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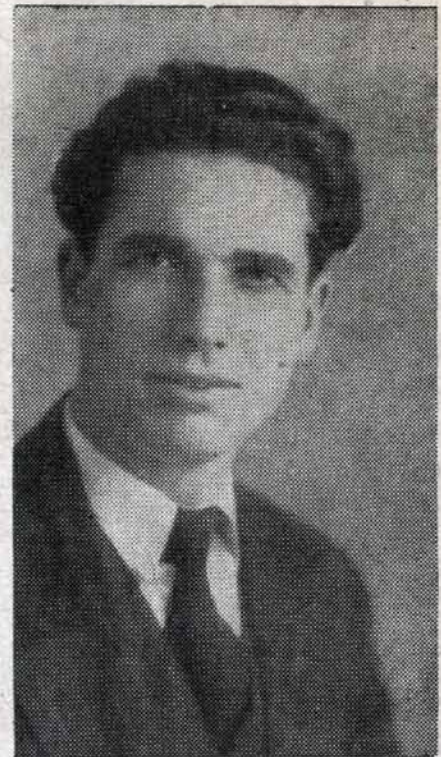
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PROSPECTIVE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST CANDIDATE:

"I hope I have served my class as well as you have served yours in this trial."

STATEMENT OF JOCK HASTON TO JUDGE CASSELS WHEN SENTENCED IN JUNE 1944 TO SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR SUPPORTING THE TYNESIDE APPRENTICES STRIKE AGAINST THE BEVIN BALLOT SCHEME.



JOCK HASTON, General Secretary R.C.P.

Revolutionary Communist Party call to the workers of Neath

Down with the Churchill Government of Counter-Revolution!

VOTE AGAINST THE COALITION

Workers of Neath!

Remember when you vote, that a vote for the Labour Candidate is a vote for Churchill and the Tories.

Remember, it would not make the slightest difference to the position in Parliament on the policy of the Government if the worst die-hard Tory were standing in the place of the Labour Party Candidate and were elected.

Because there is no CLASS position being put by the Labour Party. The Labour Party has surrendered every scrap of independence of the Trade Union and Labour movement to the capitalists.

The workers have given all the capitalists have taken everything. But property has not been conscripted. The property owners and industrialists have been free to exploit the conscripted labour and resources of the country in the interest of private gain and profit.

The country is in the hands of controllers, the nominees of Big Business. Steel is controlled by the stooges of the Iron and Steel Confederation. Unilever Trust controls the food supplies. With the control of supplies in their hands, the monopolies have squeezed the small traders out. Millions of pounds have poured into the coffers of the big magnates.

In the colonies the coalition has brought nothing but starvation and impoverishment. The most elementary democratic rights are denied to millions of oppressed peoples, who are held down by brute force and terror.

In foreign affairs, every reactionary force receives its support from the coalition. Darlan of France, Badoglio in Italy, the Royalist Fascists in Greece and Yugoslavia, the pro-fascist Polish Government in London, Franco in Spain—these are the proteges of the Churchill coalition government.

Four and a half years of misrule at home and treachery abroad. Four and a half years of damnable repression in the colonies and India! That is the record of the coalition government

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Labour Workers! Don't be driven further

Only the Working Class can Defeat Fascism

The main reason that the Labour leaders give for retaining the coalition is that this is a "war for democracy" and "we are fighting fascism." We Trotskyists say this is a terrible deception and a downright lie.

Let us examine the record of the Tory-Labour coalition in the "fight for democracy".

Far from Churchill and his class being able to destroy fascism or wage a war against it, they aid it as assiduously in the past and maintain it wherever they can. Look at the record of these "anti-fascist" champions.

Churchill was one of the first British capitalists to support fascism in Italy. This is what he said to Mussolini on January 21st, 1927:

"If I had been an Italian I should have been wholeheartedly with you from start to finish in your triumphant struggle against the bestial appetites and passion of Leninism." Mr. Churchill put Hitler among his "Great Contemporaries", and wrote this eulogy of him:

"The story of Hitler's struggle cannot be read without admiration for the courage, the perseverance, and the vital force which enabled him to challenge, defy, conciliate and overcome all the authorities and resistances which barred his path." Those who "resisted" him and barred his path, were of course, the German working class, whom he today calls "Nazi criminals".

It was this same Churchill who said in a speech on Armistice Day 1938:

"I have always said that if Great Britain were defeated in war I hoped we should find a Hitler to lead us back to our rightful position among nations."

At the beginning of the present war it was this same Churchill who had the following to say about the Soviet Union when Russian troops marched into Finland:

"The Soviet Government in their onslaught upon the heroic Finns have exposed to the whole world the ravages which Communism makes upon the fibre of any nation which falls a victim to that deadly mental and moral disease. This exposure of the Russian Army and Russian Air Force has astonished the world, and has heartened all the states that dwell upon the Russian border."

Winston Churchill, 1st April, 1940. Many illusions about Soviet Russia have been dispelled in these fierce weeks of fighting in the Arctic Circle. Everyone can see how Communism rots the soul of a nation—how it makes it abject and hungry in peace and proves it base and abominable in war."

Winston Churchill, 20th January, 1940, in a speech to the nation. If any worker had the illusion that Churchill and his class had changed

in the course of the present war, the backing of Quislings Darlan and Badoglio, the disarming of the Belgian workers, and the present war of intervention and counter-revolution in Greece should have blasted these illusions to pieces. It was this Churchill and his Tory-Labour coalition Government who continue to assist with the butcher Franco, who toisted into power the dictator Plastiras, and who are preparing to back reaction against the working class throughout Europe.

In all of these actions, despite the widespread hostility from the broad mass of the organised workers, the Labour leaders came out in support of Churchill's policy and against the interests of the working class. The so-called "Left" wing of the Labour Party "protected" or "cared" but refused to give the working class movement a lead and rouse the workers to smash this disastrous coalition. They therefore acted as a safety valve for the rage of the masses, and were also responsible for these crimes.

Every worker who has participated in the Labour and Trade Union movement knows that Fascism, no matter what its national colouration, Mussolini, Mosley or Hitler brand, is the deadly enemy of organised labour. Every worker who has participated of fascism and its ruthless destruction. Many workers wrongly believed that the present war was really a war against Fascism and that this dread disease could be cured or destroyed while power remained in the hands of Churchill and his class. But the only class that can destroy fascism is the working class. To destroy Fascism it is necessary to destroy capitalism.

If Churchill and his class are fighting Hitler, Mussolini and the Mikado today, it is not at all because they are against fascism, but because the thieves have fallen out over the spoils. The contradictions of capitalism force them, as in the last war, to attempt to seek a way out at one another's expense. It is for markets, raw materials, colonial slaves, spheres of influence, and strategic bases for the next war, that all the capitalists are fighting.

The defeat of fascism can only be achieved by the workers taking power into their own hands and destroying the system that breeds fascism. Far from defeating fascism, even in the event of a military victory of British and American imperialism, there will still exist the danger of fascism, not only abroad but in Britain as well.

Workers of Neath! Unlike the German workers, you still have your organisations. Use them to defend yourselves and destroy capitalism before it devours you. Fight for the independence of the Labour movement from capitalism and prepare the struggle for power, as the only means of destroying fascism.

WHY WE CONTEST THE ELECTION

The announcement that the Revolutionary Communist Party is to contest the Neath By-election has aroused a tremendous discussion wherever the advanced sections of the working class movement in Britain discuss—in the factories, mines and forces' canteens. But in the Neath area the discussion is more animated than in any other part of the country. It is in this district that the workers will have to decide the issue of what policy to support—Tory-Labour coalition or Revolutionary Communist struggle for Workers' Power.

It was not in a light-minded vein that we chose to fight this election and bring our programme and policy before the working class. We know the tremendous loyalty that the majority of the organised workers have to the Labour Party. It is the easiest and most popular act to get cheap votes and publicity in contesting a by-election against a Tory, representative of the capitalist class, at present, but we are not after cheap votes. We want

to raise the fundamental tasks of our class—the working class—in the clearest, sharpest and most principled way. Are the workers going to allow the present leadership of the Labour and Trade Union movement to continue to act as lackeys for the Churchill counter-revolutionary Government of the capitalist class—or are the workers going to demand in the most positive manner an end of the coalition, and that the Labour movement fight for power on a socialist programme?

The answer which will be given by the workers of Neath to this question will enormously influence the development of British Working Class politics in the next few months.

In years gone by the Labour and Trade Union movements were militant fighting organisations of the working class. They never had a revolutionary programme. They struggled for concessions from capitalism, but not to overthrow it. Nevertheless they organised the workers as a class and helped to protect the workers from the savage exploitation of the capitalists. On this basis they received a tremendous support from the most conscious section of the British working class. Whatever criticisms the workers might voice from time to time or dissatisfaction at

the policy of the leaders of the Labour Party, they thought these leaders fought in their interests and gave them that loyal support which is only possible from the working class. But in the past generation there has been a steady degeneration of even this militant pioneering spirit of the old-time socialists.

Today, the Labour Party is not a socialist party. It can hardly even be called a party of social reform. The betrayal of the great General Strike of 1926 by the Union leaders the treachery and sell-out of Ramsay MacDonald and Phillip Snowden; the refusal of the leaders who remained to lead the working class into a real fight against the boss class—all this has helped to demoralise the organised workers and undermine their militant socialist spirit.

The present coalition in which the Labour leaders are both the doormats and the policemen for the capitalist class is a continuation of the policy of McDonald and Snowden. This fact is burning itself into the consciousness of the organised workers. They know that the Labour leaders are being used by the Tories and we Revolutionary Communists are convinced that they want an end to this situation.

Reformist Labour Gallery of Renegades



MACDONALD SNOWDEN THOMAS MORRISON BEVIN

They sold the Workers and aped the Boss

Revolutionary Communist Gallery of Fighters



MARX LENIN TROTSKY LIEBKNECHT CONNOLLY

They served the Workers and scorned the Boss

GREECE—LABOUR LEADERS SUPPORTED CHURCHILL

It is in Greece that the policy of the Labour leaders is shown to be fundamentally the same as that of the Tories.

Before the outbreak of the war, the Greek working class were living under the Metaxas dictatorship—as brutal and vicious as that of Mussolini and Hitler. This dictatorship was called into being by the Greek King and capitalist class. Its job was to crush the Trade Union and Labour movement, to massacre and imprison its leading militants and to make the position of the Greek capitalists and their property secure.

This dictatorship was given every financial and moral help that the British capitalists could give it. It is to keep these same Greek capitalists in power that the British troops are now sent to Greece as an army of intervention.

The slaughter of the Greek workers and peasants by specially picked troops is a real demonstration of the policy of Churchill and his class in Britain. Here is a test of their democracy. They turn up with tanks and planes on the side of the monarchists, fascists and military anti-labour gangsters.

When Greece was invaded at the beginning of the war, the Greek King and some of his friends cleared out but others remained to look after his interests, and became Quislings for the Nazis. The King was thus ensured, no matter who won the war—the Nazis or the British imperialists. But the workers could not clear out. They had to stay. For years they conducted a valiant guerilla

warfare against the German army. Thousands of the best working class and peasant militants—among whom were many revolutionary communists—were shot and tortured by the Gestapo. Largely as the result of their fight, the Nazis never fully controlled Greece, and indeed were forced to get out of Greece long before the British came in.

The people whom Churchill now foists into power by British bayonets have no such proud record of struggle. Under the Nazis they lived well while the masses starved. The Nazis armed the so-called "Security Battalions" to keep the Greek workers and peasants down. Churchill wants to use them for the same purpose. Colonel Zervas, who has a great record of fighting against the Greek workers but not against the Nazis, was armed by Churchill and still receives his full support. It was revealed in the Greek debate in the House of Commons that

Plastiras, a military gangster who has been foisted into power by Churchill, was negotiating with the Nazis as late as 1942 to act as a Quisling!

Churchill revealed in his two speeches on Greece that he had long been plotting to destroy the Greek workers' movement.

These plans of counter-revolution—so blatantly revealed, show clearly that the Tory-Labour coalition will protect the interests of the capitalists and slaughter thousands of workers when it is necessary to do so as a means of protecting the capitalists.

Churchill's lies were exposed by Aneurhan Bevan in the House of Commons when he quoted from a Government circular issued to the B.B.C.

This showed that Churchill and his Labour lackeys in the Government were preparing to lie to the workers of the world and suppress the truth about the role of the Greek working class organisations. This is what the circular said:

"The Prime Minister has ruled that in principle no credit of any kind is to be given to ELAS or EAM on the BBC. In any case, where it is thought desirable to make exception his personal approval should first be obtained. This instruction has been given to Cairo and will apply to British official communiques or hand-outs."

But instead of decisively breaking with Churchill's policy of counter-revolution, the Labour leaders helped him to put his policy over and keep this government in being.

At the Labour Party Conference, Ernest Bevin, speaking on behalf of the Labour Ministers, made a speech which would have disgraced Ramsay MacDonald. He revealed that the criminal intervention in Greece had the full support of the Labour members in the Cabinet, and in defiance of working class opinion throughout the whole of Britain, said that in a similar situation, he would behave in the same way again.

"Anything I say will be with deliberation," he said, "because it must have an effect on our attitude to other countries besides Greece. I took part with my socialist colleagues in the whole of these discussions going over nearly four years, trying to work out the best way to handle these terrible

problems that would arise at the end of the war."

The terrible problems, of course, are the revolutionary movements of the working class, seeking to establish Soviet power, and the effort by Bevin and the Labour leaders to keep the capitalist counter-revolution in power.

Blatantly and unashamedly, Bevin promises the working class that what happened in Greece will happen in the rest of Europe, with the full and unqualified support of the Labour leaders.

Churchill could not carry out his present policy of counter-revolution in Greece without the full and active support of the Labour and Trade Union leaders and without the reactionary coalition which undermines the class consciousness and solidarity of the working class.

There is no need to tell the worker of South Wales that Churchill is an arch enemy of the working class and counter-revolutionist No. 1. Every militant worker in South Wales knows this. It is burnt into his bones. But there is the need to say that the Labour Party, through its leaders, are supporting this arch counter-revolutionist and his policy in Greece. Churchill correctly attacked the revolutionary Greek working class striving for workers' power as "Trotskyist". The Greek workers will look to Neath and demand from you, their class brothers, a sign of solidarity. Let the Neath workers demonstrate their solidarity with the workers of Greece—by voting Trotskyist when the election takes place.

VOTE FOR A FREE INDIA

In India the policy of the Labour leaders and the Tory Government is exposed with particular harshness. In this country, with a population of 400,000,000, the British impose conditions equal to anything carried out by the Nazis in Europe.

Look at the photographs on this page. THESE PEOPLE ARE DYING OF HUNGER. They are not German slaves in some part of Europe—they are the "citizens of the British Empire", of the "Brightest Jewel in the Imperial crown."

These photographs are taken from the famous Calcutta newspaper "The Statesman".

It was officially stated by the British

Government that 2,000,000 Indian workers and peasants—men, women and children—died in the autumn of 1943 in the Eastern provinces of India as a result of the famine that raged. Statisticians of the Calcutta university, however, estimated that 5,000,000 died in this famine. An artificial famine directly attributed to the British Government and its agents in India for political ends.

The Indian people cry out for national freedom and for some of this democracy which Churchill prattles so much about in the House of Commons. But they are treated as brutally as the Nazis treated the peoples of Europe.

The only political parties of the working class which are legal are those which are subsidised by the British Government as Quisling parties. 100,000 leaders of the Indian and other organisations were arrested in 1943. 7,000 National Congress members are still in jail.

The official Government estimate was that 8,000 Indians were shot during these "disturbances", that is, for their struggle for freedom. The "Calcutta Statesman", a British owned paper, estimates it at 20,000.

The Trotskyists are in jail, or hounded as the Gestapo hounded our comrades in Germany, France and the rest of Europe.

It is a patent lie to say that the Government is fighting for democracy in the Far East. Thousands of British workers are dying and thousands more will die under the lying slogan of "war for democracy"—but in reality so that the capitalists of this country can once again control the territories of the East Indies and reap huge profits out of the blood and sweat of the toilers.

But there is no need to endlessly repeat the brutality which the British Government practices against the Indian workers and peasants. The workers of Wales know that these

brutalities are facts. It is necessary, however, to ask the workers of Neath: What are you prepared to do about it? The Labour-Tory coalition intends to carry on with this policy in India.

Imagine the feelings of the Indian worker, trade unionist and peasant towards the British worker when he sees the Labour movement making no real move to free him from this terror and exploitation. He naturally identifies the workers with Churchill and his class.

The workers of Britain have a strong bond of sympathy for the Indian masses. Their policy is not the same as that of Churchill at all—no more than the policy of the German workers is the same as Hitler's. They want a free India, a socialist India, united with a Socialist Britain.

The R.C.P. stands for the complete and unconditional granting of freedom to the Indian people. We stand for giving all the necessary assistance to the Indian workers in their struggle for power.

There would be no need for a single British working man to go to the Far East in battle dress if this policy was pursued. Assisted and armed by a Socialist workers' Britain the Indian people could well defend themselves and undoubtedly destroy Japanese imperialism.

The policy of Tory-Labour coalition means the slaughter of thousands of British worker-soldiers to defend the capitalist empire. It means the maintenance of an army of many thousands in India and Burma to suppress the native populations after they have been "liberated" and start demanding a little of the "democracy" which they have been promised.

Workers of Neath Demonstrate your class solidarity and anti-imperialist aims by supporting the revolutionary communist candidate, who alone stands for the granting of complete, immediate and unconditional freedom for the Indian people.

OUR PROGRAMME FOR POWER

AN END TO THE COALITION WITH THE BOSSES. LABOUR AND TRADE UNION LEADERS MUST BREAK WITH THE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT AND WAGE A CAMPAIGN FOR POWER ON THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME:—

INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY

1. Nationalisation of the land, mines, banks, transport and all big industry without compensation, as the prerequisite for a planned economy and the only means of ensuring full employment with adequate standards of living for the workers, and the operation of the means of production under control of workers' committees.
2. Confiscation of all war profits, all company books to be open for trade union inspection, control of production through workers' committees to end the chaos and mismanagement.
3. Distribution of food, clothes and other consumers commodities under the control of committees of workers elected from the Co-ops, distributive trades, factories, housewives' committees, and small shopkeepers, and allocation of housing under the control of tenants' committees.
4. Share out the working hours without a decrease in wages to absorb the unemployed. A rising scale of wages to meet the increased cost of living with a guaranteed minimum; the rate for the job.

DEMOCRATIC DEMANDS

5. Repeal of the Essential Works Order, 1A(a), the Emergency Powers Act and all other anti-working class and strike-breaking legislation.
6. Full electoral and democratic rights for all persons from the age of 18 years. Full democratic and political rights for the men and women in uniform.
7. Immediate freedom and unconditional independence for India, Ireland and all the colonies of Britain; immediate withdrawal of British armed forces from those countries; full economic and military assistance to the Indian and colonial peoples to maintain their independence against all imperialist attack.

MILITARY POLICY

8. Clear out the reactionary, pro-fascist, and anti-labour officer caste in the armed forces; election of officers by the ranks.
9. Establishment of military schools by the Trade Unions at the expense of the State for the training of worker-officers; arming of the workers under the control of workers' committees elected in the factories, unions and in the streets for the defence of the democratic rights of the workers from reactionary attacks by the enemies of the working class at home and abroad.

INTERNATIONAL POLICY

10. Against race hatred and discrimination of all forms (Vansittartism, Anti-Semitism, and the Colour Bar); for the fraternisation and co-operation of workers and soldiers of all countries.
11. Unconditional defence of the Soviet Union against all imperialist powers; despatch of arms, food and essential materials to the Soviet Union under the control of the Trade Unions and factory committees.
12. A Socialist appeal to the workers of Germany, Europe, Japan, and the rest of the world, on the basis of this programme in Britain, to join the socialist struggle against Nazism, Fascism and all forms of capitalist oppression and for a Socialist United States of Europe and a Federation of Asiatic Soviet Socialist Republics.

DOWN WITH Anti-Labour Laws

What have the Labour leaders achieved in the Coalition Government at home?

The workers are conscripted into the forces and factories, deprived of their hard won rights. They are tied to their jobs as slaves with the threat of imprisonment constantly over their heads. Wages and conditions are fixed by compulsory arbitration boards which are heavily loaded in favour of the boss class.

Anti-Labour legislation, which is more vicious than anything in its strictures and penalties since the Combination Laws. The much hated Trade Disputes Act which has been fought by the whole Labour movement since it was imposed as the result of the defeat of the General Strike, has been used for the first time in history and by a Labour Minister in the Tory-Labour coalition.

Since the outbreak of the war, 23,517 workers have been prosecuted under anti-Labour legislation. But not one single boss has gone to prison under these same laws. The few who were found guilty received only nominal fines; while 1,807 workers have gone to prison.

Any worker who stops to think will immediately agree that tremendous attacks have been made against organised Labour. He will agree that the capitalists could not have made these attacks without the full assistance of the Labour leaders. No Tory Minister could have used the Trade Disputes Act without widespread strikes; no Tory Minister could have introduced 1A(a) without the threat of a general strike.

In June 1942, Ernest Bevin boasted in the House of Commons that in the previous six months "I have transferred at great loss of wages to themselves, over 36,000 men from munition factories to the mines."

These workers lost from £1. 0. 0. to £2 10s. 6d. a week in their wages and their conditions of work made

very much harder. Bevin could do this to the workers, but not to his capitalist masters. For this is the only reason why he and the other Labour leaders are kept in the cabinet at the present time.

It is disgraceful to see leaders of the Labour and Trade Union movement fawning upon Churchill and his class of capitalist parasites. The representatives of the mightiest organised working class force in the world—these leaders should be campaigning to sweep Tory reaction and the parasitic capitalist forces it protects, into the dustbin of history.

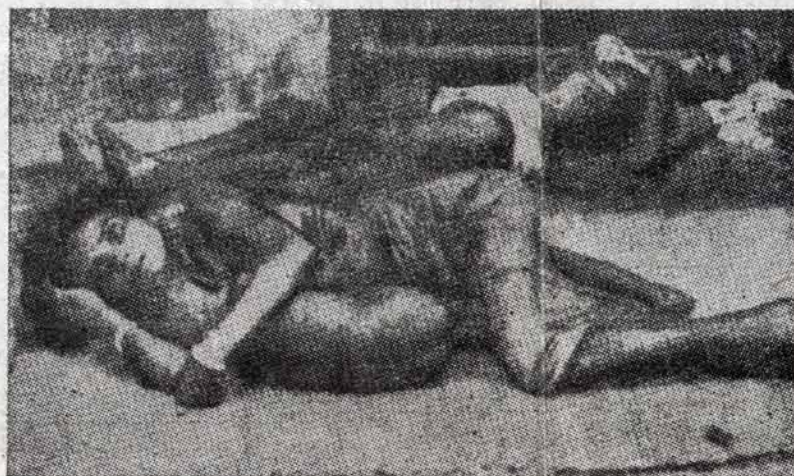
If the Labour and Trade Union leaders were to come to the workers and say: We have had enough of this. Only the workers have sacrificed in the course of the war and now their sacrifices are being used to hold down the European people. We are going to break the coalition with the Tories and are going to fight for power on a socialist programme, they could sweep the Tories out of Parliament in the greatest debacle in parliamentary history. Every worker feels this. Every worker wants this. But the leaders of our movement continue with the coalition and allow the Tories to choose the field of battle in their own good time and on their own terms.

Support the policy of the R.C.P. Strike a blow at the capitulation and treachery of the Labour leaders. Demonstrate to the whole British working class that now is the time to take the gloves off against the boss class and their Labour lackeys as well.

They Are Dying of Hunger—in British India



These people are dying of hunger. They are not slaves of the Nazis. They are citizens of the British Empire in India. These pictures were taken from the famous Calcutta newspaper "The Statesman" and they show men and women—one clasping her baby—collapsed and dying for want of food—in the streets of the city.



OUR PARTY SUPPORTED THE MINERS WHILE THE LABOUR AND T.U. LEADERS HELPED THE BOSS

OUR DEFENCE OF THE MINERS INTERESTS Has Been Consistent LOOK AT OUR RECORD:

SOCIALIST APPEAL
THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY

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HORNER SELLING OUT
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BITTER PIT STRIKE
30 BOB WAGE SLASH
1,500 Cortonwood Miners Out Over a Month

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By Sir...
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Government White Paper Attacks Workers and Strengthens Owners
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"TELEGRAPH" SLANDERS MINERS

CHORUS AGAINST MINERS
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MINERS' SOLIDARITY BRINGS BETTESHANGER VICTORY
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SILICOSIS
The Killer in the Pits
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Hatfield Miners WIN STRIKE

CORTONWOOD MINERS THREATEN TO SUE HALL
£3 Wage Cut
By JOCK HASTON

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BUILD A NEW LEADERSHIP
By JOCK HASTON

LANARK MINERS FINED

Our record here printed from the "Socialist Appeal" clearly shows that the R.C.P. has supported every struggle of the miners against both the coal-owners and the Government. This consistent support has earned us the hatred of all the reactionary press—not excluding the "Herald" and the "Daily Worker"—and was the real reason why four of our comrades (Haston, Tearse, Lee and Keen) were railroaded to prison last June in the now famous Newcastle strike Trial, charged under the "Trades Disputes Act."

In these months there were 112,000 miners involved in no less than 234 strikes.

The Foster Committee was also set up and made recommendations for wage increases for lads under 21 only because of the widespread strikes among the young pit workers. This is also true of the Porter Award. When the Government tried to jip the miners and refused to meet the cost of the anomalies, the miners' leaders tried to hold the workers back whilst the Government sat tight and the coal-owners were happy. But 90,000 Welsh miners out on strike, fighting to end these anomalies, soon changed the Government's mind, and some of their demands were met.

The 70,000 Yorkshire miners also struck after useless negotiation for an end to the anomalies, and their demands were only then granted.

Thus, it was as a result of the direct action of the workers that wage increases were gained, in spite of the threats of the Government and the strike-breaking actions of the Labour and Trade Union leaders.

The revolutionary communists were consistently on the side of the workers. But the Labour leaders were on the side of the coal-owners and their government.

The Sankey Commission set up as the result of strike threats following the last war, recommended the nationalisation of the pits as the only solution to the chaos in the industry and the well-being of the miners. The Government promises were soon scrapped, however, once they felt strong enough for a showdown with the miners. The trade union leaders were again able to harness the workers to reformist methods of struggle.

In the course of this war, the crisis in the British coal industry is a national and international scandal. The coal-owners have demonstrated their incapacity to organise the industry efficiently. The half and half measures, joint production boards, and joint production committees, with dual control of the Government and owners through the Ministry of Fuel, is a bankrupt policy, incapable of solving the crisis in the interests of the miners and working class as a whole.

Mr. Robert Foot, the new Gaullier of the coal-owners, has issued the capitalist plans for the post-war period. The concentration of greater monopolies—the speed up of the workers, and the inevitable drive against the conditions of miners that followed the last war, are the essence of this plan.

The only solution to the coal crisis, as to the crisis of capitalism as a whole, is the nationalisation of the pits without compensation to the owners, and their operation under the control of the miners and technicians committees.

Now is the time for the miners to make an all out drive for the confiscation of the coal mines in the national interest. The coal-owners have never been so completely exposed and weakened in their position. The whole country including the forces, and the middle class, are solidly behind the miners in this struggle to take over the coal mines. Instead of using this favourable opportunity for an all-out campaign, the leaders are still temporising and have even concluded agreements with the coal-owners on the basis that there will still be private ownership for years after the war.

Miners! The Revolutionary Communist Party is the only party that has consistently fought in the interests of the miners throughout the whole course of the war, and will continue to do so inside and outside of Parliament.

The record of the Labour, Trade Union and Stalinist leaders over the same period tells a very different story. It is a black record of shameful betrayal and sabotage of the miners' struggle. Every rotten device known to scabs and strikebreakers has been used by these "misleaders" of the workers in their efforts to shatter the fighting morale of the struggling workers.

Not content with acting as the most vicious strike-breakers the Lawthers, Halls, and Horners have slandered and abused the striking miners in the most disgusting manner imaginable.

Here are a few choice examples:

Mr. T. J. Brown, prominent official of the Lancs and Cheshire Miners' Association, speaking in October 1942:

"The whole fabric of the industry is being upset by irresponsible youths... (who are)... insolent and ill-mannered."
Joe Hall, President of the Y.M.A., referring to the 80,000 Yorkshire miners out on strike in April 1944:

"We are no longer going to tolerate rule by rabble."

Official circular issued by Lawther and the Executive Council of the D.M.A. as a reply to the Durham miners then on strike in defence of their pitifully low standards of wages and conditions:

"These reckless strikes are not a manifestation of the high standard of valour... for which the Durham miners have been renowned. They are a violation of pledges and can only be designated consciously or otherwise, as sabotaging the war effort and assisting the enemy."

In October 1942, the M.F.G.B. issued an official Circular to all miners' Lodges. This document set out to describe the reasons for the coal output falling in coal production and, just like all the statements of the coal-owners, it placed the blame on the shoulders of the miners. In fact, but for Ebby Edwards' signature and the patronising reference to "our members", it could very easily have been taken for an editorial out of the "Colliery Guardian". Here it is in part:

"... well may the community look upon our industry as one that can be charged with criminal neglect in this hour of the country's peril. Coal output is falling per man employed. Lack of regularity of attendance without reason is on the increase. Unnecessary stoppages have occurred. There is a mentality among some miners that reflects an unconcern for the danger with which the country is faced. These and other deterrent production factors perpetrated by the men reflect no credit to our organisation. We are not satisfied that all of our members are doing all they can all the time to produce all the coal the nation needs."

In South Wales it was the same story. During the great strike of 90,000 Welsh miners last March, the Executive joined together with the South Wales miners' M.P.s, in issuing the following statement to the "Western Mail" on 13th March 1944:

"We are united of the opinion... (that) the stoppage fails to serve the best interests of the miners and

places in jeopardy the lives of their colleagues on the fighting fronts."

In other words, Horner and Co., not only condemned the strike and did their best to break it, but—even they attempted to turn the workers in the armed forces against their Welsh comrades on strike. This particular refrain was taken up in loud and gleeful chorus by all the reactionary gutter-press of the country.

Earlier in the strike, Horner and the Executive had solemnly declared, with an unconscious humour, that the strike

"... threatens the unity of the S.W.M.F.!"
90,000 miners out on strike in the biggest demonstration of solidarity seen in South Wales since 1926, and Horner dares to talk of a "threat to unity"! However, there was such a threat—not from the strikers, but from the Executive Council, the miners M.P.s and those members of the Stalinist Party who loyally followed out their Party's instructions to act as scabs and strike-breakers!

These treacherous activities of the miners industrial and political leadership were not perpetrated without rousing the bitter anger and hatred of the rank and file miners. So great was the feeling of disgust which prevailed throughout every coalfield that these Labour and Stalinist renegades, shorn of whatever moral authority they ever possessed among the miners, finally sought the aid of the capitalist prisons and police in protecting their privileged positions. They introduced IA(a) and used the anti-Labour Trade Disputes Act against the workers.

The increases of wages made to the miners have never been voluntarily granted by the coal-owners or the Government. Nor have they been granted because of "unbiased" arbitration, or the "skillful" negotiating of the Trade Union leaders. In the midst of the war, the first real increase received by the miners which raised their level of wages was the Greene Award. But the Trades Disputes Board, which was set up in June 1942 after months of wrangling and negotiation, was brought into being only because of the rapidly increasing number of miners strikes between January and May 1942.

Our Comrades in Court

Our policy was boldly proclaimed in face of Ernest Bevin's anti-Labour attack and imprisonment of our comrades:

"It was my view and the view of my party that the nationalisation of the pits and their operation under the control of the workers was the only solution to the coal crisis."

—Jock Haston in court.
"You knew that the Government couldn't nationalise the mines in three weeks?" said the prosecutor, Paley Scott.

"Yes, I believe it could be done. The mines and the whole social services were nationalised in one week in Russia in 1917."

—Heaton Lee, Election Agent for Jock Haston.

FOR A WORKERS' ARMY

On the question of the wages, conditions and control of the armed forces, the Labour leaders have a disgraceful record. They have failed the workers drafted into uniform.

The army as at present constituted, is an army of the capitalist class. Its officers are especially selected as loyal defenders of capitalism. This is particularly true of the higher posts which are filled by those who have gone through special military colleges exclusive to the sons and agents of capitalism. Workers may be promoted to minor officered posts in a period of war such as the present, but in general the workers in uniform are there to do the Jimmy Higgins work and fight.

The Trotskyists believe that this policy should be ended. We say that the Labour and Trade Union leaders must struggle to

immediately legislate a policy of setting up schools for trade unionists to learn the higher military arts, and that these schools should be financed by the Government but operated under the control of the workers' organisations. Workers trained in these schools will know how to defend their class and a Socialist Britain.

In the old days the boss class used to get away with the story that the workers did not have the understanding to become higher officers. The activities of numerous guerilla fighters have finally disposed of this fable. More so, have the exploits of the Red Army.

We Trotskyists also say that the soldier should have full political rights, collective bargaining through soldiers councils and the right to remove officers and appoint officers through

these soldiers' councils. We believe in democracy, and demand it for those who are called to die in its name.

It would not be possible to use this kind of army for the purpose of counter-revolution such as Churchill is doing at present.

From the ranks of the army, navy and air force, there is a constant and insistent demand for a decent wage. There is no record that your late Labour M.P. played any role in fighting for an increase for the forces and for decent living conditions.

It is our view that not a single penny of profit should go to the capitalists while workers in uniform are unable to keep their families or themselves on the bare necessities and minimum luxuries of life. The servicemen should be paid an industrial wage. The Labour-Tory coalition won't do it, only the working class in power will.

T.U. LEADERS and M.P.'S must be paid working men's wage

Many workers agree with all we say about the desertion of the majority of the official leadership to the capitalists. Because of these repeated betrayals, a mood of cynicism has spread among some of the workers who ask: what guarantee have we that you won't go the same way as the rest? We can only answer this question by saying that there is no absolute guarantee. In the final analysis it depends upon the organised workers themselves.

Our Party, however, has a proud record of struggle. We carried the international socialist banner aloft in the most difficult days when only a tiny few had the courage of their convictions. Our programme and principles have stood the test of history. All this gives us confidence in our Party and its future. It gives us courage to say: Look at our record,

these are our credentials, these are our guarantees.

We have, however, as a part of our policy the demand that state officials and working class officials should be paid working men's wages. The trade union leaders should be subject to democratic recall and live on the same wage as the worker in the trade.

If the workers' wages are increased, the T.U. and other leaders' wages will increase likewise. If the workers' wages drop, the leaders' wages will drop. All income over the working class level must be returned to the workers' party, who nominated the M.P., as a levy. These gentlemen will not talk so glibly about how much better off the workers are than before the war etc.; or that Beveridge is a good level of "social security". They will fight in Parliament and out for a

decent standard of life.

In brief, the workers must have direct control of their organisations, and of all those who claim to represent them. But most important is the question of the programme. It was the false programme of the Labour Party which led to inevitable betrayal. It was the deviation of the Communist Party from the international programme of Lenin to the utopia of "socialism in one country", which led them to follow in the footsteps of the Labour Party. Only by an undeviating adherence to the class struggle based on the theoretical principles of scientific socialism can the working class be guaranteed against betrayal. It rests upon the vigilance and the consciousness of the workers, in the final analysis, as to which direction their leadership will move.

POST-WAR PROMISES

During the last world war, the capitalists promised a "land fit for heroes" to live in. The workers know what they got in return for their sacrifices and sorrows—the dole, unemployment, hunger and the Means Test. This time Churchill is repeating the same lies as Lloyd George. He says the workers will have "work, food and homes" when the war is over. This is expressed in the capitalists' promises of "full employment" and social security. This is an even greater deception than what the ruling class told the workers in the last war.

The Government has proposed to adopt the Beveridge report in a much modified form; the Labour leaders hold it up as the be-all and end-all of "social security".

This report recommended that an unemployed single worker should receive 24/-. With his wife and child he should receive 48/-. But this would be granted only on the basis of compulsory attendance at a "training" school, as they used to be known in the old days, slave camp.

During the bad old days of the Means Test, a male worker, providing he had no family to keep him, received 10/- on the dole, with an additional 10/- for his wife and 3/- for each child.

According to the "Economist", of June 1944, the cost of living was then 54 per cent above that of 1938. Thus a single worker would be worse off under the much boosted Beveridge scheme, than he was in 1938 and a married man with children only a little better off.

The workers of S. Wales know what "social security" is like, on the model of the pre-war dole. Too many have had years of living this kind of social security. No need to portray its poverty, misery and degradation here. No worker wants to go back to these terrible days.

But Beveridge calculated that his scheme would only operate if unemployment was reduced below a million and a half! If the number of unemployed rises over that figure the scheme will not work and "social security" will collapse.

Yet on the question of "full employment", Beveridge is reported by the "Times" of Dec. 7th 1943, to have made the following statement:

"If we have mass unemployment we may not be able to carry out the proposals in my report. We may give people the money, but there will not be the goods for them, and so there will be want. I do not know how we shall continue productive employment after the war. When people say we cannot abolish unemployment, however, I say we have abolished it twice in my lifetime—during the last war and during this war. I simply will not believe it is impossible to abolish mass unemployment but I do not know how it is to be done, and I do not know whether anybody else knows."

Thus, he reveals the bankruptcy of ideas in even the most "progressive" of capitalist politicians!

But instead of denouncing Beveridge and all the fake "schemes" of the capitalists, with which they hope to gull the workers and patch up capitalism, the Labour leaders make Beveridge their ideal of social security for after the war. It is well to see that these gentlemen have forgotten what it is like to live like workers and suffer the degradation and demoralisation of the dole.

Instead of supporting these fake schemes, the Labour leaders should be fighting for THE SHARING OUT OF WORK ON THE BASIS OF A REDUCTION IN HOURS, WITHOUT DECREASE IN WAGES.

Instead of supporting fake schemes, the Labour leaders should be demanding WORK OR FULL MAINTENANCE as the minimum to which an unemployed worker is entitled. It is the fault of the capitalists and their system that unemployment exists—let the capitalists bear the burden. If they say capitalism cannot afford it—and they are right—we say, then the workers cannot afford capitalism.

There is only one real basis for social security and that solution is propagated by the Revolutionary Communist Party. It is the overthrow and destruction of capitalism, the nationalisation (without compensating the capitalists) of the means of production, including the banks, the mines, steel works and transport together with all other basic industry and the operation of industry under control of Workers' Committees.

We Trotskyists offer no false illusions: there can be no social security whilst capitalism remains.

GERMAN WORKER IS OUR ALLY

The leaders of the Labour Party, together with the most recent adherent to Churchill, his Majesties' Royal Communist Party—led by Harry Pollitt, echo the capitalists in their campaign and blame the German workers and peasants for the war.

It is a slander and a despicable lie to blame the German people, the German workers. They are just as much to blame for the war, or just as little, as the British workers, no more and no less.

The workers of S. Wales know that the German working class are not, and never have been Nazis. They know that the German working class has a proud record of socialist organisation, second to none. The German workers were the best organised and most class-conscious in the world until their organisations were shattered by the Nazis, when the latter came to power on the votes of the middle class.

How does it come then, some workers ask, that the German workers don't revolt and overthrow Hitler and his gang? It is easy to answer this question if we keep in mind the policy of unconditional surrender which is adhered to by Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin alike.

This policy means that Germany is to be carved up into pieces. Chunks are to be hewn off for Poland, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Belgium, France. What is left of German industry is to be largely destroyed and millions of Germans will be deported to Russia and elsewhere to work as slaves, building up what has been destroyed by the war, in which they had no say or no gain.

That the German workers will respond to fraternal greetings is shown by an incident which took place only a few days ago in Lancashire.

A British soldier with his wife (both revolutionary communists) were passing a German prisoner of war camp where hundreds of German soldiers, prisoners were watching a football match. The British soldier (in uniform) and his wife gave the Red Front Fighters salute—the clenched fist. Almost every one of the hundreds there clenched their fist in reply and were obviously delighted at the gesture of revolutionary class solidarity. They knew the significance of the clenched fist. And this is what the allies fear.

That is why they have adopted the same racial principles as Hitler. Hitler

persecutes Jews, Poles and "foreigners" and propagates the doctrine of race inferiority. Now the Allies have adopted exactly the same methods. American and British soldiers have been forbidden to talk or have any association with German workers, children or families on pain of imprisonment or a heavy fine. But we can be sure that just as in Italy the officers and Generals and the big capitalists will hob-nob with their opposite numbers of Germany—that is with those responsible for Hitler. We can be sure that it will be the German workers who will be made to pay the price for the crimes of the Nazis.

When the miners of Wales and Yorkshire were on strike against the British coalowners, the Nazis did not dare to publish news of this in Germany. They were afraid of the effect this would have on the miners and workers of Germany. Once the German workers again saw that the British workers were not supporting their ruling class it would have resulted in a renewed struggle inside Germany.

Millions of workers believe that Stalin has a different policy from Churchill and Roosevelt for post-war Europe and that he will help the revolutionary movement of the working class. But this is an illusion which will be rudely shattered as the war draws to a close. Stalin fears a communist Germany because it will arouse a response among the Russian masses also, who will demand a return to the programme of Lenin in the Soviet Union. Churchill bluntly warned in the House of Common that the German people could not escape punishment if they turned to Communism. Indeed, if the German workers were to establish a communist system the British workers would be faced with another war of intervention. Those sincere rank and file members of the Communist Party who believe that Stalin would oppose this counter-revolutionary policy of Churchill need only read the "Daily Worker" hate campaign against the German people.

Even more open than Churchill, Stalin's spokesman, Lya Ehrenburg, in a statement to the "Christian Science Monitor" published on 7th August 1944, made Stalin's position quite clear. Asked what the Russians would do in the event of a revolt in Germany which would overthrow Hitler and welcome the advancing Red

Army with appropriate banners", he replied: "THESE WOULD BE THE FIRST PEOPLE WE WOULD SHOOT."

The policy of Anglo-American imperialism and of Stalin is not aimed to appeal to the German worker. It is not meant to help the German workers to revolt. They fear a communist Germany.

Their policy of carving Germany up, smashing the factories and deporting millions of workers as slave labour is the same policy as was pursued by the Nazis when they over-ran Europe.

No German worker can relish such a fate. It is impossible to expect him to take his life in his hands and revolt when this is the kind of peace that is promised him.

It is undoubtedly because of this that he still clings to the discipline of the Nazis. Meanwhile, he is seeking, in vain, for a gesture of class solidarity from the workers of Britain and the rest of the world.

The capitalist class and the Tory-Labour Government cannot appeal to the German workers. It is not in their class interests to do so. Only a workers' Britain can make such an appeal. Only a class appeal from the British workers, fighting against their own capitalist class can give the German workers hope and help them to find the courage to strike a blow and destroy the Nazis.

Meanwhile, thousands of British, American and Russian tommies are being slaughtered in the front together with their German class brothers because such an appeal is not and cannot be made by the present Government.

Lenin knew the qualities of the German working class.

"We know another enemy of German imperialism," said Lenin, "which blind people have not noticed—the German workers."

"The German proletariat is the most trustworthy and the most reliable ally of the Russian and the world proletarian revolution."

The German workers are today, as yesterday, our greatest ally.

In the last war the wish workers had a fine record of class solidarity with the German workers. We are confident that you, the workers of Neath, will demonstrate that same spirit of internationalism in the present election.

The Labour-Tory Coalition candidate stands for a Vansittart policy—the policy of his party.

Support the Revolutionary Communist candidate on whose banner is blazoned "WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE."

Vote Against the Coalition

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The masses are tired of this misrule. Everywhere disgust and criticism are manifest. Everywhere the demand to end the coalition is heard. The workers and the middle class are turning to Socialism. And the workers' organisations are turning their backs on Socialism.

The Labour leaders, who could win a majority at the polls now, acquiesce in the Tory plan to wait for a general election till "after the war with Germany". They do not merely acquiesce; they connive at it. Today, Churchill's policy at home and abroad stands exposed in the eyes of the workers. At the end of the war with Germany, Churchill can prepare a coupon election. The Labour leaders are frightened of power. For with power in their hands they can plead no alibi. And they want an alibi—an alibi to maintain the status quo.

But the Labour rank and file are becoming restive. Now is the time to end the truce. Now is the time for a general election. Now is the time to wage a struggle for power on a socialist programme. Labour workers must not allow the Tories to choose the time most suitable to themselves.

The main task of revolutionaries consists in helping to mobilise the masses in the reassertion of their class independence on an independent class programme. Labour workers must force the leaders to take power.

Once the workers have been mobilised on this road, they would not easily be prevented by their treacherous leaders from carrying a socialist programme into effect. The struggle to place the Labour programme in power on a socialist programme is the best way of exposing these leaders as lackeys of the capitalist class.

The Revolutionary Communist Party will fight side by side with the working class in every step they take at breaking down the stranglehold of class collaboration. Along this road the majority of the British workers will break with reformism and recognise in our party the only instrument which will lead to the conquest of power by the workers as a class, and which alone can solve their problems and elevate their lives through a socialist society.

POST WAR REALITY

An examination of Britain's position in the field of world economy, will soon dispose of any illusions that some workers might have that the capitalists or Labour leaders can and will operate Beveridge.

In the years from 1936 to 1938, the average export of goods from Britain was approximately £543 million. This included about £65 million of colonial and foreign goods re-exported. But in the meantime Britain imported about £930 million of goods. On the basis of this adverse balance of trade the population of these isles would have starved inside a few years.

But the adverse balance of trade was made up with income from foreign investments, shipping services abroad and profits on banking and insurance loans.

Approximately £220,000,000 a year came into Britain from these foreign investments. About £100,000,000 a year from shipping services and charters to foreign countries and £40,000,000 from banking and insurance loans.

Thus, as the world's super exploiter, British imperialism managed to carry on and maintain the minimum standards of living for the British workers.

According to official government figures recently published as a White Paper, exports have declined to 29 per cent of what they were in 1938. America has gobbled up many British markets which will never be supplied by British goods again.

Canada, one time an important market for British goods is now one of the world's greatest producers and has built numerous industries which will compete with Britain on the world market after the war. South America has also built numerous factories which will completely oust British goods. In Australia, a whole range of products are now produced by Australian labour which used to be imported from Britain. Not only that, but Australia has now more up to date cotton manufacturing equipment than is to be found in Manchester. The Prime Minister of Australia recently pointed out that Britain will have to share the markets in the Far East with the Australian capitalist class.

Even in backward India, held in bondage, modern steel and other works have been erected which will supply the home market and oust British goods.

Tin plate and coal are two of the exports which are likely to be hard hit in the post-war period.

The last world war saw Britain lose her position of domination of the world to America. This war has completed the process.

In the most favourable future circumstances for capitalist Britain, it is crystal clear that as an industrial power Britain is declining fast. And this inevitably means that the standards of the workers will be savagely attacked in the scramble for a declining post-war market.

But this is only a part of the sorry picture. According to Labour research of Jan. 1945, £1,065 million of overseas investments out of a total of £5,000 million have been sold. Meanwhile, British indebtedness abroad now stands at £3,000 million according to the economist, Lord Keynes.

During the war also, Britain has lost more than half her tonnage of ships whilst the U.S. has trebled her merchant navy.

All this means an increasingly heavy adverse balance of trade. To maintain even the pre-war standards, Britain will have to more than double her exports, which is absolutely impossible in a rapidly declining world market.

If there were over 3 million unemployed at the depths of the depression, it is clear that 3 million unemployed will be normal in a short period in post-war Britain.

On this question, one of the most objective Labour economists, G. D. H. Cole writes: "... Long before continental Europe emerges from the difficulties... (of the post-war period) Great Britain will have been ruined... British standards of living will have fallen with a thump, and there will be a flight from Great Britain—if there is anywhere to flee to—as considerable as the flight out of Ireland in the 19th century."

Capitalist Britain is rushing madly towards economic chaos and crisis. Going down, the capitalists will try to drag the workers down as well. They will try to rest the burden of the post-war crisis on the backs of the workers.

Instead of warning the workers and preparing to sweep rotten capitalism into the sea, the Labour leaders are making every preparation to help the capitalists with their plans.

Workers of all lands Unite

On a world scale, capitalism is in its death agony. Its characteristic features are being driven home into the very marrow and bones of the workers of the world: economic crisis in peace time, mass unemployment, misery and starvation amidst plenty. In war time, profits galore for the capitalists and the slaughter and mutilation of the toilers of all lands.

As the war draws to a close and the defeat of the Nazis appears inevitable, the revolutionary movement begins to spread from one country to another. In these areas of Europe now occupied by Anglo-American imperialism and by Stalin, the revolutionary fervour has reached a high pitch.

In all these countries a desperate struggle is commencing between the workers and capitalists. Led by conscious counter-revolutionary capitalist politicians in various disguise, the ruling class is striking at every vestige of workers' power and seeking to re-establish the full authority of the discredited capitalist class. They are receiving the full support of British and American bayonets—and have the backing of the Labour leaders.

Only the blind can close their eyes to this movement which is growing in Europe and which will spread to Britain in the coming period. Just as the capitalists have a conscious counter-revolutionary leadership, so must the working class have a conscious revolutionary party to lead the movement and give it a conscious aim: the victory of the workers and the establishment of socialism.

Out of the last war, the workers of Russia took power under the leadership of Lenin and Trotsky. They set up the Third International, whose aim was to unite the workers of the world and lead them to the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Socialist United States of Europe and the world.

It is not popular to criticise Stalin today because of the victories of the Red Army. But we tell the truth to the Working class. Stalin has deserted the policy of world communism, of world revolution. Instead of equality in Russia, a bureaucracy with special privileges of its own has grown up. It is not interested in socialism in other parts of the world but in the pro-

servation of these special privileges. Instead of international socialism, it propagates race hatred. Similar to the Bevins, the Citrines and Morrisons in this country the Stalinist bureaucracy is quite satisfied with things as they are and is hostile to communist revolution. While we defend unconditionally the Soviet Union and the Red Army from all capitalist attack, we oppose Stalin's policy which is leading the Soviet Union and the workers of the world to disaster. Just as we defend the Trade Unions as organs of the working class against all capitalist attack, we oppose the policy of the Trade Union and Labour leadership as being detrimental to the interests of these organisations. We fight to transform the Trade Unions into fighting organs of the working class, so we fight to restore in the Soviet Union the same rights and conditions which existed in the days of Lenin and Trotsky.

As a result of Stalin's policy today the "Communist" Party of Great Britain led by Pollitt and Horner acts as an agency of the boss class, strike-breaking, sowing false hopes and illusions in capitalism, and demoralising the best militant fighters in the working class movement. As in America and other countries, the Communist Parties of the world want to continue the policy for 20 and more years.

In a speech by Earl Browder, leader of the American Stalinist Party, delivered on the occasion of the dissolution of the American Communist Party, the "News Chronicle" reports the substance of his speech as follows:

"They, (Communists) were to embrace the doctrine of free enterprise and co-operate in making this capitalism work effectively in the post-war world."

"Class warfare was over; there must now be compromise between classes, groups and tendencies. There must be no strikes. The investment of American capital in foreign markets hitherto condemned as imperialism was to be accepted and encouraged."

17th January, 1944. The leaders of the French Communist Party, like Browder made the following statements, reported in the "Evening Standard", of the 15th September, 1944:

No Illusions In Parliament

We do not believe that the workers will be able to take power in this country or any other country through parliament.

We believe that to bring about socialism, the workers will have to sweep parliament aside and set up a Soviet Britain. The history of capitalism, and in particular the history of Churchillism shows that the capitalists will not allow the workers to take power peacefully and democratically and without a fight. They will try to do to us what they are doing to our brothers in Greece. We do not tell the workers lies about what we expect to do through parliament if the Revolutionary Communist candidate is returned. We will, however, use parliament as a tribunal to fight for socialism and expose it to the British working class. We will defend the existing conditions of the workers when they are attacked and fight to better these conditions even within the framework of capitalism so far as that is possible.

We will demand from the leaders of the Labour and Trade Union movement that they end this disastrous coalition with the Tories; that they match their socialist name, their election speeches, with socialist deeds we will demand that they give a lead to the workers of Britain and the whole world by rousing the masses to overthrow capitalism and take power on a socialist programme.

But above all, we will utilise this election campaign and the parliamentary arena for the purpose of raising the call to the workers of this country and the world:

DOWN WITH THE BARRIERS OF NATIONAL AND RACE HATRED WHICH THE CAPITALISTS CREATE WITH THEIR LYING ATROCIOUS STORIES AND PROPAGANDA!

DOWN WITH THE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT OF PROFITS AND WAR!

WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE; YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS!