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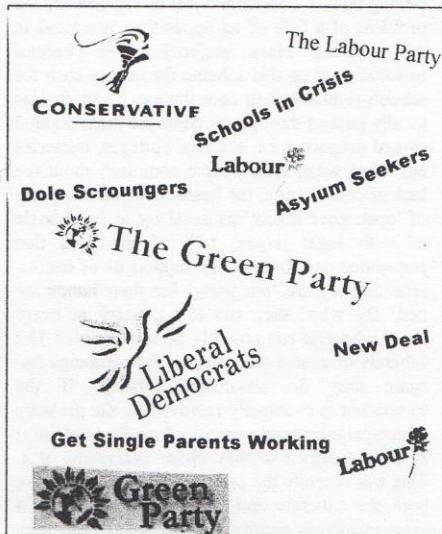
Local Elections...

No Contest?

The Labour Party was originally founded with the purpose of organising the working class. Since being elected New Labour have made it perfectly clear that they no longer wish to do so. Instead, it is increasingly obvious that they are now organising against the working class across the board. Nationally with the New Deal, attacks on single parents etc. and locally? The closure of local schools, the siting of mobile phone masts on local schools and colleges etc are merely symptoms of the deeper contradiction. The relationship between the working class and labour is now an adversarial one.

For the middle classes, by the middle classes

For the first time this century the working class is without a voice, without influence, without political representation. The IWCA is a working class organisation independent of any political party. Our purpose is to give the working class the opportunity to



directly influence the political decisions that effect us all. If we want a decent future for ourselves and our families, we must fight for it. If we intend to fight we must be organised, if we fail to organise in our interests one thing is crystal clear-nobody is going to do it for us.

- Labour, Liberals, Greens and Tories all have the same minority middle class agenda
- None of them are interested in our health, education or welfare
- Working class rights must be put at the top of the political agenda
- And it's up to us, the majority, to put them there

Orange Campaign Exposes Parties In Election Fight

IWCA members have been involved in the St Margaret's Parents Action Group from its inception and urge others to get involved. The parents are waging a 'David and Goliath' battle against both the City Council and Orange. They need the support of local residents who are also affected by the transmitter emissions and who were also not consulted about this health risk. This issue has exposed both the problem of putting faith in Labour and just as importantly the problem of a lack of an opposition interested in the working class majority. New Labour nationally set up this scheme for raising cash for schools reducing their contribution. Their cronies locally pushed through the deals for these council owned properties i.e. schools, colleges, nurseries etc. Then when local people complain about the lack of consultation, the health risks etc the party of 'open government' as usual try to bamboozle us with legal jargon, talk of this and that committee and so on. They support us of course, after all they are 'our party' but their hands are tied! By who? they run this country at every level, who else can possibly be responsible? The Liberals of course also support the campaign but again they do absolutely nothing. If the transmitter is eventually removed by the pressure of campaigners both parties will no doubt claim it as their victory like they claim everything else. This was recently the case in Levenshulme where both the Liberals and Labour have claimed a great victory in getting a public toilet reopened, even though the Labour Council closed it in the first place (supported by the Liberals). The Green Party have also been shown up by the transmitter campaign, again showing no interest in the issue and being dismissive of the campaign. In reality



they have no interest in this 'environmental' issue because it is about the environment of working class people and the consequences for our health. If it could be shown that some leaves had fallen off the trees in Whalley Range due to the transmitter they would swing into action but after all its only affecting children so they have bigger issues to concentrate on.

All these parties want your vote, but none are prepared to represent the interests of the working class in voice, influence or political representation. By becoming involved in local campaigns you ensure our voice is heard.

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