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TWOPENCE

LABOUR'S POLICY

THE RECENT SPEECHES OF CRIPPS, ATTLEE AND MORRISON PROVIDE THE KEYNOTE OF THE POLICY OF THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT. THEY HAVE BEEN GREETED WITH SATISFACTION BY THE CAPITALIST

Had the Tories won the election, in fundamentals they would not have attempted to operate any different policy than that now put forward. It is nothing but a rehashed version of Churchill's toil, tears and sweat election speeches.

During the course of the war, the masses, spurred on by the Labour leaders made great sacrifices for what they were promised would be "a better world in the peace." Now that "peace" is here, they are urged by the Labour leaders to make further sacri-Labour leaders to make further sacrifices for some future day! As the old saying has it, jam yesterday, jam tomorrow, but not jam today.

Cripps explained that the consump

tion of the civilian population in Britain in 1944 was 15 to 20 per cent below that of 1939. And then, by implication, he proceeded to argue that it would be necessary to keep the standards of the working class on that

'It was reasonable (!) for people to expect and demand more foods furniture, clothing and household commodities of all kinds.

No people in the world had done more to deserve those better stand-ards of comfort, but the price of that increase of supplies to the home market would be the inability to maintain even the present inadequate volume of exports, and so the loss of even more foreign markets." The "Daily Herald" of September

10th, which reports Cripps' speech,

dent of the Board of Trade has begun to operate a new Plan to bring British competitive industries to the highest-pitch of efficiency. . . The Government's own share will be to sectional interest, to represent the

consumer rather than the producer.' As if the broad masses of "consum ers" and "producers" were not the same people with their families! Of course, all this is to be done in the name of that mythical entity "the national interest" (which translated ional interest" (which translated means the interests of capitalist-

imperialism).
The "Herald" continues to paraphrase and quote Sir Stafford:
"The object is to create the best

conditions in which the worker can produce with the least effort. 'If we can accomplish that, and indeed while we are working towards its accomplishment, there will be an obligation upon the workers to give of their best-not for the sake of (oh no! that will be incidental!) the owners profits (!?) but for the sake of our national economic survival and prosperity."

As an earnest thereof, the cotton orkers receive a niggardly increase of 10 per cent on their disgracefully low wages. And that only because it would be impossible to get Labour for the mills without some sort of increase in wages.

MORRISON WANTS 15 PER CENT INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY

The menace to the standards of the workers contained in the speech of Cripps is further underlined in the speech of Herbert Morrison to the (Continued on page 4.)

No Compromise ZHUKOV Heavily Laden: with Coalowners

Miners to be Sweated - Profits to Continue in Production Drive BY JOHN LAWRENCE

Mr. SHINWELL HAS APPEALED TO THE MINERS FOR AN EXTRA 8 MILLION TONS OF COAL IN THE NEXT 6 MONTHS. THIS IS TO TAKE PLACE WHILE THE MINES REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE COAL OWNERS.

The miners' leaders, without consulting the workmen, have endorsed this appeal for harder work on the part of the men. Full time paid "Production Officers" have been set up in every important coal field, and the job of "National Production Officer" has been given to Arthur Horner, Stalinist leader of the Welsh miners.

All this elaborate office machinery will provide lots of well paid jobs for the miners' leaders-but it will not solve the coal crisis.

It will be easier to get blood out of a stone than to get 8 million extra tons of coal out of an industry that has been ruined by over a hundred years of coal capitalism.

What are the causes of the drastic fall in coal production during the war years? Reduction in the number of miners employed from over 800,000 in 1939 to less than 700,000 in 1945. A desperate war-weariness due to six years of arduous toil under inhuman conditions and with entirely inade-quate food. Loss of the young man power of the industry. The ravages of Dust Diseases which, in the last five years in South Wales alone, has thrown 5,500 miners on to the scrap heap. And over and above all these factors, the chaos and inefficiency which private ownership has produced.

Despite their impressive titles, Horner and his "Production Officers" are to have no more power to altery

and experts" created by Major Lloyd George and the late National Govern-

Full financial and therefore technical control is to remain in the hands of the owners during the Production Drive. No wonder these parasites are "willing to co-operate!" Not only are they in full control but—they are to receive all the profits which they hope to make out of the increased sweat of the miners. Horner's job as Production Officer has nothing to do with Production. His only task will be to crack the whip over the miners. To spur them on to greater efforts and-an earlier death! But slave driving will not get more coal-not even when the chief Slave Driver is a one time Communist, who knows something about stakhanovism.

Years ago, before he became a respectable Trade Union leader, Horner used to stamp the valleys of South Wales denouncing the ugly and inefficient system of coal capitalism and urging the miners to unite to this state of affairs than that overthrow it. Only a year ago, in a

possessed by the hosts of "controllers | leaflet which was widely distributed in Wales, the present National Production Officer, Arthur Horner, said:

> 'Until the mines are taken out of the hands of the coal owners there can never be any real planting, co-ordination of production, effici ency, even on the basis of existing resources, utilisation to the full of present plant and facilities, or introduction on a large scale of modern American machinery."

Today he rejects all this! He accepts a job as a slave driver, and thereby places the responsibility for the falling output on the shoulders of the tired and war weary miners. No better service could have been rendered to the coal owners who have, of course always claimed that the low output was due to the "laziness" of the miner and not to their own rotten system of brutal exploitation.

If Shinwell and Horner were Socialists, they would not be wasting valuable time and the miners' money in creating soft jobs for the miners leaders. They would be campaigning to prepare the miners for the great task of taking over the mines. Instead of setting up State Bureaux which can solve absolutely nothing they would be creating the machinery which is to take the place of the existing managements after the mines are "Nationalised". Instead of urging the miners to work harder under present conditions they would be assisting them to establish an effective Workers' Control, without which "Nationalisation" becomes only increased slavery. But neither Shinwell nor Horner are Socialists so the job will have to be done by the miners themselves, despite them, and even against them.

If there is to be any real increase in coal production, then the working conditions of the miners must be IMMEDIATELY and SUBSTAN-TIALLY improved. Strange as it may sound, there can be no more coal the mines. The industry must the modernised. Machines must take the place of the tired muscles of the miners. Old and primitive pits must be closed down and new pits sunk. Production must be organised on the

SOCIALISM ON

Socialist workers were aghast when the photograph of Zhukov appeared in the capitalist press, adorned with ale his jewellery. The comment of the average worker was: "He looks like

ONE BREAST!

When the Red Army was first formed under the leadership of Lenin and Trotsky, one of the first decrees to be issued abolished all the officer titles, special privileges, medals and insignia which go to decorate the privileged officer caste. Here is part of the text of the Bolshevik decree, as published in the appendix to "Ten Days that Shook the World "by John

"ON THE EQUALITY OF RANK OF ALL MILITARY MEN

(1) All ranks and grades in the army, beginning with the ranks of Corporal and ending with the ranks of General, are abolished. The army of the Russian Republic consists now of free and equal citizens, bearing the honourable title of Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army.

(2) All privileges connected with the former ranks and grades, also all outward marks of distinction, are abolished.

(3) All addressing by titles is abolished.

(4) All decorations, orders and other marks of distinction are abolished.

(5) With the abolition of the rank of officer, all separate officers' organisations are abolished. . . . At the same time as this picture

the Russian wireless appeared, approunced that separate officers' clubs of the eradication of provides distinction, have now been reintroduced by the Stalinists.

This is but one further demonstration of the steps backward which are being taken by the Stalinists in the Soviet Union.

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BRING THE TROOPS DAUR MUVIL BY PTE, JOE KING

SINCE THE WAR OFFICE ISSUED ITS OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON DEMOBILISATION, THE STORM OF PROTEST HAS GROWN. FOLLOWING THE DEMONSTRA-TION OF THE GARRISON AT GIBRALTER, THE MARINES AT WREXHAM HAVE SHOWN IN NO UNCERTAIN MANNER THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT RATE OF DEMOB.

The Press has been deluged with letters from serving men and their families calling for speedier release. The T.U.C. at its Blackpool Conference, has been forced to pass an Emergency Resolution.

There is no doubt that the Government has been shaken. But it continues to hedge. In his broadcast to the nation, Attlee warns the workers of the chaos that will follow "too hasty" release from the forces,

George Isaacs, Minister of Labour and National Service has produced a flood of figures which are sufficiently involved that they may well be used to prove almost anything. By these he attempts to show that by any real speed-up of demobilisation, the result would be widescale unemployment.

Meanwhile, at home and abroad entire units have become redundant and several million men and women are either standing idle or kept at some useless task devised by brasshats, intent on maintaining their Establishment.

RELEASE MEN AND DEMAND T.U. RATES

When Attlee speaks of the chaos which would follow "too hasty" mobilisation, does he mean that there is no relation between the much boosted Demobilisation Plan and the equally publicised scheme for the Re-allocation of Manpower? If this is so, the solution is in his own hands. greater part of industry is still subject to Government control. This was deemed necessary to plan for war production, it should be equally simple to plan for peace time production. During the election, Labour repeatedly stated that they would not allow vested

interests to interfere with Labour's

plans for industry.

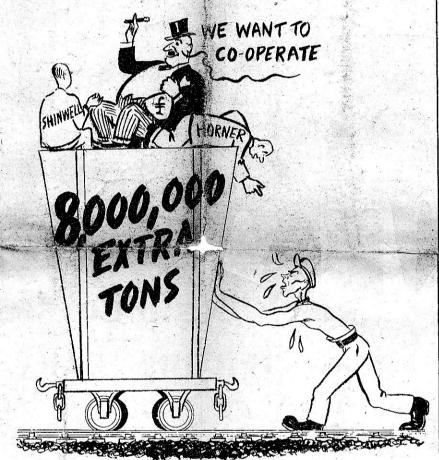
If the Government is faced with a time lag between discharge from the army and re-absorption into industry, is that any reason why the discharge should be held up? If men are to be idle in their own homes for some months, they are no less idle in camps or barracks. Let the Labour Government release them and maintain them at Trade Union rates until they find

TROOPS TO BE USED AGAINST OPPRESSED WORKERS

As we pointed out, however, in the last issue of "Socialist Appeal", the real reason for this slow release from the forces is the determination of His-Majesty's Labour Government to up-hold British imperialism. For this reason, it wishes to maintain a large force under arms "to prevent disturbances in Europe." (Attlee in the House of Commons, August 16th), and maintain "order" in the colonies.

Already, British troops are being used by the Labour Government to brutally repress the workers and peas-ants of Indo-China in their struggle to gain freedom from their French imperialist exploiters. These Vichy gangsters, who have called on the British to aid them against the Indo-Chinese struggle for Independence, are the self same people who collaborated with the Japanese imperialists.

It seems that Labour is unable to learn from the past. After the last (Continued on page 4.)



"Shift that Big Fat Boss Off"

INDIA—Labour Gets the Line from Tories

BY V. SIMMS

RELIABLE INFORMATION REACHES US THAT THE LABOUR LEADERS ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THE SAME "CONTINUITY OF POLICY" AS THE FORMER TORY GOVERNMENT, NOT ONLY IN RELATION TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BUT ALSO IN RELATION TO THE KEY QUESTION OF INDIA.

The pledge of freedom for India is to remain on paper only.

The "Labour" Secretary of State of India, Mr. Pethick Lawrence, is striving as hard as he can to make sure that there can be no discernable difference between his policy and actions, and those of his notorious predecessor, L. S. Amery.

According to well-informed sources the fantastic situation exists whereby Pethick Lawrence refused to receive a deputation of Labour back bench Members of Parliament, who wanted to make certain proposals on the necessity for elections in India, and the introduction of Civil Liberties. he received a deputation of back bench Tory M.P.s and gave a sympathetic hearing to their arguments as to why the position in India should not be altered from what it was under the Tory Government and gave them a promise that their point of view would receive careful consideration.

In addition to this calculated insult to the rank and file Labour M.P.s and the Labour movement, the Secretary of State for India asked the Viceroy, Lord Wavell (who is here to discuss the Indian situation and make sug-

Wavell was not asked to M.P.s interested in the Indian ques-

Despite the nominal suggestion to Labour leaders, Pethick Lawrence has proposals, which left decisive control completely in the hands of the Viceroy and British Imperialism, were rejected by the Indian masses and

this shameful policy of imperialist repression be repudiated by the Labour movement, and that the elementary democratic right should be extended to the Indian people to decide their own fate without interference by British Imperialism.

R.O.F. WORKERS FIGHT REDUNDANCY

BY BILL HUNTER

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th, A DELEGATE CONFERENCE OF ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORIES' EMPLOYEES WAS HELD AT NOTTINGHAM. THE CON-A DELEGATE FERENCE MET TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEMS THAT R.O.F. WORKERS ARE FACING AS A RESULT OF THE TRANSFER FROM WAR TO PEACE TIME PRODUCTION.

The closing down of Government is going to operate the reconversion to factories has raised urgent questions peace time industry in a capitalist or with regard to their future in the minds of these workers. The Govern-ment has announced that only 19 of these R.O.F.s are to be retained; of those to be closed, some are to be taken over by private enterprise, others are to become Government trading estates. In the meantime, thousands of workers are threatened with redundancy, or have already been discharged.

In the Welsh factories alone approx imately 120,000 are to be displaced.

The Conference of thirty-eight delegates which met to consider this prob lem, significantly enough, consisted not only of representatives of the industrial workers, but also of representatives from the Staff Associations-a combination which the Trade Disputes Act had, up to the present, effectively prevented.

The delegates there pledged them-selves "to act in association with our. fellows throughout the R.O.F. organisation, to take all action possible to secure a stay of execution of transfers and to ensure the formulating of a permanent scheme embodying the R.O.F.s for the manufacture of arms and the provision of goods and serve ices required by the people".

A deputation was elected to interview the various Ministers, including the Minister of Reconstruction, and to "state the case for the retention of R.O.F.s under state control, the deputation to contact all suitable persons and organisations to further our aims.

The resolution passed further declared "we contend a Government elected so recently with such a powerful mandate from the people should employ the great R.O.F. organisation as the framework of a scheme which must eventually involve a nationalised engineering and chemical industry" The problem which faces the R.O.F. workers is a general one, one which faces millions of workers in industry

and the armed forces. It is the prob-lem of whether the Labour Government

peace time industry in a capitalist or a working class manner. Who is going to bear the brunt and make the sacrifices—the capitalist or the worker?

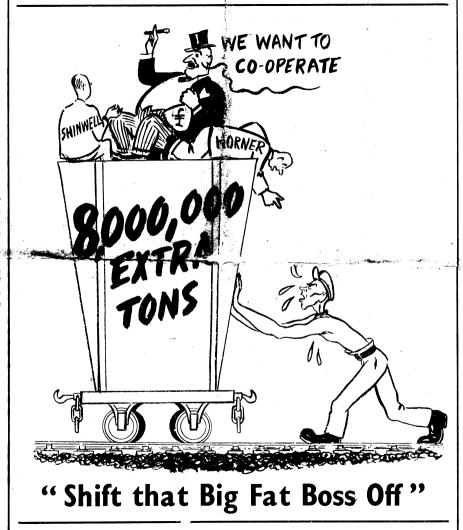
The 19 R.O.F.s which are to be re

tained are dispersed throughout the country in accordance with defence strategy, and they are to be duly engaged in churning out the materials for the next imperialist blood bath. The Government promises trading estates-it is suggested that there may be schemes such as Woolwich using its redundant capacity to turn out refrigerators. These are sops thrown to the workers which get nowhere near the roots of the problem. Even if they get any further than being promised, trading estates will solve future unemployment problems no better than they did in the past, when they carried on only on the basis of cheap labour and government subsides. To toy with the problem by getting small contracts for isolated factories, to build up small islands of nationalised production of peace time goods in a sea of capitalist economic relations will also entail government subsides and the eventual killing of the scheme under capitalist

The R.O.F. workers are demanding a That plan must be in the interplan. ests of the working class, in which the retention of R.O.F.s by the state and the production of peace time requirements are part of a national plan for the nationalisation of the banks and basic industries without compensation under workers' control. A government which called on the workers and technicians to set up their committees and aid in putting these measures of nationalisation into operation, a govern-ment which aided the workers during the transition by introducing a sliding scale of hours to absorb redundancy, a government, that is, which acted un-ashamedly as a class government basing its plans on the workers' interests and not on anarchic profit making interests, such a government could produce a real plan for reconversion. gestions and recommendations) to discuss the Indian situation with . . . Amery and Churchill! This, to establish agreement between the Labour tops and the Tory leaders on any proposals which would be sugdiscuss the problem with any Labour

abolish the India Office made by the been guided on every question by the reactionary permanent officials of the Civil Service. The Cabinet is backing his policy, and in assuming responsibility has asked Cripps to prepare a rehash of his 1942 proposals. These

their representatives. Labour workers must demand that





Missing Chapter from "Red Star Over China"

Mood Among the Soldiers

24th August, 1945.

a recent edition of Edgar Snow's "RED STAR OVER CHINA", a book which I had read some years previously, in 1937 to be precise. It Red Army, appeared in the Soviet seemed to me that the book was not Districts in 1933 to take up high posiquite complete and as my curiousity was aroused, I made a careful comparison between the 1937 edition and the recent edition.

To my astonishment I found that a complete chapter had been deleted from the recent issue. This was the chapter entitled "THE FOREIGN TRUST" and because the contents of that chapter reveal some startling statements when viewed in the light of present-day developments. I consider it essential that some effort should be made to learn the reason for its suppression in the recent

In my opinion, this chapter has been suppressed because of pressure exerted by certain schools of political thought to prevent the general reader from realising that all Germans are not Fascists and to bolster up the chau-

By the end of the year, we are told,

it is hoped to have 1,000,000 men re-

leased from the forces, exclusive of

some further few thousands more released conditionally under the "B"

The vast majority in the army had

confidently expected that this meant

up to at least 28 groups to be de-

mobbed by the end of 1945.

The official Government statement

on Thursday, 23rd August, that 'It is

hoped to release up to 23 group, possibly 26 group by the end of the year" was a distinctly cold douche,

and has been received with bitter re-

At the same time it is true to say that the men in no way, blame the

but rather regard it as a plan pre-

pared by the previous coalition govern-

Allied to this feeling of frustration,

dangerous trend. The feeling is

the jobs while the soldier, when he

gets out, will get only the crumbs, i.e.

commonly heard. We can be sure

that the yellow capitalist press will

to sow dissention and discord between

other hand, is widely supported.

another, a more subtle and

is going to get the pick of

Dear Comrades

Scheme.

A few days ago I glanced through | vinist anti-German propaganda of the

The chapter reveals how a German, General Li Teh, the only foreigner who ever fought with the Chinese tion, both politically and military. Previously he had been a Divisional Commander in the Red Army of Russia and was a graduate of the Red Army Academy in Moscow.

To quote from the Chapter in question:

"... as a German, the Reds also respected his (Li Teh's) analysis of the tactics which General Von

read the Communist Party's reaction struggles. His Majesty's "Commun-Donovan and the Stalinists began a was suppressed.

gorically the attitude of the soldiers.

After discussing with wide cross-

sections of workers in the army in

the past two weeks, the above is my

summing-up of the mood now prevail-

ing amongst the troops. The coming

period, as this mood develops, partic-

ularly in relation to the Labour

Government's failure to implement

even its own modest programme,

should find our transitional demands

gaining wider and deeper support from

Best wishes,

the soldier workers whom we reach.

M. F. Atkinson

Dockers' Struggles REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST Lessons of the First Defeat

The first round of the Stevedores' and Dockers' fight for 25/- a day national minimum has ended with a temporary victory for the Bosses. The Dockworkers' struggle, which was opposed by the Union leaders, has been sabotaged by the Stalinists.

BARRATT WITHDRAWS 28 DAYS' NOTICE:

The London Stevedores have learned with disgust that their General Secretary, Barratt, has withdrawn the 28 days' notice to the employers terminating all piece-work agreements. bring their members into line—a Party They have called him to a mass meeting to explain his actions which are contrary to union rules.

Barratt and the Progressive Com-

mittee had advised the dock workers to return to piece-work for 28 days in order to strengthen the hands of the Union Leaders and the Progressive the men agreed to return. Within a few days, they received the astounding news that the Progressive Committee had decided to dissolve! Now they have learned that the 28 days notice has been withdrawn! Thus, the Union leaders have them back at work confused and leaderless,

Until recently many sincere milit-Seeckt (another German) had given ants could not believe that Barratt-Generalissmo Chiang. How a "Communist" !- and the Progresdrastic a thing it was, as those two sive Committee—a "militant commit-German generals, one a Fascist to tee"— would be partners to such a the soul, the other a Bolshevik, disgusting self-out. It is now clear, fought against each other through no matter what excuses are offeredthese two Chinese armies during and plenty will be invented—that the Red Revolution!" It would be extremely interesting to liberately smashed the dock workers'

BY J. DEANE

line of strike-breaking .

BOSSES AND STALINISTS FEAR NATIONAL LINK-UP

The first militant rank and file committee was formed on the Liverpool

expenses, as a gesture of solidarity. genuine workers' programme. dock worker throughout the country hailed this essential step forward, every capitalist newspaper met it witn abuse; every Trade Union official and

Stalinist stooge tried to smash it. Realising that the creation militant rank and file committees in London and Liverpool by the dockers, workers could fight the bosses' attacks and prevent the sabotage of their the Union "leaders" struggles by

mittees and their attempts to form a national movement. This campaign was, and still is, principally directed against the Trotskyists and our revo lutionary communist policy.

This reactionary campaign, has caused the Liverpool and London rank and file committees to disintegrate and dissolve, in spite of the attempts of the militants to maintain them The supporters of the Stalinists have left the Dockers and Stevedores high The London dock workers welcomed this committee, and immediately subdockers continue the struggle for rank On this understanding scribed £11 3s. 6d. for the committee's and file committees, based upon Against the Union officials and the Stalinists, who tried to prevent a accused of "Trotskyism" shows that national link-up, this committee both for the bosses and the reaction established contact with London and ary Union leadership, Trotskyism and other important ports. Every militant a militant workers' struggle are one and the same thing.

STALINIST EXCUSES

Already the Stalinists are busily engaged in fabricating excuses for the disgusting role of Barratt and the Progressive Committee. The most ridiculous, but typical excuse is that was the only way in which the dock the Dockers and Stevedores did not prove militant enough: that they did not back the Progressive Committee with action! Anyone connected with the dockers knows the situation: the to the reasons as to why this Chapter ist" Party held special meetings to national campaign against these comaction and were prepared to make any sacrifice to defeat the bosses; they had national support, and felt confident.

The truth of the matter is, of course, that the Stalinists are trying to place the responsibility for temporary defeat, which rightly belongs to them, upon the shoulders of the dock workers as a whole. The Progressive Committee persuaded the men to return to work, not vice versa. Another of the excuses made by the

Stalinists is that all militant rank and file committees are "against the unions." Every thinking worker knows how false this is. It is certainly true that all militant rank and file committees worth anything at all are opposed to the strike break-ing and class collaborationist policy of the Union "leaders". It is precisely because of the betrayal by the Union officials that such committees are formed. The very meaning and significance of the Trade Unions is that they are organisations of the working-class against the capitalists. Militant rank and file committees, along the lines of the Shop Stewards Committees, are not only necessary in day to day struggles, but also vitally necessary in the struggles to tear the Trade Unions away from the capitalist agents and convert them into militant class organisations. Who knows this

better than the Stalinists? The fact that the Trade Unions are controlled by bureaucrats like the Donovans and Condons, who are protected by the union constitutions, a labyrinth of rules and organisational procedure, in no way alters the need to fight within these unions against all anti-working-class policies. suggestion of forming new unions at this stage will play right into the capitalists.

PROGRAMME:

I. Nationalisation, of the Bank of England, the Big Five Banks and land, the mines, transport and all big industry without compensation; and the operation of these enterprises under the control of workers' committees.

Confiscation of all war profits; all company books to be open to inspection by trade unions and workers' committees to counter the financial and economic sabotage of Big Business.

Distribution of food, clothes, fuel and other consumers' goods in short supply under the control of committees elected from the co-ops, distributive trades, fachousewives and shop-keepers.

The control and allocation of existing housing space in the hands of tenants' committees; a state financed national housebuilding plan directed by the building trades unions and tenants committees.

5. A rising scale of wages to meet the increased cost of living with a guaranteed minimum and full maintenance for the unemployed; turnover of Government and other war plants to the production of consumers' goods; a sliding scale of hours to absorb the unemployed without wage reductions.

Abolition of the Monarchy and the House of Lords; full electoral rights from the age of 18 years; and full political rights for men and women in the forces; the immediate repeal of the Trade Disputes Act and all other strike breaking and anti-labour laws.

Clear out the reactionary antilabour officer caste from the armed forces; for the election of officers from the ranks.

Abolish conscription; for the dissolution of the standing army and its substitution by a workers' militia organised under control of workers' committees; for the establishment of military schools by the Trade Unions at the expense of the State for the training of worker officers.

Unconditional defence of the Soviet Union against all imperialist powers; full economic cooperation, credit grants and other aid for the reconstruction of

Full and immediate freedom for India and the other colonies to choose their own form of government; the immediate withdrawal or neutral troops from all colonial countries.

Against secret diplomacy and a peace of vengeance and plunder; against race hatred—anti-semitism, Vansittartism and the colour bar; for the withdrawal of British troops from Europe and Asia and for a peace based upon the self-determination of peoples of Europe, Asia and the World.

Full support and active cooperation with the European workers for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the United Socialist States of Europe; unity with the workers and exploited masses of all lands Socialism.

DO YOU THINK PERHAPS IF

"YOU'LL HAVE TO STAPE IN THE CORNER."

TYNE DOCKERS DISPUTE

BY BILL DAVY

On Tuesday, August 28th, 600 dock workers employed at the Tyne Imwidely held that once again the provement Commission, Tyne Dock, South Shields, resorted to strike action to implement a demand which had been twice submitted to arbitration in poorly paid jobs. This sort of talk is the past.

The demand, which was that the existing rate of pay (16/- per day) be attempt to capitalise on these feelings raised to 21/- per day, or an alternative of piece-rates be paid, affected only the soldier-worker and his comrades in industry, or the "redundant' men came out in sympathy with their

In the initial stages of the strike, A rumour has gone round, and been widely credited, that the Labour the dockers expressed great militancy Government is going to introduce a and keen desire to struggle. There flat gratuity rate of 30/- per month of was no lack of support for the strike service for everyone regardless of amongst dockers up and down the rank. The existing official scheme— river, as was expressed by the actions 10/- for the Private and greatly in- of a number of Jarrow dockers who creased proportions for senior N.C.O.s refused to scab when directed to Tyne

and officers, was very unpopular. The Docks.
rumour of the 30/- flat rate, on the However, in the absence of militant, clear sighted leadership, the There is also wide discontent with dockers began to vacillate and ulti-the domestic news from the "home mately, with naive faith, approached front". The ending of Lend Lease the local Dockers' Union organiser, and its proclaimed effect of shortage Lisle, to open negotiations with the

in Britain, has further unsettled the meeting was held on the docks, and troops over here. The sudden cessa- addressed by Lisle, who in the manner tion of war production and the typical of Trade Union and Labour creation of hundreds of thousands of fakirs, and in line with the out and "redundant" workers, inspires a out reactionary role he played in the further lack of confidence in the Newcastle dockers dispute in October prospects of post-war jobs and last year-he persuaded the men to resecurity. The most common joke sume work pending further negotiathese days is "Don't crash my match tions.

The soldier-worker sees the real better than the day they came situation clearly. All he knows is out. It is worthy of note that that the reiterated proclamations of when Lisle, who had been made bankrupt British capitalism, echoed responsible for press statements, was by the timid Labour leaders, for approached by the "Socialist Appea" export export!" seems to him crazy. for a report of the Sunday meeting, he At a time when the people at home refused to give one and resorted to the are crying out for essential commodi- worn-out reactionary slanders and ties, houses, etc., what point is there abuse to the effect that the "Socialist in sending out of Britain, commodities Appeal" was not a workers' paper. He that are badly needed by the workers then established his true alliances by at home? In this simple way the giving a statement to representatives troops reject the anarchy of capitalist of the capitalist gutter press, the methods of production and distribu- 'Evening Chronicle" and the "Shields tion. And the solution too, appears to Gazette." them clear and simple: there are

of commodity is needed, food has to strikes that are taking place throughbe grown-right! Let us get back out the country, and the outcome of it serves only to emphasise one point: On this background of a longing to if the dockers wish to gain anything be "out of the damned army" and the in their struggles they must link up At the moment and in bitter opposition to the class at home: "Give the Government time the Trade Union bureaucracy, who are and it will do wonders" is quite cate- sabotaging their fight for a better life.

Cannock Bevin Boys Issue Fighting Call

Below we publish a circular letter from the Cannock Miners Hostel Residents' Committee to other Bevin Boy hostels and miners' branches. The letter speaks for itself and needs no comment from us.

The hostility of the Bevin Boy's to the conscripted labour for the mines is becoming more pronounced with the end of the

The fact that the Bevin Boys are reaching out for contact and organisation within the miners' union on a national scale is a good sign of organisational maturity; and a welcome indication that sections of the working class are really preparing all their forces to gain their freedom from capitalist conscription of Labour. - Ed.

On Monday, 27th August, at a General meeting of Residents called by the Residents' Committee, the following resolutions were passed unanimously :--

1. "That a Deputation be elected from this meeting to interview the M.P. for Cannock on the question of our Demobilisation, and that the expenses be paid from the Welfare Fund."

2. "That steps be taken by the Residents' Committee to contact all other Hostels in order to promote a National Deputation to the Ministry of Labour." (This will probably mean interviews George Isaacs and Shin-

feeling of the Bevin Boys' showed an iron determination once and for all to make a decisive struggle for their freedom from the misery of the pits. We are strengthened in the fight by the knowledge that the Cannock Area of the National Union of Mine Workers is full out behind us in our struggle for immediate release. If the Bevin Boys' all over the country get the local miners and others to back them, as we are sure they can, then our movement can forge ahead, winning for us the mass support of all sections of

We therefore hope, indeed, request of you, that you thoroughly discuss the position at your hostel and from among your fellow-

the workers.

Cannock Miners Hostel, workers elect a deputation of delegates (we are tying our local delegation to Parliament down to a number of three). Then we ask you to send the names to us immediately. As soon as we get word back from a sufficient number of hostels we will call a meeting of all delegates at a central town and there we will thrash out our demands to Parliament.

In answer to the usual excuses about the coal crisis our hostel has gone down on record as unanimously agreeing that conscripted labour is not the solution. We have always maintained that the solution is "Nationalisation, without compensation, with the operation of the pits under the direct control of the miners." We may or may not agree with the above solution, but what every 'Bevin Boy' does agree with (if the feeling in our hostel is not an isolated case), is this :-

IT'S TIME THAT THE GOVERNMENT STOPS AT-TEMPTING TO SOLVE THE CRISIS OVER OUR BACKS! The war is over - enough of it then. We demand our release

We sincerely hope you will see the necessity of speedy action. If we delay — new laws will be passed condemning us to this barbaric slavery for years to

Yours fraternally, H. Finch, Chairman, Cannock Miners Hostel Residents' Committee (On behalf of the Commit-

Spotlight on Events

BY "AGITATOR"

NOTHING TO DO BUT PRAY!

As a prize example of cynicism emanating from a realisation of the hopeless impasse into which capitalism is leading. we reproduce the following conclusion to a feature article from the Washington Correspondent of the "Times':

"But the greater enemy, inflation, is to be feared when reconversion is over; and though it is unlikely that it will come, as it did in the twenties, with a stock-market boom, there are other quarters from which the wind may blow. There is little or nothing that other nations can do about it — except to pray."

WHERE CHURCHILL & CO BRAVED THE BLITZ

From the "Daily Mail", Sept. 8th, we learn:

"Seventy-five workmen were yesterday pulling down fuxurious flats for ten families in Faraday Buildings, Queen Victoria Street,

"These were the shelter homes of Winston Churchill and members of his War Cabinet during the London blitz. They contain modern margie will be the shower baths, all-German Communist Party, in a contain modern worth speach reported by the "Daily electric kitchens, and £10,000 worth speech, reported by the thickness of blast walls.

former tenants are an occasional system in Germany." burnt-out cigar or an empty French scullery cupboards." Well might Churchill tell the suffer- munism,

| ing London workers: "It's a great life if you don't weaken"!

STALINISM

The Stalinists are sparing no pains in their efforts to help their Kremlin master prove to the capitalists that they are opposed to socialism and stand for the continuation of capital-

On September 1st, the Communist Party held its first public meeting in Argentina for 15 years. Although the 'Daily Worker" omits all reference to others appearing on their platform, the "Times", Sept. 3rd, reports:

"The speeches were moderate in tone, the chief Communist orator even advocating the introduction of more foreign capital into Argentina. On the platform with the Communists were representatives of the other anti-Government political parties, including the Conservatives, whose oligarchy outlawed Com-munism during its singularly antidemocratic 13 years tenure of office

between two revolutions.
... "The Conservatives, represent the landowners capitalists, are flirting with the Communists united only by Government feelings."

of air conditioning systems, sur- Worker", Sept. 8th, recommended "the rounded on all sides by a 4 ft. splitting up of the Junkers estates" and went on to say "that the Com-"Today, the only reminders of the munist Party did not want a Soviet

It is time for the militants of the wine bottle in one of the many Stalinist Parties to realise that only the Trotskyists really stand for Com-

home and do the job!

insecurity of the future, there is also with dockers in other ports on the great hopes that the worker-soldier national scale, and conduct a militant places in the Labour Government - co-ordinated struggle, independent of that is the one bright thing he sees collaborationist, strike breaking policy

in the welter of chaos and shortages of the lieutenants of the boss class-

Dear Brother.

of food supplies and damage to the employers.

development of peace time industry On Sunday, September 2nd, a mass

selling pitch when I see you in civvy
The dockers resumed work on the street!"

The strike of the Tyne Dock workers houses needed, practically every type is only a link in the chain of dockers'



"YOU'LL HAVE TO STAP" IN THE CORNER."



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EDITORIAL

Planning Ahead in Germany

The Allied capitalist press spared no indignation at the crimes of the Nazis in Occupied Europe. The callous disregard of the Fascist gangsters at the starvation and death of hundreds with the ultra-lefts, the of thousands of workers and peasants aroused the justified horror and hatred of the masses throughout the world. Editorials in all the press, speeches by the capitalist statesmen, denunciations from the pulpits, solemn invective from the lips of the Trade Union Labour and Stalinist leaderships; all these were mobilised to condemn the undoubtedly atrocious and inhuman actions of the

Yet Germany, under the Allied conquerors, presents no rosy contrast to Europe under the iron heel of Fascism. Mass deportations from Eastern Germany, Poland and Czecho-slovakia, for which the Stalinist bureaucracy must assume full responsibility are no whit more wholesome when conducted under the slogan of "democracy" than when conducted under the barbarian racialism of the Nazis. Thousands of old men, women and children have died for want of food, water, heat and adequate shelter as a consequence of this policy. Millions of people have proletariat, fighting under its own flag been added to the already overstrained and shattered economy of the rump of Germany. It is impossible to feed, house and shelter them even on a sub-normal standard. Thus, in pursuance of their Germany!); the savage terror on the reactionary aims of dismemberment and plunder, neither the suffering of the German people, nor the economic chaos which Dutchman on whom an illegal publiaffects all Europe is allowed to stand in their path.

The fiction that the Germans supported Hitler, and would country (the weekly rations after prepare an underground movement to carry out the aims of the bread, 1 kilogram of potatoes, 4 kilogram Nazis, has been virtually abandoned. It is admitted that the werewolf movement was a complete failure and had no support always distributed!). The result was whatsoever among the German masses. Nevertheless, the talk the masses, on the other, the complete of "re-educating" the German masses is still quoted as a solution of the "German problem". How well the "re-education" is proceeding is shown by the preparations for the coming winter in Germany.

Who said capitalism couldn't plan ?Serious preparations are being made in Germany now for the winter . . . to bury the dead who are to die of starvation and disease! The "News Chronicle" of September 10th, grimly reports "Nothing that the Allied nations, with the over-riding fuel and food needs of the European countries to meet, can now do, will prevent the German people dying on the scale of hundreds of thousands this winter. . . . Faced with the prospect of disaster overwhelming a whole nation, the Allied Public Health authorities are ordering burgomasters to take measures ensuring the easy burial of the dead in the winter.

Graves are to be dug now which men debilitated by weeks of under-nourishment will not have the strength to dig in a few months time. Low rations and ill health will have left their resistance like that of the whole people, women and children included—undermined and an easy prey to epidemics.

Coffins will have to be dispensed with, what wood is available being needed for fuel." To such nightmares has capitalism reduced modern civilization!

A real effort on the part of Britain and America could undoubtedly still remedy the situation. But the imperialists look with equanimity if not indifference to this situation. The classconscious workers and soldiers cannot but view the events with the same horror as they regarded the famines in Nazi-occupied Europe. Already reports are trickling through of the feeding of starving German women and children by British Tommies and American Doughboys in the armies of Occupation.

Working class solidarity demands that the organised workers WALES: of Britain and America should demonstrate their class solidarity with the German people. They must demand that measures should be taken to avert this horrible tragedy.

The seeds of bitter hatred are being sown in the national humiliation, degradation, plundering and dismemberment of Germany. On this soil a new movement of revenge will grow. Thus capitalism and the Stalinist policy prepares for new wars in rule, very sympathetic to our case. Europe. Under capitalism there can be no solution. There is in this world enough for all, if the workers of the world stand united to take it. Only a Socialist Germany in a Socialist United States of Europe can provide a final solution to the problems of Europe. Only under workers rule will the indifference and cynical squandering and waste of human lives be ended forever.

DEBATE

WHICH PARTY SHOULD THE WORKING CLASS SUPPORT

R. C. P. or S. P. G. B. ? TONY TURNER — Socialist Party of Great Britain TED GRANT — Revolutionary Communist Party LARGE HOLBORN HALL SUNDAY. SEPTEMBER 23rd, at 7 p.m.

TROTSKYISM IN HOLLAND

The Belgian Trotskyist paper "La Lutte Ouvriere", organ of the Charleroi District Committee of the Belgian R.C.P., gives the following details on the Fourth International's work in Holland.

The Dutch section of the Fourth International, which has adopted the "Committee of provisional name Revolutionary Marxists" (C.R.M.), was formed in 1942 when the Dutch centrist organisation of Sneevliet, the R.S.A.P., split into two parts after the arrest of a large part of its leader-ship by Nazis.* One part fused One part fused radenkomby Herman Gorter in Holland after his break with Lenin in 1921). Another part based itself on the programme of the Fourth International, which it decided to join at a later conference.

THE WORK OF OUR DUTCH

COMBADES From the beginning of their activity, our comrades were the only organisation which really fought against the stream of the imperialist war and national unity with the bourgeoisie. While supporting all demonstrations and actions of the masses against Hitlerite imperialism, (for example) the general strike of April, 1943), the C.R.M. conducted a merciless struggle against the nationalist organisations in the service of the Dutch imperialst bourgeoisie, against the chauvinist spirit which was spread among the working class, and for the formation of an independent organisation of the and with its own class slogans. struggle was particularly difficult, due to the atomisation of the Dutch work-(500,000 deported class part of the Nazis (during the last months of the occupation, every cation was found was shot on the spot!); the terrible famine in the November, 1944 were: 400 grams of grams of beetroot and 100 grams of cheese, and these rations were not

i-monthly. By June, 1945, 46 numbers of this paper had appeared. In addition, our comfades published many leaflets, a number of internal bulletins and a series of theoretical pamphlets, containing the Dutch translation of the basic works of Leon Trotsky,

passage of the Social-Democrats and

Stalinists into the nationalist camp.

In spite of all these difficulties, our

comrades published an organ, "De

appeared monthly at first, later

Rode October" (Red October), which

THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE WORKERS' MOVEMENT

The Dutch reformist S.D.A.P., conducted no independent

* It is known that 7 leading militants. of the R.S.A.P. were executed by the Nazi hangmen, after having maintained a magnificent attitude before their judges and in the camp at Amersfoort, in Holland, on the eve of their execution. Among the

20,000 prisoners in the camp, the internationalist courage of our comrades of the R.S.A.P. who went to national" and calling on the German soldiers to struggle against the imperialist war, and fraternise with the Dutch workers, legendary, and all the Dutch prisoners in Germany who came from Amersfoort, spoke of it in all the prisons and all the camps.

activity during the occupation. Its leaders right-wing". actively in the work of the bourgeois nationalist organisations and openly defended the thesis that the independent workers' movement should be dissolved and integrated into a vast "people's" movement. In 1942 the leader of the S.D.A.P. published a pamphlet under the pseudonym Spectator", in which he vigorously defended this "liquidationist" tion, After the capitulation of Germany the S.D.A.P. was reconstructed under the leadership of precisely these right-wing leaders, who scuttled it from inside. A left-wing is crystallising within this party, and hundreds of rank and file militants are opposed to its chauvinist policy of "continuing the war for the liberation of the Dutch East Indies", a colony which was savagely exploited by Dutch imperial ism before the war; where, in the Digoel camp, truly a model of Buchenwald, Indonesian revolutionaries and nationalists were exterminated on a mass scale.

The Dutch 'Communist" Party followed a chauvinist policy during ne occupation, which in practice was indistinguishable from the policy of

the bourgeois organisations. Today, the Dutch Communist Party De Groot, has called upon the memtion called "Friends of Truth", whose revolutionary workers who supported the C.P., because they saw in it the only organisation "to the left" of the reformists, have been profoundly disappointed by this new turn and are oking for another road

THE DUTCH PROLETARIAT RESUMES THE CLASS STRUGGLE

Recently-the Dutch workers, who are living in terrible poverty, have successfully taken up the weapon of the class truggle and the strike again. Since the capitulation of Germany, two great strikes have taken place, one of 30,000 workers at Amsterdam, one of 40,000 workers at the port of Rotterdam. Their demands are: improvement of food supplies, better living standards and letter wages. Struggling for trade union unity on the basis of factory organisations, our Dutch comrades will play a foremost rôle in the coming struggles of the Dutch proletariat, and against all the bureaucrats conciliationists, will keep the banner of the class struggle aloft. They are also in the front rank of the struggle for real democracy, for immediate elections, against the municipal councils and the "Consultative

Government." The 'Lutte Ouvriere " concludes :

"In the name of all the members and sympathisers of the Revolutionary Communist Party we publicly greet our Dutch comrades; for five years we have conducted the same struggle, have met the same difficulties, fought the same enemies, supported Fourth International, the world party of socialist revolution, we shall continue this struggle to find victory: the destruction of the capitalist régime, the author of war and fascism, and the building of the Socialist United States of Europe and the World."

PARTY NOTES

BY M. LEE

NEATH. The Branch is pushing chead in all spheres of activity. It has set itself the aim of doubling the membership by Christmas — and has every possibility of achieving this. Regular Open Air Meetings are held every Saturday night outside the Co-op in Neath. They are well attended and the audiences are, as a Street sales are conducted by the members every Saturday afternoon and the sales average between 150-200 n each such towns as Ammanford. Neath, Aberdare and Port Talbot.

The Autumn series of Lectures will be held in the Party Office, at 17, Alfred Street, Neath, every Sunday at 6.30 p.m., commencing Sunday, September 30th. Comrade John Lawrence will be the Lecturer. In expectation of some really good attendances, the local comrades are now spending all their spare time (and cash) in cleaning and re-decorating the Party

GWAUN-CAE-GURWEN. Comrade Johnny Jones ("Crown") has been chosen by the Branch to represent the Party in the forthcoming Municipal Elections and will contest the seat on Pontardawe Rural District Council. Whichever way the result goes, we are all confident that he will put up a good fight for Revolutionary Communism. In preparation for the campaign, the Gwaun-cae-Gurwen Branch is intensifying its drive to in-

crease the sales of the "Socialist Appeal", and plans have been made for regular street sales in Ammanford besides the pit-head sales in Gwaun cae-Gurwen.

LONDON

The Party Branches in London have concluded the necessary organisational adjustments for the next 12 months. The London District Committee is laying down plans for a campaign for doubling the London membership. Comrade Ajit Roy, newly elected London Organiser, has made a good start by undertaking the overhaul of the London premises armed with paint and brush. Provincial comrades will be pleasantly surprised when they

visit London in the ensuing months. Open air meetings have been held regularly in North London, Hampstead and Southall. "Socialist Appeals and other literature have sold well at these meetings. Plans are being made for extending this valuable form of propaganda activity, which will lay the basis for a widespread propaganda

drive in the coming summer months. The most important activity under taken by the London District has been regular and consistent work among the London Dock workers. Open air meetings have been addressed by Comrade Jimmy Deane, and regular meetings are being held in co-opera tion with the militant elements in the docks. The articles in the "Socialist Appeal" dealing with the recent

(Continued in next Column.)

Stalin Falsifies Communist History

Stalin's Victory over Japan broadeast was a striking symptom of what is taking place in the Soviet Union. It is an indication of the speed with which all the ideals of Socialist Internationalism and Bolshevism are being replaced with the reactionary traditions of Czarist chauvinism.

His speech contained not one word about Socialism or solidarity with the workers and peasants of Japan or other lands

Instead of this Stalin appeals to the legend of Russian national resentment regime by Japan in 1905:

"But the defeat of the Russian troops in 1904 in the period of the Rasso-Japanese war left a grave imprint on the mind of our people. It was a black stain in the history of our country.

Our people were confident and awaited the day when Japan would

We men of the older generation have waited for 40 years for this day, and now it has come." ("Daily

This is so much chauvinist ranting entirely in contradiction with the real history of Russia. The Bolshevilles. under the uncompromising leadership of Lenin, welcomed the defeat of Russia by Japan as helping towards the Russian Revolution which broke out in 1905. Lenin and Trotsky were has been dissolved, and its leader, Paul not concerned with such capitalist ideas But it is not as national prestige. bers of his party to join an associa- necessary to give quotations from the words of Lenin on the real position, aim is to create a large popular Stalin himself gives the lie to Stalin. movement, including "all democrats In the so-called "History of the Comfrom all classes of society". Many munist Party of the Soviet Union," published under the personal editorship of Stalin in 1939 (which presents even at that stage a nationalist revision of Bolshevism and an entirely falsified version of its history) the picture in the Far East is presented in an altogether different fashion:

1939 STALINIST VERSION

"At the end of the nineteenth entury the imperialist states began an intense struggle for mastery of the Pacific and for the partition of China. Tsarist Russia, too, took part in this dozens of different versions of the struggle. In 1900, Tsarist troops "histories" which have preceded it.

together with Japanese. British and French troops suppressed with unparalleled cruelty an uprising of the Chinese people directed against the foreign imperialists. Even before this the Tsarist government had compelled China to surpender to Russia the Liaotung Peninsula with the fortress of Port Arthur. Russia secured the right to build railways on Chinese territory. A railway was built in Manchuria—the Chinese-Northern Eastern Railway-and Russian troops were stationed there to protect it. Northern Manchuria fell under the military occupation of Tsarist Russia. rsardom was advancing towards Korea. The Russian bourgeoisie was making mans for founding a 'Yellow Russia' in Manchuria.

Its annexations in the Far East brought Tsardom into conflict with another marauder. Japan, which had rapidly become an imperialist country and was also bent on annexing territories on the Asiatic continent, in the first place at the expense of China. Like Tsarist Russia, Japan was striving to lay her hands on Korea and Manchuria. Already at that time Japan dreamed of seizing Sakhalin and the Russian Far East. Britain, who feared the growing strength of Tsarist Russia in the Far East, secretly sided with Japan. War between Russia and Japan was brewing. The Tsarist government was pushed into this war by the big bourgeoisie, which was seeking new markets, and by the more reactionary sections of the landlord class . . . '

"The Bolsheviks, headed by Lenin, held that the defeat of the Tsarist government in this predatory war would be useful, as it would weaken Tsardom and strengthen the revolution.

The defeats of the Tsarist armies opened the eyes of the masses to the rottenness of Tsardom. Their hatred for the Tsarist regime grew daily more intense. The fall of Port Arthur meant the beginning of the fall of the autocracy, Lenin wrote.

But this was published in 1939 and the degeneration has speeded up since then. Presumably a new version will have to be written, to follow the

Hiroshima They Hate You"

Journalists who entered Japan with the Allied armies have reported on what remains of Hiroshima after the use of a single atom bomb.

James McGlincey, of B.U.P., tells the

"Only the vultures live now in tervention a clear idea of the vast destruction ing class ferment caused by one bomb unless they could see Hiroshima. . When I suddenly realised that all this complete destruction-complete is the word which best describes it—as well as the damage done miles away to buildings whose shells were still standing, had been caused by one bomb I suddenly became very frightened."

McGlincey was given the following count by Japanese Doctors:

They told me that they were afraid everyone who was wounded in Hiroshima, no matter how slight the wound, and even if it was only a cut, was doomed.

They thought that the final death-roll would be at least 150,000. They told me that those who were injured by the effects of the bomb found their hair falling out, their gums bleeding. On examination their blood was found to have on'y one-seventh of the nominal number of white corpusdes. The injured grew weaker and weaker and finally

"Do the people hate us here or do they regard all this as the fortune of war?" the guide was asked. 'They hate you" was the reply.

/Apart from a few individual propetrated at Hiroshima. The British for wars. Labour Movement has not seen fit to

By C. R. BROOKS

dissociate itself from this bloody crime of the ruling class.

In 1919-1921 the imperialists sent bllowing story of the stricken towns: large and well-equipped armies of inagainst Hiroshima, first city in the world Revolution. In Spain from 1936-1939 to be atom-bombed. . . It was as if the German and Italian imperialists all the bombed towns in the world launched large-scale military attacks had had their devastated areas lifted against the Spanish Revolution. In out and all had been placed together Italy after the fall of Mussolini here. . . . Few people in Britain, British bombers were sent to destroy even those in badly blitzed areas, Milan and Turin, the largest industrial and no-one in the U.S., could have cities of Italy, and the centre of work-

> Who can doubt that Allied Imperialism would use the atomic bomis against the colonial peoples if it suited them to do so? Or that American imperialism would resort to the atom bomb against the socialist revolution in Europe should the need arise?

Revolutionary Socialists have always pointed out that the international solidarity of the working class is not an empty phrase, but a life and death question. Solidarity of the world working class saved the young Soviet Union from destruction. The atom bomb emphasises the absolute neces-More than ever before the revolutionary movement in one country needs the active support and intervention of the workers of all lands, if it is to paralyse the will of the capitalists and prevent the destruction of the revolution. The advent of the atom bomb poses point blank before humanity the choice of life through socialism, or destruction death and apitalist barbarism.

To gaze upon the ruins of Hiroshima is to gaze upon the fruits of imperial-Those who would ist achievement. live, those who would be free, who would seek a better world, will take their place in the struggle to achieve sts, there has been no condemnation that system of society that will have of this outrage against humanity per- no need for atom bombs, and no need

Workers of the World, Unite!

struggle in the docks have established The last two Sunday evening open air our paper in the eyes of militant meetings addressed by Comrade Lee committee, had a wonderful reception respectively. Stalinists on the defensive.

SHEFFIELD

writes: "Activity in the Sheffield area to attend. has, since the installation of the new

The printed leaflet distri- were attended by approximately 150 to buted, issued by the London District 200 people. Small but satisfactory Committee to the Dockers, pointing to collections have been made, and 63 the weaknesses in the Progressive and 75 "Socialist Appeals" were sold Meetings are to be nd had the effect of placing the carried on until weather forbids at the same place-Barker's Pool, each Sunday evening at 8 classes have now taken on a sub-The Secretary of the Sheffield stance, hitherto lacking, and all con-Branch, Comrade W. F. Cleminson, tacts and sympathisers are invited

A fund has been started in the District Organiser, Comrade Heaton area for premises, but we are finding Lee, intensified to a marked degree. it difficult to obtain a suitable place.

LABOUR'S POLICY Trotskyist Contesting

National Conference of Labour Women

"The Government," he said, "in-tended to socialise certain important basic industries and make them as efficient as possible.

Each of these industries would important contributions to make to increasing national produc-tivity, Efficient basic industries should stimulate the prosperity of all the other industries and increase their competitive power in the export markets . . Taxation of profits in the unsocialised sector of industry may sometimes be so high as to leave insufficient incentive to reduce costs or to increase turnover. Management, no less than labour, has to put its best foot forward . . ."

Mr. Morrison suggested a target of 15 per cent increase in industrial productivity and overall efficiency in the next five years, yielding an addition of £1,000,000,000 to the nation.

The Government, he said, intends to stimulate new capital investment in both the socialized and the private sectors of industry—new buildings, plant and machinery.

This is not going to be so easy at first, because whilst we are using labour and resources upon making new machinery and plant we reduce the chance of increasing goods for immediate consumption.

The abolition of poverty and a substantial increase in the average standard of living of everybody in this country, an increase well above the pre-war level, should be within our grasp by the end of the five years."

Hold on there, Herbert! Any raw Socialist worker would explain, when confronted with such a statement, "Every worker knows that in general if the workers work harder they work sections of themselves out of employment so long as capitalist relations remain. You propose to allow capitalism to remain in industry which employs 4/5th of the entire working population. If your "plan" is carried out. it can only mean even greater unem

ployment than before the war."

The promise of higher standards at the end of five years is just the usual carrot dangled in front of the donkey to make him pull harder. The reality is worse conditions, not better for the working class in the immediate period

Both at home as well as abroad there is to be "continuity of policy" of the Tory Government. The nationalization of one or two industries will not improve matters. The "Times", organ of Big Business has not been strongly opposed to the nationalization of the pits. It is a question of nationalizing (dosses"), of nationalizing decaying and bankrupt industries for the benefit of the capitalist class as a whole, (not forgetting the compensation for the coal-owners)

The workers will have to bear the full burdens of rendering industry more "efficient". This is only another way of calling for "rationalization" of which the workers had bitter experi ences in the depression of the 1930's. Rationalization inevitably means speed-up, greater strain on the workers and relatively increased exploit ation. This, together with piece-work schemes in order to induce higher output, and the continued retention of income tax on workers' earnings, plus high prices to restrict the consumption the workers, are the only means whereby the capitalists can invest in new outlay on machinery, etc. (with money squeezed from the workers) and even hope to compete in the desperate even for the money of the money squeezed for the money of the m for the markets of the world

LABOUR GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Meanwhile, the capitalist class, above all the combines and monopolies are to continue making a good thing out of the "peace", as they did out of the war. For, as the capitalists and their hired economic hacks have always argued (and to which they have apparently converted Mr. Morrison) they need the "incentive" of profits if they are to produce. The State will assist industry, presumably with subsidies and help to crush "inefficient"? (i.e. small and backward) units for the purpose of decreasing costs for the export

This can only mean a trade war with America and other competitors of British capitalism. Thus, the British workers find themselves in the same old jungle-of capitalism as they did before the war. But with the difference that Imperialism is old and enhas lost its privileges and is fighting for mere survival—is outclassed by its American rival—and thus can only maintain its position by driving down the standards of the British

On the basis of the maintenance of capitalism of course there is no other

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stand as "realists" ance of capitalism. But the sacrifices this will involve for the workers will not mean higher standards after five years, as Morrison pretends. On the contrary if the policy of Morrison is continued, then there will inevitably be a slump caused by the contradictions of capitalism, nationally and internationally. Every capitalist country plans to carry out a similar one to that advocated by Morrison. Thus there will be piled up an **export surplus** in many countries. The workers will not be able to buy back the goods produced on the internal market, and there will be a terrific slump. It is impossible to run capitalism more "efficiently" than the capitalists, Mr. Morrison. The laws of capitalist economics will continue to operate so long as the system is allowed to continue.

The workers would be willing to make sacrifices, great sacrifices if it was really in the interests of Socialism. But it's the same old policy under different signboard; its the capitalists not the "nation" who will benefit. If Morrison and Cripps wanted real enthusiasm for production then they would take action against the capitalists and place industry under the control of the workers. A planned economy without any profiteering capitalists, without the waste, inefficiency and drag of private ownership and control. could enormously increase production and raise the standards of living of the workers, while the modernising and perfecting of British industry could

continue simultaneously.

Yet the Labour leaders, instead of taking this path, are preparing to give the capitalists an "incentive" to continue and increase production. There is only one incentive for the capitalists increased profits, which every school-boy Socialist knows can only be obtained by increased exploitation of the working class. Instead of preparing to expropriate the huge war profits made by the capitalists, the Labour leaders obligingly and kind-heartedly wish to add to them in the "feating linearing". add to them in the "national interest" in order to whet the appetite of the capitalists for production. What a

CAPITALISTS ARE USING LABOUR LEADERS

The capitalists are using the Labour eaders as an instrument against the workers at the present time in an endeavour to disillusion them in Socialism. Thus they hope to demoralise the working class and destroy their will to struggle. They scheme then, at a suitable opportunity to turn on the Labour Government and drive them out of office and destroy whatever reforms or semi-reforms they may have introduced under the pressure of the masses. That would be the reward of Big Business for the services rendered

them by the Labour leaders.

The mass of the workers who support the Labour Party have received some rude shocks, even in the short period of weeks in which the Labour Government has been in power. But despite this, the traditional loyalty of the mass of the working class makes them cling to their old organisations. They still hope and believe that they can accomplish fundamental changes in their conditions and standards, in the whole conditions and standards, in the whole of the old society; through a Labour Government. To these workers we say: through your local Labour Parties, Trade Union Branches, through your Co-ops and other organisations struggle to exert pressure on the Labour Members of Parliament struggle against them must be the watchword of the working class.

WORKERS MUST PUT PRESSURE ON LEADERS

The workers will not accept a programme of speed-up, continued rationing and sacrifices while the capital. ists live well. They would not take it lying down with a Tory Government in power; they will certainly receive it with indignation and bitterness under a Government which they believe is their own and should act in their interests. The railwaymen, the miners, the dockers, the engineers, the Forces, and other sections of the workers have shown that they are fed up with the old regime and that they mean business. They voted for Labour in order to get things done not against them, but against the capitalists. They will not tolerate attacks on their standards under the spurious slogan of

assisting the "national interest".

Every advanced worker will stand actively with the workers in the struggles that loom ahead. By demonstrations, meetings and resolutions the workers will show that they want a really Socialist programme. Only by really Socialist programme. Only by setting up Committees of Action in the various industries to watch the capitalists, and control their profit-making; only by a strict plan of inspection of the books of the combines and monopolies only by setting up house-wives' committees to control distribution; only by such mass committees set up in every locality in the coming days will the workers be enabled to exert real mass pressure on the Labour Government, and prepare the way for real measures against the capitalists

in the interests of the workers The Revolutionary Communist Party stands by the workers in their justified demands. We will fight with the workers to bring pressure on Labour leaders to introduce real anti-capitalist measures. In this struggle we are confident that the best sections of the workers will see that only through the revolutionary Socialist programme of Lenin and Trotsky, only through the policy of the Revolutionary Communist Party can they overthrow capitalism and introduce a workers' state which will act for their class against the capitalist class,

Wallsend Election

The programme outlined in his address should receive the warm approval of all those who voted belief that the time was ripe for duction of basic socialist changes in

During the last few weeks strong inder-currents have been rising throughout the Labour movement due to the increasingly evident tendency of the Labour Government to placate and appease the capitalist class.

Comrade Bell emphasises that any the capitalist class. such attempt to compromise with these issues before you", vested interests would spell disaster for the working class and can only end in a return to the old days of poverty, mass unemployment and wage

In the years between the two wars, Big Business. Nationalisation, says manifesto, should be carried through without compensation to the capitalists, without any appeasement of Big Business and the running of ments, but in the hands of the workers ing such.

The publication of the election | Making no phoney promises, Comrade Bell points out that it is imaddress of Herbie Bell marks possible to have any real planning the first important step in the whether in industry, or houses or social services, without full control of campaign of the Tyneside R.C.P. the financial resources. He points to in the coming municipal elec- the inadequacy of Dalton's proposals which do not touch the big financial institutions which run the country.

On the Tyneside, where industry is so intimately connected with the world markets, the foreign and inter-Labour in the General Election in the national policy which figured so largely in the General Election, must making a decisive break with play an equally important part in the capitalist policies and for the intro- municipal elections. Here Comrade Bell underlines the urgent necessity the economic and social structure of for the unity of the workers of this country with those of the European and other countries, victors and vanquished alike.

The workers can march forward to a better world not by copying the methods of their imperialist masters, Comrade Bell, "I do so knowing that when you ousted the Tories, you did so demanding sweeping changes. returned to Wallsend Council. I shall support the Labour Party in every step they take against the capitalists and the Tory Party, but will condemn Tyneside was transformed into one and the Tory Party, but will condemn huge derelict area by the policy of every step the Labour leaders take along the road of appeasement of Big Business Let us together press the Labour Party forward in order to ensure a solution to our problems.

> The problems confronting us are bold measures; the people are demand-Vote for the R.C.P. Vote for Herbert Bell.'

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Of course the mine owners will is why they must be removed from all further control in the industry. And only when they are removed will it be possible to re-organise and plan POWER! the industry in the interests of the miners and the working people.

It is a treacherous lie to state, as does every party except the Revolutionary Communist Party, that the future of Socialism in this country de- COAL OWNERS!

produce 8 millions extra tons of coal. The future of the working people depends on a correct policy which is based on an understanding of the class struggle and is fearlessly carried through to the end:-A policy which relies for its support on the intelligence and understanding of the workers-and not the benevolence of Capitalist State Officials. If Shinwell through such a policy, then the miners have no alternative but to defend their present conditions and future interests, not only against the coal owners-but against Shinwell and Horner as well.

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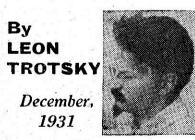
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to grab as many islands which were formerly controlled by Japan, as she can lay her hands on. By this means the Yankee imperialists hope to convert the Pacific into an American

Meanwhile, the Stalinist bureaucracy is endeavouring—as openly boasted in Stalinist propaganda-to restore in the East the position that was held in the past by Czarist Russia before the but by waging a struggle against Russo-Japanese war of 1904. Stalin the capitalist class. "In raising has seized the Kurile Islands in order to guard the gateways to Russian-held ports in the Far East and gain untrammelled access to the sea.

His Treaty with Chiang Kai-Shek pursues similar aims. It gives Russia domination of the rich province of Manchuria, strategically also the key to Siberia. It establishes Russian control of Port Arthur and Dairen. It balances the pressure which will be exerted by American imperialism to penetrate China, which would reduce her to a dependency in all but name: Stalin has been aided by the aspirthe industries should be placed, not terrific; we can only solve them by ations of the Chinese workers and under the control of the old manage bold measures; the people are demanda workers' state, and look towards communism as a way out of their miserable life to which the capitalists and landlords of China have con-

The Chinese masses have witnessed the collaboration of the Chinese landlords and capitalists with the Japanese imperialists in the areas occupied by Japan. They have seen the corruption of the Chiang Kai Shek régime.

In certain areas, according to their own claims, in which 90,000,000 people live, the Chinese Stalinists had complete control. Now this movement is to be handed over to Chungking control; it is to be curbed and hamstrung, to be kept in being only as a reserve weapon for Stalin's foreign Thus, in Asia too, Stalin manipulates his puppets according to the changes dictated by power

One thing is shown clearly by the events in the East as in The great powers, having knocked out Germany and Japan, are manoeuvering for position against one another. As always in the game of power politics they are preparing now for the next world war, this time against their "friends", having nocked out their enemies.

America's principal rival and enemy

n Asia for decades has been Japan Having undermined her British ally, America finds the unexpected and unwelcome emergence of Russia as a formidable contender for mastery in the East as well as the West. With Japan knocked out, whom can America rely on in Asia as a counter-weight to Russia? Russia is situated in Asia; America is 3,000 miles away. Conse-

America is preparing in the Pacific | quently, one section of the American imperialists wish to convert Japan into a base against Russia and for that reason are talking in favour of 'liberal" terms for Japan. They wish to use the Japanese capitalists as a satellite of American imperialism in Asia. After a few figureheads and scape-goats have been dealt with. they wish to leave the social structure of Japan as before.

> However, in order to poison the minds of the workers and soldiers, a flood of atrocity propaganda is pouring forth. In this campaign of vilification against the Japanese people, the Stalinists have been eagerly in the forefront. In cartoons and aritcles in the "Daily Worker" they have waged a vile chauvinist campaign equalled only by their Vansittart propaganda against the German people when that was the current "line'

In line with Stalin's foreign requirements, they are conducting a campaign for a "hard" peace for Japan. The class character of the actions of the Japanese imperialists in their aggressions should be plain to all with the slightest familiarity with Marxism. Far from bringing benefits to the Japanese masses, the ceaseless imperialistic campaigns have only intensified their misery and exploitation in the past 15 years. They were forced to bear all the burdens and were reduced to starvation level.

The British and American capitalists will soon manage to find a common language with the Japanese capitalists and landlords. They did so without difficulty before they entered the war—they will do so again once a subordinate rôle is accepted by the Japanese rulers.

Meanwhile, Britain is desperately trying to hang on to her previously established positions in the East. Bevin belligerently proclaims Hong Kong as a British possession. The Dutch, Belgians and the Portugese, and French try to maintain the loot garnered in wars of aggression in the past centuries.

Underneath, all the downtrodden masses of Japan and Asia have been silred to a hatred of all oppressors who have been fighting for the right to wield the lash over them. The workers and soldiers of Britain must extend the hand of friendship to these millions of oppressed masses. by their conquest of power can they raise themselves from being beasts of burden, to human existence. They can turn Asia into a paradise by ridding themselves of the parasites, the Imperialist oppressors of all races and their quislings at home, who batten upon them.

Only the Fourth International fights for the programme of a Federated Socialist Soviet Asia, which alone can bring peace and plenty to this area which has been plundered and tortured for centuries

BRING THE TROOPS **BACK HOME**

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war Lloyd George was intent upon maintaining the greater part of the army under arms in order to prevent disturbances in Europe, for use in Ireland, and for the war of intervention against the newly formed Soviet State.
The forces, however, had other views.
They demanded their discharge, and when verbal protests failed to bring them results they took action as a demonstration against their grievances. Lloyd George and his Government too, were forced to beat a hasty retreat and the forces were demobilised with all possible speed.

No attempt has been made either by Attlee or George Isaaçs, Minister of Labour, to explain the discrepancy between the recently published estimate of the 1,000,000 to be released by the end of the year, and the estimate of the previous Minister of Labour, Butler. In May last, after the cessation of hostilities in Europe, Butler promised the release of 750,000 men by the end of 1945 and stated that this would include age and service groups up to the "early twenties". Now we find that with the release of 1,000,000 men, Group 23 will not be fully dealt with until mid-January, 1946. Is it to be wondered at, that faced with such contradictory statements, the patience of the men and women in the armed forces is wearing thin?

WHY NO ENTHUSIASM FOR CLASS B RELEASE?

Mr. Isaacs pins his faith on the Class B Release Scheme. The authorities, however, have already confessed themselves disappointed by the poor response to this plan. There is good reason for the poor response! Men released under Class B are subject to Direction at the will of the Minister of Labour and National Service. A

man so released is liable to be sent to any part of the country to work under conditions over which he has no con-Should he leave such ment, he may be recalled to the services! If there is one thing that the service man has grown to hate, it is the regimentation to which he has been subjected for the past 5 or 6 years. He has had enough of his life being run for him by petty tyrants. He wants to get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for good and all get out of the army for get out of the ar good and all, and not released like a convict on license. If the Government wants a better response to its Class B Scheme it will have to alter the conditions of release.

The Government has been shaken. Workers both in and out of uniform must keep up the pressure and by their united action, force the Labour Government to speed up demobilisation.

We, the working class, in the forces and out, must not allow ourselves to be put off by fine words. We must not allow ourselves to be used in the interests of British imperialism to suppress the working class in Europe or Asia, struggling for the betterment of their conditions

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