

OUR LIFE IN OUR HANDS
PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST ON BEHALF OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY

Running time: 10 mins. (incl. 2½ mins. live at end)

SCENE I: EXTERIOR. DAY. HYDE PARK. PANNING SHOT,
AND OTHERS, OF CROWD AT SEPT. 13TH DEMO.
(INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, CS OF GLADYS ON
PLATFORM)

SCENE II: EITHER EXTERIOR DAY IN BATTERSEA, OR STUDIO.
CS OF GLADYS.

Gladys: My name is Gladys Easton. I'm one of the 36 Communist
candidates who are standing in this election. We're
asking you to vote for Communists because our policy
is the only one that offers any real alternative.
We want to modernise Britain - and that can only be
done with Socialism.

We want to make democracy real - and that can only be
done by putting our country and its resources into the
hands of the people.

We want to defend Britain - and that can only be done with
a policy of peace.

To get these things we need Communists in Parliament.

SCENE III: INTERIOR. DAY.
CS OF JOHN GOLLAN AT DESK (SCREEN
CAPTION IDENTIFIES)

John: Look at the facts - the facts you won't get from the other
parties. Or the millionaire press. For instance, who
runs this country?
Yes, we're a democracy, but how much control do we really
have over our lives?
Well, let's see.
Britain is in the hands of 200 giant monopolies.
80 of them control half our industry

SCENE IV: CHART SHOWING MONOPOLY GRIP ON INDUSTRY,
SINGLING OUT STEEL COMPANY OF WALES,
ICI, VICKERS, COURTAULDS.
JOHN'S VOICE CONTINUES OVER:

John: Steel. Aircraft. Chemicals. Textiles.
Decisions taken in the boardrooms of companies like these,
together with the Big Five banks, property and insurance
companies, dictate:
How and when we work. What we eat and wear. How much
we pay for a roof over our heads.

SCENE V: JOHN AT DESK.

John: They and their political representatives, the Tories,
have made Britain Ferranti-land -- the profiteers' paradise.
Last year they made _____ in rent, interest & profit.
At the same time we have stagnant production, a balance of
payments crisis of £600 million, the pound at its lowest
since 1961, the cost-of-living soaring.
These men are anti-social, anti-British and out of date,
They're only interested in the wealth they can grab for
themselves.