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TAKE CHARGE OF BRITAIN LESSONS FROM THE CUBAN EXPERIENCE



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PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM

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The government says only billions of pounds raised from workers via taxation can save the financial world. Is that what we want? We must be more ambitious – save Britain for the working class, instead of pumping obscene sums of money into a failed system. Come to the meeting. Join the resistance. All welcome.

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Take charge: lessons from the Cuban experience

Today, we see declining capitalism falling apart before our eyes.

Capitalism is worried about the prospect of an economic decline of 1 or 2 per cent. So how would it cope with minus 40 per cent?

Quite simply, it could not. Our government is incapable of controlling capitalism because it is capitalism that controls our government.

Across the Atlantic, Cuba has emerged from its 'Special Period outside of War', a period of economic crisis caused by the collapse of the Soviet Union and the tightening of the US blockade of the island.

Cuba's Gross Domestic Product fell by 40 per cent and it experienced shortages of every kind of product that it previously imported from the Soviet Union



Cuban workers meeting to plan reconstruction after the hurricanes.

and Eastern Europe, from food and oil to soap and paper.

The Special Period saw rationing and hardship, similar to the British Special Period during the Second World War. Predictions of economic collapse were regularly made by Cuba's enemies who also did everything they could to undermine the Cuban Revolution.

When the history of this Special Period is eventually written, it will be seen as one of the defining moments of working class revolutionary history, on a par with the Paris Commune. So how did Cuba manage to survive the Special Period and come out the other end with its economy in growth and its reputation so high in the world?

What we in Britain can learn from the Cuban experience is that the working class can take control and can achieve the impossible.

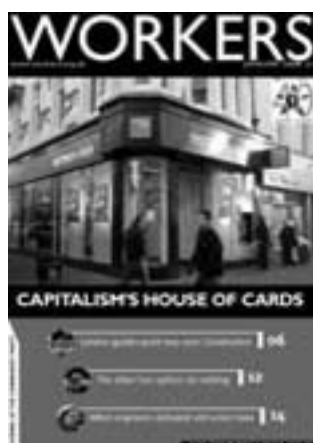
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DESPITE ALL THE promises, Labour is trying to take us into a European superstate without giving the people of Britain a chance to say what they think.

The so-called Constitutional Treaty is just the despised Constitution in another form, as even Giscard d'Estaing, author of the first attempt, has admitted. In backtracking on the referendum promise Gordon Brown is trying to wipe out a thousand years of independence and sovereignty using his tame party in Parliament.

The will of the British people has been clearly expressed in opinion poll after opinion poll. Now it is time for a poll of a different kind, a referendum. The TUC is already trying to renege on its September vote for a referendum. Don't let power slide over to Brussels.

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