

# Vote 'YES'

for national action to...

## Defend jobs, pay, conditions & postal services!



**R**ecent strikes by London postal workers, 160 other balloted workplaces and now the indefinite strike at Stoke are all a direct result of an undeclared war by Royal Mail management on postal workers and the CWU. Every part of the country is involved which shows that management are on the offensive against jobs, rights and conditions like never before.

Plans to privatise at least the most profitable parts of RM have only been postponed until after a general election. But while Mandelson & Brown have put back privatisation for now, in a futile attempt to win votes and 'buy off' trade union leaders, their own henchmen led by millionaire Crozier are imposing draconian cuts NOW to provide a base for spivs & speculators to make millions in a future privatised industry.

At the same time RM bosses are trying to keep some workplaces sweet whilst they attack others like Stoke, Coventry, Crewe etc. But make no mistake if they get away with their current attacks they will come for the others later. The only way to stop management's divide & rule tactics is for national action from the CWU leadership. Local areas must not be left to fight alone where in Stoke for example some workers are being pressured to 'relocate' to Sheffield – a 126 mile round trip across the Pennines! (continued overleaf)



## **Socialist Party says:**

- Defend all jobs – even where workers take voluntary redundancy!
- No to forced 'relocation' of workers!
- No to increased workloads!
- Launch an immediate national campaign for a massive yes vote in the national ballot!
- Defend union rights; stop attacks on union reps
- No to "no strike" agreements – defend our right to strike!
- Return all privatised postal services (including business letter delivery) to a public postal service!

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Crozier and the rest of the overpaid RM bosses want a compliant workforce and a union no longer capable of defending its members. The daily bullying and harassment of workers coupled with increasing attacks on CWU reps facility time is the most serious attack yet on workers conditions.

Faced with this onslaught, it's no use the CWU leadership offering Royal Mail bosses 'no-strike agreements'. Instead the union should mobilise its full force against this offensive. It should immediately launch a nationwide campaign for a massive 'yes' vote for strike action in the national ballot from 9 to 23 September.

But Mail Centres like Leek Road, Stoke and others face closure before a national yes vote could be turned into action. Therefore, if any attempt is made to close any threatened workplaces the CWU should call immediate national action. This would allow us to demonstrate united opposition to management's plans. Of course this would mean defying the anti-trade union laws but the CWU would be entirely justified in doing so. Other workers have already proved earlier this year that anti-union laws can be successfully defied.

# Action can defeat anti-union laws



Lindsey oil refinery construction workers have had a massive victory this year against job cuts and unfair hiring practises by the employers. Their walkout led to a walkout of

tens of thousands of construction workers across sites throughout Britain.



Visteon workers were sacked at a few minutes notice without proper redundancy pay and pension rights. They responded by occupying their factories in Belfast, Enfield and Basildon. The bosses were forced to come back to negotiations and the workers won their right to redundancy pay and other benefits.



Linamar car workers in Swansea took immediate action when their convenor was sacked for trade union activities and the bosses were forced to reinstate him.

What was common to all three disputes is that the anti-union laws were ignored, the bosses were forced into negotiations and workers achieved victories in all three.

## Join the Socialist Party

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