

England can only fulfil its special mission if the ordinary English in the street can somehow get their hands on power.

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The past thirty years have seen a long series of cheques drawn upon the accumulated good will of the English people. That reserve may not be inexhaustible. By the end of another decade it will be finally clear whether England is to survive as a great nation or not. And if the answer is to be “Yes” it is the common people who must make it so.

[From ‘The English People’, by George Orwell, 1947]