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1. The attached document has been received from a reliable source and is the International Socialist's draft declaration on the Industrial Relations Act. It is intended that this shall form the basis of the International Socialists Industrial Conference to be held at Holdsworth Hall, Deansgate, Manchester on 30 January 1972.

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I.S. INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE
30TH JANUARY 1972.

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Declaration on the Industrial Relations Act.

This conference declares its total opposition to the Industrial Relations Act and pledges itself to fight for the overthrow of this Tory government. It demands that the next Labour Government unconditionally repeal this anti-trade union legislation.

This conference calls upon all trade unionists to fight this Act by rendering it inoperable and demands that the TUC organise a massive struggle against it.

Conference recognises that in the present crisis of capitalism, with wages being forced down and unemployment reaching the highest levels for over 30 years, only a militant fight can defeat this legislation.

It therefore demands:

1. Total non-co-operation with the Industrial Relations Act and
2. The immediate expulsion from the TUC of any Trade Union that collaborates with the Tory laws.
3. That the Trade Unions defend and expand the closed shops, and oppose both agency shops and legally binding agreements.
4. That the Trade Unions maintain and officially support blacking and sympathy strikes.
5. That no Trade Union strike be postponed because of government orders to delay it for 60 days.
6. That no Trade Union organise secret ballots except where required by existing rules.
7. That no Trade Union pays any fines or penalties and officially support any refusal to do so.
8. That all strikes be made official and that the national Trade Union officials take official responsibility for these disputes.

Conference recognises that this legislation is an essential part of the Tory attack and that it seriously threatens the political work of revolutionary socialists.

Conference therefore agrees:

- (a) to defend Socialist Worker and any other paper attacked by the Act.
- (b) to defend any members of the organisation and any other socialist who are prosecuted for supporting strikes.

Conference further believes that only industrial action can defeat the Act and therefore resolves to:

- i. Launch a propaganda campaign against the Act.
- ii. Demand that individual Trade Unions, groups of Trade Unions and the TUC organise strikes and other solidarity action in support of any workers or unregistered Trade Unions prosecuted under the legislation.
- iii. Organise strikes, occupations and other forms of industrial action where the Act is used.
- iv. Take strike action against any attempts to destroy closed shops.
- v. Build genuine Trade Union local Councils of Action to co-ordinate and spread rank and file solidarity action wherever prosecutions under the Act take place.
- vi. Fight against those Trade Union leaders who refuse to seriously oppose the legislation.
- vii. To work for the defeat of this Tory Government.