

Mr. Heath took us into the Common Market without consulting us and against our will. Now Mr. Wilson claims that the "re-negotiated" membership terms have brought about a big change, and that we should vote to stay in.

But "re-negotiation" has turned out to be a swindle. It has changed nothing in the Common Market treaty, under which the British people and Parliament are denied the key rights they must have to tackle the economic crisis and decide our own future.

RIGHTS DENIED

These are some of the rights the Market denies:

- ★ The right to buy food freely and fix prices.

 That's why Market membership keeps food prices high even when world prices come down.
- * The right to decide what taxes are imposed.

 That's why we are saddled with the iniquitous VAT, which hits working people and small shopkeepers far more than the rich.
- ★ The right to curb the activities of the big monopolies and help the nationalised industries. That's why big business supports Market membership and is spending millions to try to brainwash people into accepting it.
- ★ The right to trade on mutually beneficial terms with nations throughout the world, and to control unnecessary imports.

 That's why membership has made the balance-of-payments problem much worse, with the EEC countries selling £2,000 million a year more in our market than we are selling in theirs.
- ★ The right to stop British firms and financial institutions investing abroad instead of in Britain.

 That's why there's a big business investment strike here, while British financiers are investing hundreds of millions of pounds in office blocks, hotels, land and industry in France, Belgium and other EEC countries.



It's nonsense to say that Britain will be "isolated" if we withdraw from the Market. It's the other way round.

The EEC is not Europe. It includes only 9 of 30 European countries. It excludes all the socialist, and several capitalist, countries. It is a closed economic and political bloc which maintains divisions and barriers between the people of Europe instead of removing them.

It is wracked by capitalist crisis, with four million out of work and more unemployment prophesied.

Out of the Market, Britain could extend trade with:

- ★ The socialist countries, whose economies are expanding and which do not suffer from soaring inflation and unemployment.
- ★ The Third World countries, which are building up their industries and agriculture, and want the machinery and industrial goods we can supply.
- * Australia, New Zealand and Canada, the countries in the European Free Trade Association, and in other parts of the world.
- ★ The countries of the Common Market itself. They won't stop trading with us when we leave it—they need our market as much as we need theirs.

Success in the campaign for withdrawal would create better conditions for the fight for an entirely new policy, including controlling imports and the export of capital, expanding the economy, raising pay and pensions, combating unemployment and extending nationalisation. This is the policy which the Communist Party campaigns for.

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