants to victimise but other circumstances are different. The trial is taking place a considerable time after the strike itself has ended. Tucked away in Shropshire the police are hoping for no publicity for the trial and that the men will be isolated and easy victims for magistrates or a middle class jury. U.C.A.T.T. the building workers union is not so well organised to stage supporting industrial action as the Scots miners were, even if the right wing leadership wanted to. So instead of washing their hands of the men.

Finally the men have been charged with conspiracy which in reality means that the police don't have to prove that they actually did anything at all or that they even knew each other. As we pointed out in the first issue of Free Wales this law is increasingly being used against militants.....conspiracy to remove road signs, conspiracy to cause explosions, conspiracy to intimidate....its almost too easy for them.

But make no mistake about it if the police get away with framing these building workers on these charges it will be a serious setback for the whole working class movement. They will feel further encouraged to attack pickets and strikers at will and bring them to court on conspiracy charges at the drop of a hat.

At the first hearing five hundred construction workers at Shotton came out in support; at the second hearing they were joined by building workers from all over North Wales, steelworkers from Shotton and Liverpool dockers, who gave an excellent lead by closing down the whole of Liverpool docks for the day.

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HOLIDAY HOMES

There has been much publicity lately in the capitalist press and on radio and television about what have been called "holiday homes". In case anyone is not clear about what a "holiday home" is, I will explain.

A "holiday home" is usually an old and sometimes, but by no means always, deserted farmhouse or cottage. These are bought up by property dealers and sometimes renovated to appear "modern". They are then advertised for sale or rent, mostly in such papers as the "Guardian", the "Telegraph" or the "Times" etc. (Papers bought mostly by trendy bourgeoisie living in London, with plenty of money to spare.) Or in magazines like "County Life" or the "Tatler", which cater for the rich, landed gentry (who spend a good deal of their abundant spare time torturing foxes, blasting away at birds and generally having a lot of fun murdering "God's creatures"). The prices and rents of these cottages are invariably astronomic. Because of this, the young people of Llyn and other such "desirable areas" are unable to settle in their own communities when they get married. They have to go elsewhere to live and find work (notoriously scarce in "desirable areas") usually to big industrial towns in England or South East Wales. This has many effects on Wales. It decreases the population of an already small country and also destroys the Welsh community, doling out yet another death blow to our language and culture.

Meanwhile, the people who pay ridiculously large sums of money for these cottages leave them empty for 50 weeks of the year, only using them for a "Let's get away from it all, Justin"-fortnight in July or August. Some local authorities even give these people grants to smarten up their "holiday homes". The money for the grants is then supplied from the rates of the people whose offspring have had to move away.

Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg (Welsh Language Society) have attacked this exploitation of Welsh homes and have protested by holding sit-ins and disrupting auctions. They have been called anti-English by certain misinformed people for this. This accusation misses the point. It does not necessarily follow that all "holiday home" owners are English. Some are Welsh and some are even so-called nationalists. Their nationality does not cause harm and never will, but by pushing the young people out of Wales they are killing our nation.

This sale of "holiday homes" must be stopped before the Gwerin is replaced by the Chelsea-Ferrari set; and it won't be stopped by holding sit-ins and then leaving money for the gas and electricity used by the protesters. It is the system that approves of and encourages such exploitation and injustice that must be attacked.

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But this must be only a beginning.....a massive campaign of solidarity must be built up. All construction and building sites in Wales should be out on strike every time the men appear in court and mass pickets mounted outside the courtroom. The newly formed Welsh T.U.C. should support the call for general strike action throughout Wales when the men are in court. It is important that we realise that this particular attack on the working class is linked with the vicious Tory onslaught on the steelworkers of Wales; that the Tories are taking every opportunity to hammer the Welsh working class into the ground. A blow against one is a blow against all. Solidarity with the building workers and massive strike action in their support is vital at the moment in what is certain to be the most important political trial for some time to come.

FREE WALES

We apologise to subscribers for the delay in the appearance of this second issue of the paper but our teething troubles are now (hopefully) sorted out and the paper will be appearing regularly every month from now on. It makes it easier for us if you can subscribe30p for six issues including postage..... and copies are available on a sale or return basis for comrades who can take bulk orders to sell at meetings, rallies etc.

FREE WALES.....SOCIALIST WALES

Let us free Ireland! Never mind such base, carnal thoughts as concern work and wages, healthy homes, or lives unclouded by poverty.

Let us free Ireland! The rackrenting landlord; is he not also an Irishman, and wherefore should we hate him? Nay let us not speak harshly of our brother - yea, even when he raises our rent.

Let us free Ireland! The profit-grinding capitalist, who robs us of three-fourths of the fruits of our labour, who sucks the very marrow of our bones when we are young, and then throws us out in the street, like a worn-out tool when we are grown prematurely old in his service, is he not an Irishman, and mayhap a patriot, and wherefore should we think harshly of him?

Let us free Ireland! 'The land that bred and bore us'. And the landlord who makes us pay for permission to live upon it. Whoop it up for liberty!

'Let us free Ireland,' says the patriot who won't touch socialism. Let us all join together and cr-r-rush the br-r-rutal Saxon. Let us all join together, says he, all classes and creeds. And, says the town worker, after we have crushed the Saxon and freed Ireland, what will we do? Oh, then you can go back to your slums as before. Whoop it up for liberty!

And says the agricultural workers, after we have freed Ireland, what then? Oh, then you can go scraping around for the landlord's rent or the money-lenders' interest same as before. Whoop it up for liberty!

After Ireland is free, says the patriot who won't touch socialism, we will protect all classes, and if you won't pay your rent you will be evicted same as now. But the evicting party, under command of the sheriff, will wear green uniforms and the Harp without the Crown, and the warrant turning you out on the roadside will be stamped with the arms of the Irish Republic. Now isn't that worth fighting for?

And when you cannot find employment, and, giving up the struggle of life in despair, enter the poorhouse, the band of the nearest regiment of the Irish army will escort you to the poorhouse door to the tune of 'St. Patrick's Day'. Oh! it will be nice to live in those days!

'With the green flag floating o'er us' and an ever increasing army of unemployed workers walking about under the Green Flag, wishing they had something to eat. Same as now! Whoop it up for liberty!

Now, my friend, I also am Irish, but I'm a bit more logical. The capitalist, I say, is a parasite on industry; as useless in the present stage of our industrial development as any other parasite in the animal or vegetable world is to the life of the animal or vegetable on which it feeds.

The working class is the victim of this parasite - this human leech, and it is the duty and the interest of the working class to use every means in its power to oust this parasite class from the position which enables it to thus prey on the vitals of labour.

Therefore, I say, let us organise as a class to meet our masters and destroy their mastership; organise to drive them from their hold upon public life through their political power; organise to wrench from their robber's clutch the land and workshops on and in which they enslave us; organise to cleanse our social life from the stain of social cannibalism, from the preying of man upon his fellow men. Organise for a full, free and happy life FOR ALL OR FOR NONE.

'The Workers' Republic' 1899.

James Connolly, Commander in Chief of the Irish Citizen Army during the 1916 Dublin Rising, was a staunch socialist republican who saw the folly of fighting to free a country from foreign occupation whilst allowing it to remain under the domination of capitalism, both foreign and native. Thereafter, sadly, many Welsh Republicans who have not yet achieved Connolly's political maturity or learnt from Ireland's sad history. We hope they will see the relevance of Connolly's article to Wales. Connolly was shot by the British Army, for his part in the rising, whilst strapped to a chair. He was too weak to stand due to an extremely painful wound he had received during the fighting, his ankle bone having been shot away. He was buried in an unmarked grave in a Dublin prison.

INFORMATION

Anyone who is interested in obtaining further information about the Welsh Socialist Vanguard should write to the following address:-

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IAITH Y WERIN

The Welsh Socialist Vanguard is currently preparing a pamphlet which will analyse in depth the effect upon the language of the present system of capitalist exploitation. It will also analyse the position Cymdeithas yr Iaith holds and also the tactics it employs, in relation to the present stage in which the struggle to free our country from foreign domination finds itself. The pamphlet will show that, primarily, it is commercialisation which is killing the language and that the only truly effective way to preserve our native tongue is to fight for a truly democratic society—a Welsh Socialist Republic. The pamphlet will at first be in Welsh only.

The Welsh Socialist Vanguard apologises for this issue of "FREE WALES" being almost totally in English. We hope that later issues will contain both bi-lingual articles and articles in Welsh only.

Anyone who believes that they might have items of information of interest to readers of this magazine or who wishes to have articles published in "FREE WALES" is invited to send such to the above address. All proposed articles for the next issue must be in by May 1st.

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IAITH Y WERIN

Mae BLAEN CAD yn paratoi pamffled a fydd yn rhoi dwys-ddadansoddiad o effaith oesbloetiad Cyfalafioeth ar yr iaith Gymraeg. Dadansoddir hofyd safbwynt a thacteg Cymdeithas yr Iaith, a'u haddasrwydd yn wneob sefyllfa presennol Cymru yn ei brwydr yn erbyn gormes y Sais. Dengys y pamffled mai Cyfalaf a Masnach yn bennaf sy'n lladd ein hiaith, ac na allwn ei hachub ond trwy sefydlu cymdeithas wirioneddol ddemocratidd - sef Gweriniaeth Sosialidd Gymreig a Chymraeg. *****

Cawsom danysgrifiad i 'FREE WALES' yn ddiweddar oddi wrth John Jenkins, Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredu Mudiad Amddiffyn Cymru, sydd ar hyn o bryd yn treulio dong mlynedd mewn carchar yn Lloegr am iddo fynnu amddiffyn ei wlad a gwrthwynebu oesbloetiad.

Ymddengys nad yw 'FREE WALES', yn ol wardeiniaid Carchar Albany (Ynys Wyth) yn beth addas i John Jenkins ei ddarllen, ac nid ydynt wedi caniatáu iddo dderbyn cofiau ohono. Uwchben yr anghyfiawder hwn, nid ydynt wedi dweud wrtho hyd yn oed bod 'F.W.' wedi ei anfon ato.

Mae Jenkins wedi derbyn doddryd creulon a thrwm. Gwelwn unwaith eto pa mor bell y mae'r Sefydliad Imperialaidd yn barod i fynd i ddangos eu dirmyg annynol tuag at un sy'n mentro caru ei wlad, ac sydd wedi aberthu ei ryddid dresti.

RHYDDHEWCH JOHN JENKINS!

John Jenkins (M.A.C. Director of Operations), currently serving 10 yrs. in Albany Prison, has recently subscribed to 'F.W.' The screws there have not only refused to give it to him, but haven't even told him it's arrived. Not content with locking him up like an animal, the Imperialist Establishment does all it can to make his stay as uncomfortable and degrading as possible.....

WELSH SOCIALIST VANGUARD

IS ORGANISING A FORUM
ON THE

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