Politics of the Middle
+ Re Exclusion of
Extremes

Owenism - Grand Nat. Consolidated Trades Union 1834

Corps. - New Lanark

Lovett - Br. Assn for Prosperity

National unions 1931-4

Labour news of other working class units

Strike working day

Demands for shorter working day

Owen - co-operation

Others - class struggle.

agricultural workers

building

potters

spinners

clothiers

GNCTU broken by central officers.

1834 part 1872, co-operative movement & unions. Lyovenism.

GNCTU - Lovett - political rights - political Chartism.

1836 - 37: London W. Man Assn.

Independent working class interests rather.

1838 - National Charter

distress
political oppression
agitation
economic crisis.

factory reform / poor law reform.

Chartism —— Anti-Corn Law League.

"condition of England" question.

divided society — Young
Disraeli
Carlyle.

1842 General Strike

1845. Short History of British Working Class Politics

(1837)
distress of unskilled } interests. Carlyle
w. class }

unemployed.

(1842) – depression

1843–50 – revival: (1847) – crisis.
\ end 40's railway boom.

price of corn-up; short work in mills.

economic background to political unrest

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middle class – upper anxious for trade.
Peel new + old. in classes.

w.class – economic + political causes (Marx).

Ruskin / Carlyle / Young England /
Dickens / Gaskell / Engels / Mill.

political views
Peel's navigation of tensions
defence.
religion.

the divisions in the "other nation"

declining - handloom weavers.
framknitters

"standard of living" - real wages ↑
consumption ↑
no social unity.

Ruskin Strikes - defensive
trade unions - defensive/economic.
aims.

1865: Not Asses of United Trades for
Protection of Labour.

Chartism: unusual national character
annual petitions
Hollick
exposed electoral defects.
no property qualification for MPs.
payment of MPs.

1838 - accepted by nearly 1m. c. people.
various struggles.

Place, reduced MPs Roebuck
Hume.

radical - peasantry agitation

"the use. beat the tories for the sake of the whigs".

after 1842 soon lost ground / 1848 revived, but -

Chief provincial centres - Plan
Yorks.
West Riding
Manchester

O'Connor
Oastler.
Hetherington

Northern Star

1838

Chartist Convention – People's Portrait

– anti-Poland in the early.
– intimidation – physical force.

1839. Pol. rejects the Charter.

note: Lovett quoted.

1839: Rvt/Newport – armed march broken.

1840: Rochdale Conf – O'Connor
Nat Charter Org.

National Rights

Catalogue leadership
democratic purpose

Lovett – Scot — pol + social reformer.

O'Connor – really people's friend

1842: defeat of 2nd Charter petition

1847-8. economic crisis
(1848)

new Commons. Whig

Kennington Common.

Peel / police / forged signatures.

Pal - drummed the Chartists: E. Jones
T.J.
W.J.P.
Ford.

At meetings of W.C. Establishment of
N.C.

Corn Laws

protective laws to hamper foreign competition in home market.

prohibited foreign imports until price of home wheat reached a high figure. 80/- per qr. - wheat. (1815)

1838: sliding scale - duty on foreign wheat dropped as home price rose.

evaded by Peel. demanded by landed interests.

effects of reduced agitation.

Anti Corn Law League

– repeal of Corn Laws.

Cobden. – Manchester manufacturer

Bright a Quaker industrialist from Rochdale

Manchester Tradition.

free trade – wide radical appeal.

prosperity for manufacturers.
cheapening the price of food.
demand for Engl. exports.

class alliance – network / humanitarian + religious (Bright).

propaganda
pressure in elections.

effective organisation for ideas of free trade.

formed + managed national opinion

1841 Cobden elected as M.P.

1842 riots – w/laundry league speech.
Chartists.

prodded workpeople the wrong

"Victoria" cricket in London. Cobden/Peel.

had hearts - kept up
Victorian propaganda.
Leonard. Charles

Free Trade Hall.
money
evil effects of C. Laws on operatives,
underfeeding, diseases, rickets.

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protection of foreign interests (bishops)
disorganised corn prices (merchants)
higher cost of bread high (workers)

Chartists / Leagues 1844.

Section of middle class

1841-2 Complete Suffrage Union.
Radicals

1842 - Anti-Corn Law League.
Anti Corn Law League - pressure group politics.

Opium and drugs 1845-6.

Conversion of Peel to free trade
1846.

Introduction

Cénat farm
County Hall's.

Traditionalist ruling class dismantled the landed aristocracy in favour of free trade (ideal) + the manufacturing classes.

Middle class opinion.
Second w. class influx agents.
leaders + proprietors of the soil.

Peel - instrumental to "dismantle the corpus":

aristos - popular.
M. class - drawn for industry
w. class - alienated.

hegemony – P314.

Peel

Oastler
Tory Radicals – anti-Whig
anti-Whig
anti-Whig
Free Trade
Whigs.
Pol. Economy.

Industrials.

market of workers + employers:
Peel – share the factors.
Poor Law standardised the costs.

Ecclesiastical
administrative efficiency.

Peel — Tories Tory.
Chartists Industrials.

Poor Laws exclude.

Charities: Society Conducted by
L. Classes

Royal Commn a Poor.
Public Health Reform.
(philanthropists - Poor architects)
Children in Mines - Ashley.
Factory Acts.
Pitchford. (Brougham).

balance of interests.

economic boom —

cost of progress

industry - the exploitation.

social consequences. - Polanyi.
Barbu.
Thompson.

defence of the weak.

landed interest - customs.

skilled artisan - union.

business + capitalism -

declining trades.

intelligentsia + civil service.

to end - Victorian explosion