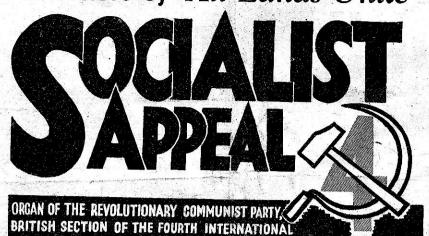
## 30,000 IN AUSTRALIAN 'HANDS OFF JAVA'

"Workers of All Lands Unite"



OCTOBER, 1945.

Against Javanese

Protest Loading Arms

STRIKE

The First Great Internationalist Strike for Years.

30,000 AUSTRALIAN WORKERS HAVE ACTIVELY DEMONSTRATED THEIR INTERNATIONAL CLASS SOLIDARITY BY COMING OUT ON STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF THE COLONIAL PEOPLES OF INDONESIA, WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR TEER INDEPENDENCE. THIS IS A MAGNIFICENT DEMONSTRATION OF INTER-NATIONALIST CLASS SO DARITY WHICH WILL BE AN INSPIRATION TO THE COLONIAL MASSES AND TO THE WORKERS OF THE HOLE WORLD.

The strikes began when a executive of the Waterside Federation decided not to handle any ship on which the Indonesian (Javanese) crew was strikin; or which was suspected of carrying war materials which might be used against the Indonesian workers and peasants.

4,000 wharf labourers were the first to strike; they were joined by 10,000 miners, 5,000 ironworkers, 4,000 printers, 1,000 nurses and 600 powerhouse wirkers.

In Brisbane waterside workers refused to handle six Dutch ships destined for Java.

## TRADE UNION LEADERS TO VICTIMISE PIT 'ABSENTEES'

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE MINEWORKERS' UNION. ACCORDING TO THE "NEWS CHRONICLE" OF SEPTEMBER 21st, HAS DECIDED ON A "NEW DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM AGAINST ABSENTEES." THIS SYSTEM WILL, WE ARE TOLD, WORK AS FOLLOWS:

"When a man has been reported as a persistent absentee the Pit Production Committee will, if they think he ought to be disciplined, report him to his Union branch.

#### WASH ITS HANDS

If his own comrades decide that he is really a defaulter they will give him a serious warning. They will stress the vital importance of increasing output and of doing everything possible to make nationalisation

Should the man remain recalcitrant the Union will wash its hands of him and if he is sacked it will mean his leaving the industry for good."

The reason for this change in policy, lies not in consideration for the the attempts to use the police and the This broke down on the resistance and solidarity of the miners.

But now they wish to use the miners' own organisations as the police and informers of the capitalist

If these "plans" were put into effect in the miners' union, they would only act to demoralise and disorganise the

Absenteeism is caused by the bad conditions under which the miners labour. These plans are an ominous sign of the lack of confidence of the Labour leaders and trade union bureaucrats that nationalisation will improve the conditions and standards of the miners.

Such "planning" will meet with the contempt and disgust that it deserves from the miners. It will have even less effect than the threats of imprisonment, and fining under the Coalition Government.

Miners must demand that their leaders stop playing around. The coaloutput in coal. Let them take action and devise schemes against them, instead of against the miners!

#### In South-East Asia, in that rich region coveted by the imperialist powers, the native peoples have risen in open revolt under the banner of freedom and independence. The "Express" of 25th September

reported that traincars have slogans painted on their sides: "Better to hell than colonised again."

#### JAPS AND ALLIES UNITE!

"There is one place in the world where the war is not yet over," reports the Sunday Pictorial. "It is in Java, where the Japs while waiting for the Allies to arrive to take them over, are fighting apparently on our side to keep order in the capital, Batavia and other parts against the natives. Last night they broke up a meeting of exfremists demonstrating both against the Japanese and the Allies and claim-

ing independence. Armoured cars and lorries loaded with fully armed Jap soldiers have been rolling through Batavia. One Japanese was killed yesterday and Major-General Nishida, head of the Japanese Gestapo here claims that the terrorists are preparing for guerilla resistance."

In Indo-China, the French imperialists in close partnership with British and Japanese Generals are at present engaged in brutally suppressing the native population who rose in revolt against French rule. In Saigon, the capital city, the French administration was overthrown and the Ind Chinese was overthrown and the Indo-Chinese set up in its place a Provisional Government of their own.

The Vichyite generals who throughout the war had maintained the friendliest of collaboration with the Japanese anthorities of collaboration with the Japanese anthorities of collaboration that the Management of the collaboration with the Japanese anthorities of collaboration that the Management of the Collaboration with the Japanese anthorities are collaborated to the Management of the Collaboration of the Collaboration with the Japanese anthorities are collaborated to the Management of the Collaboration of the Collab

anthorities, appealed to the British for

aid and assistance. The British authorities, fearful lest the success of the native population might lead to similar movements in the British colonial areas, readily responded. The Japanese Generals also joined in. Thus, while British and Japanese maintained law and order in the streets, reinforcements of the Freuch army, uavy and air force launched an all-out effort to crush the popular movement.

Ismery Pearce, Daily Herald corresponded treported: "Dawn came and French paratroops, sailors and airmen jubilantly joined in the mopping up of the Annamese irregular army. Dr. Thach, Foreign Minister in the new Annamese government and his ministerial colleagues were rudely awakened and placed under arrest. As they broke into houses and searched for arms, the French took into custody hundreds of Amamese carrying knives. Dr. Thach's official room in the town hall was lined with frustrated Anna-mese facing the wall, hands tied behind their backs with one long rope. These men, no more than boys, had fought back. Others were brought by the scruff of their necks. An occasional shot cracked out in the morning. Occasionally, an Annamese fell wounded. Men washed blood from the pavement. Some daring hot-headed natives tried to cut the road to our air-field but British, Gurkha and Japanese troops pushed them aside quickly and

How quickly the imperialist powers, who only yesterday were fighting each other, sacrificing the lives of millions in the process, have united in firm fraternity in defence of their common class interests. Lord Louis Mountbatten, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces frantically wired the Japanese Generals not to let go their hold over their possess s, until Allied reintercements arrive.

"Asia for the Asiatios", are earning the gratitude of their yesterday's enemies, by holding the native peoples

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## ROLLS ROYCE SACKINGS

ROLLS ROYCE FACTORY AT HILLINGTON, GLASGOW, COVERING ONE MILLION SQUARE FEET, AND BUILT IN 1939 AT THE COST OF MILLIONS OF POUNDS OF THE TAXPAYERS MONEY, EMPLOYING 24,000 WORKERS AT ITS PEAK PERIOD IN THE WAR FOR "FREE-DOM AND PLENTY" IS IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A DERE-LICT WRECK.

At the beginning of September, the factory was invaded by a body of Man Power Board officials, who, given the use of a Conference Room to examine the personnel records, worked a day and night shift in their haste to re-move "redundant" workers from the

Although 6,000 workers had already been sacked in "dribs and drabs" in the past 12 months, this was the first indication to the remaining 18,000 that big "lay-offs" were about to take place A few days later the Shop Steward Negotiating Committee was summoned before the Management, under the chairmanship of no less a personality than Mr. Hives, deputy-controller of the Rolls Royce combine. This individto reduce personnel owing to the cut in "Merlin" engine orders caused through the "unanticipated" collapse of the Japanese war, and that they (Rolls Royce) had in mind to reduce the factory to a compact unit of 6 blocks (there are normally 19 blocks. 15 inside the main factory and 4 outside)—which may employ an average of

5,000 workers. He further disclosed at this meeting that the Foundry (a finely equipped plant), which along with the rest of the factory is M.A.P. (Government) property, was being taken over by the Rolls Royce Company. (Nationalisation in reverse!)

Militant stewards say that when this was reported to the shop stewards, Burt, a leading Stalinist spokesman on this C.P. dominated Committee, demonstrated that he had learned well from Harry Pollitt "how to win the peace." In a disgraceful contribution dyear he advocated no other course than that they should "allow" the workers to

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## GERMAN CHILDREN



## ADEN DEMONSTRATION BY PTE. J. KING

REPORTS OF A FURTHER DEMONSTRATION BY THE MEN IN THE SERVICES SHOW THEY ARE NOT BEING LEADERS COVERING UP THEIR FAILURE TO PRODUCE AN EFFECTIVE PLAN TO SPEED UP RELEASE.

On September 9th, 1945, over 750 servicemen stationed at Aden, demonstrated before the Governor's house, and presented a petition containing about 1,000 signatures, to be forwarded to the

The demonstration was preceded by considerable agitation among the units on the station, agitation which proves that workers, although in uniform, have not forgotten the lessons learned in class struggles in civilian life. Meetings were held and the petition

#### THE SERVICEMEN'S DEMANDS

- (a) The slowness of demobilisation. (b) The wastage of manpower and the carrying out of unnecessary and useless work.
- (c) The slowness of repatriation (There are men in Aden months overdue for repatriation to the
- (d) The absence of a scheme of leave to the U.K.
- (e) The insufficiency and poor quality of food.

The demonstration made it clear that they were men who had voted for the Labour Government, and had no in-tention of allowing their demonstration to be used by reactionary elements to use their protest as a blow against Labour from the Right. But they were determined to bring their grievances to the attention of the Govern-

The petition concludes that the service men "appreciate the difficulties facing the Government but request that the voice of the ordinary service man shall be heard along with that of the service chiefs."

But Aden is not alone. Everywhere, soldiers, sailors and airmen have their lists of grievances which require redress. While it seemed probable that there would be early demobilisation, the lads overseas have been content to do little more than grumble and "wait for the boat." But when the Government hedges on the question of services release, it is not to be wondered at that patience wears down, and the service men are beginning to make

their demands plain.

After weeks of deliberations now
Attlee announces a new plan.

In previous articles on the question
of demobilisation, the "Socialist Appeal" has stated that unless the Labour Government took steps to speed up the release of service personnel, it would be faced with a growing movement of protest from the workers in the forces. We repeat the warning: Unless the Government takes effective steps to speed up demobilisation, the Aden demonstration will not be the

#### BLACKOUT ON PROTEST

The daily press has so far remained completely silent on the Aden demonstration. Among these was the "Daily Worker" although several rank and file members of the C.P. took part in the demonstration. We wonder what their reactions will be to the silence of the organ of the C.P. which claims to represent the workers.

Despite the black-out of news, despite the threats of disciplinary action, the discontent will continue and will develop. The Labour movement must add its voice to the growing demand for a speedier demobilisation. We know that the Labour leaders would like to keep a large section of the armed forces under arms to deal with

SPEED UP DEMOBILISATION!

## 200,000 U.S. STRIKERS Fight Wage Cuts and Redundancy

This is America. The citadel of capitalism, in the throes of reconversion from war to peace production: 1,000,000 workers unemployed 24 hours after the defeat of Japan; 4,000,000 by the beginning of September; the Reconversion Mobiliser, Snyder, estimates in a report to President Truman that 8,000,000 will be unemployed next spring; and in the next 18 months 8,000,000 men will be demobilised. BY V. JAMES

The American capitalists feel themselves masters of the world. Conscious of their overwhelming economic and military power, which dwarfs that of every other country, they hurl themselves at the problem of peacetime production with tremendous élan. The war is over? Cancel the war contracts, demobilise the Forces! The unemployed? Don't worry, they'll be absorbed somehow! We're going to show the world what private enter-

But they overlooked one factor. They have forgotten that the basis of all their wealth and power, the 50,000,000 American workers, are not revolts among the masses in Europe and Asia. But the Labour movement cannot allow this to take place.

PASS RESOLUTIONS IN YOUR is also the source of their fatal weak-BRANCHES AND FACTORIES DE-MANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS FROM OCCUPIED make, and are determined to secure them. A great strike wave is sweeping America.

#### WORKERS TAKE UP THE OFFENSIVE

During the war, wage increases greater than 15% above peacetime levels were forbidden. This was the "Little Steel Formula". The workers were restrained from struggling for better wages and conditions by the "No-Strike Pledge." With the great exception of the miners, the wage-freeze and the no-strike pledge were largely effective. Not because the workers accepted them and were not prepared to struggle—there was a wave of "unofficial" strikes in 1943-but because the top leadership of the unions had agreed to abandon the class struggle during the war, and there was no militant rank-and-file move-ment which could give an alternative

But now the situation has altered. Freed by the ending of the war from the stifling grip of wartime propa-ganda for "national unity", the workers are taking action to settle their accumulated grievances. union bureaucracy feels the wind, and has been forced to respond in some way to the feeling of the rank-andfile. For example, the leadership of United Automobile Workers (U.A.W.-C.I.O.) has officially revoked the no-strike pledge. As a result, the wage-freeze has also been smashed. The working class is on the

#### THE STRIKE WAVE

The late Spring of this year saw a wave of strikes. In June, the Detroit Regional Conference of the U.A.W.-. C.I.O. passed, by an overwhelming majority, a resolution in favour of breaking the Little Steel Formula (wage-freeze) by means of strike action. Conferences in the Michigan region and the Buffalo area followed suit. During the same month, 48,000 U.A.W. workers came out in Detroit. At the beginning of July, 60,000 rubber workers struck in the Goodyear and Firestone plants in Akron.

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## From Servicemen

## As a Soldier Sees Demob.

Some people will tell us that a too rapid demobilisation would flood the labour market and release service men only to a period on the dole.

While it is true that unless the workers enforce a sliding scale of hours through workers' control of industry, mass unemployment is inevitable-the position at the moment is that there is an acute shortage of labour in the coal mining, building, textiles, clothing and other industries. Everyone, from Cabinet Ministers to journalists and Trade Union leaders is blaming the shortage of labour for lack of soal, houses, clother, etc. And useless occupations as . . . blancoing!

The day before the demobilisation slow-down was announced, the Ministry of Labour proclaimed that during the next 8 weeks, 1,500,000 munition workers would be released for jobs in peace time production. This will certainly ease the shortage of labour; but even if this fills all the available jobs, that is no reason why the de mobbed servicemen should go on the dole, or why demobilisation should be

It is up to the servicemen and civilian workers to demand that if there are more men than jobs, the were plastered with it, and as fast as to absorb all war workers and appeared again. This sort of thingdemobbed servicemen,

The employers hope to take advantage of a large force of embittered unemployed demobbed servicement and use them as a threat against employed workers, so as to attack the wage rates and conditions of all

The worl s and soldiers must not cruggle unitedly for the division of the work among all.

The R.C.P. calls upon the workers to demand, through their trade union branches, Labour Party branches, factories - that the Labour leaders implement the policy of a sliding scale of hours with a corresponding rise in wage rates to keep up earnings.

#### FREEDOM FOR THE COLONIES WILL SPEED UP DEMOBILISATION

The soldiers, sailors and airmen and profits of British capitalism from of the soldiers. the exploited native workers and

of continuing the Tory policy of de-tion of interest is demobilisation: fence of imperialist interests, were when? There is a general acceptance to pursue a socialist internationalist of a return to the bad old days of

Just as in the Far East it is the denecessitate large military require- job at a difficult period." ments, so it is in Europe and Germany.

UP OF DEMOBILISATION IS pronounced out here. THEREFORE LINKED UP WITH THE SOCIALIST STRUGGLE FOR

FREEDOM OF THE COLONIES AND THE BETRAYAL OF THE COLONIAL AND EUROPEAN WORKERS AND PEASANTS BY THE LABOUR LEADERS.

The British troops do not want to enslave the colonial and German people! They want to go home!

Dear Comrades.

The paper is plenty good, particularly the article on demob, which is an accurate expression of what most of the boys are thinking. Discontent is rising everywhere-and in this comyet thousands of workers in the forces mand I think that we have a higher are condemned to idleness and such proportion of Labour supporters than anywhere else, except Burma.

> Just before the repatriation period was reduced, fellows in Palestine, Syria and the Lebanon conducted a novel campaign that is well worth a mention in the paper. They used to chalk the single word "When? wherever they could, and made a point of sticking it just where it would cause most annoyance to the brass hats. One general, for instance, inspected a British regiment in Syria, and as he drove away it was seen that his car was splashed with the word "When?" Company offices silly though it looks on paper, but deadly effective in building up a sense of solidarity among the lads—is going

### From Poona

Dear Comrade.

I am now stationed just outside Poona. Unfortunately visits to the city seem to be out of the question at the moment due to an outbreak of or plague. placed out of bounds, but that may not apply to all of Poona. We were informed this morning that we are bound for destination "East of Singapore", where and when being rather vague and censorable.

Conditions here come as rather a sent out to the Far East, and those shock to the chaps who accompanied whose demob will be put off, have the me. Immediate sympathy was estabright to ask: Now that the war is lished. The idea that the Indians ended, and Japan is to be demilitarised, why are we being kept to live that way because they wished to live that way because they wished to live that way was brought forward, here? It is becoming clearer to the and spread in an effort to excuse any service men that the large forces re- attempt to think about a method of quired are to defend the investments ending it, which was the first thought

The recent statements of members of the Labour Party leadership have If the Labour Government, instead created little interest; the only quespolicy, by granting national independ- unemployment, vague ideas about the ence to India, Burma, Malaya — it necessity of change, and ultimately would be possible to withdraw all violent methods of effecting the de-British troops from these countries. sired changes. The main idea is to "give the present Government a fence of imperialist interests that chance, remember it has a difficult

The T.U.C.'s resolution on demob was very warmly received and helped ANY DEMAND FOR THE SPEND to close the gap between civvy and army, an outlook which becomes more

Fraternal greetings,

Don.

20th WRITES:

in condemning them.

Cannock Chase District.

Agent: R. H. Condon.

Dear Mr. Editor,

## Belfast Meeting Special Branch Take Notes

We held our meeting yesterday, and between 80 and 90 workers attended.

The audience was, in the main, sympathetic, although we had opposition from one or two Stalinist sympathisers. The subject of the meeting was an exposure of Stalinist apologetics and "tactics". One of the opposition said that Stalin had never made a mistake since 1017! Another pro-C.P.'er said it was ridiculous to criticise Stalin for making mistakes, as everybody made mistakes!

However, we got considerable support from non-party-members, including ex-C.P.'ers, and we are very satisfied with the meeting.

Three members of the Special Branch, one to take shorthand notes, were also present.

With regard to the R.U.C., the following resolution was passed unanimously:-

"We protest against the action of the Minister of Home Affairs in sending shorthand writers from the R.U.C. to working class meetings. These actions were previously excused on the grounds of war-time security, but the war is over and still these attentions continue.

The police are given power to enter private meetings under the Special Power Acts; but the Government has always maintained that these Acts were not intended to be used against the working-class movement."

We have sent this resolution to all working-class M.P.s in Stormont, excluding Midgley, and will probably get

## R. C. P. LAUNCHES EXPANSION DRIVE FAILED £500 NEEDED!

The delegates and visitors who was present at the INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PARTY August National Conference of our Party were unanimous in their appraisal of the wonderful oppo sunities opening up for Trotskyism in the next period. In Britain the return of the Labour Government discloyed the immense potentialities of the swing to the Left which is engulfing every corner of the world. For the first time since the foundation of the Trotskyist movement possibilities of building powerful mass parties of the Fourth International

Proceeding from these considerations it is clear that one of our main tasks is to strike outwards to an increasing extent in order to bring the policy of the Revolutionary Communist Party before the great majority of the workers. We must mobilise the whole of our resources to carry our message to a greater number of fresh workers who are now awakening to political consciousness; to the advanced elements who are becoming increasingly disgusted with the policy of the Labour Government; and to the ever increasing circle of disillusioned members of His Majesty's loyal "Communist" Party.

To implement our Conference decisions and to prepare the party for the coming struggles, it has been decided to establish a Finance Campaign Committee, whose task it will be to gather into the party coffers the essential requisites for a further drive forward. This committee has set itself the job of initiating during the next three months an Expansion Programme covering the following

#### MAINTAIN THE "SOCIALIS" APPEAL"!

Our paper the "Socialist Appeal" is one of the most important weapons in our armoury. But it is a constant drag on our meagre resources.

"Socialist Appeal", unlike the capitalist organs or "Daily Worker" is not maintained by capitalist advertisements. Revenue from sales does not cover the cost of production. Consequently it has to be subsidised from Party funds. Part of the campaign fund is earmarked for our press.

hours of work should be lessened so as the words were rubbed out they HELP US TO GET "SOCIALIST APPEAL' ONTO A SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS!

#### FOR A NEW SERIES OF AGITATIONAL AND THEORETICAL PAMPHLETS!

For the publishing side of our Party's work, arrangements are already in hand to produce opular pamphlets on the Party's programme and Confere ce decisions. We are also preparing pamphlets dealing with a popularisation of our programme and or mining to their industrial questions; we plan auso, to regarding the Alexander of Trotskyism" and "Germany, the Key to the International Situation" both of which have been completely sold out. The publication of pamphlets is an essential aspect of party work.

Miner's Leader Answers

Mis-statements in

Telegraph

THE "TELEGRAPH", JOURNAL OF THE COAL OWNERS, IS PURSUING ITS CAMPAIGN OF SLANDER AND ATTACKS ON THE

MINERS. IN SO DOING IT IS ZEALOUSLY QUOTING STATEMENTS

FROM MINERS' LEADERS UP AND DOWN THE COUNTRY. BUT IN THEIR ZEAL THEY HAVE ATTRIBUTED STATEMENTS TO A

MINERS' LEADER WHO STANDS ON THE SIDE OF THE MINERS.

IN THEIR SEARCH FOR "EVIDENCE" TO BLAME THE MINERS

FOR THE COAL SHORTAGE, THE "TELEGRAPH" OF SEPTEMBER

Midlands-Absenteeism at week-ends is described by a representative

of the owners as simply disgusting and by a Cannock Chase Miners' agent as 'growing out of all reasonable proportion'."

The reply of Bob Condon is reproduced below. Every miners' leader

HELP TO PROVIDE THESE NEW WEAPONS IN OUR ARMOURY!

## **ORGANISERS!**

To spread our activity into new and fertile ureas; to expand the growth of the party in the districts where we are already operating; requires the employment of an increasing number of full-time organisers.

The fulfilment of this object will enable us to extend the number of live Party branches in the industrial areas throughout the country, to draw new and fresh interested workers into our ranks and the establishment of new

#### HELP TO INCREASE THE PARTY PROFESSIONAL STAFF!

#### FOR A REGULAR POPULAR THEORETICAL ORGAN!

A larger R.C.P. demands ever increasing emphasis pon our educational facilities. The regular appearance of a popular theoretical journal which consistently presents a Marxist analysis of the momentous events unfolding in Britian and the world, is an essential aspect of educational work of the purty members and sympathisers. Workers' International News" must fulfil this role by a regular appearance. As from the next issue the complete laylout of "W.I.N." will be altered and more attractive. But "W.I.N." is a very costly project, as is always a theoretical organ in a revolutionary organisation.

HELP TO STABILISE "WORKERS' INTERNATIONAL NEWS"

#### £500 PARTY EXPANSION FUND NEEDED!

To make this programme realisable, we appeal to our forces, and 3,000,000 in munitions, Party members and sympathisers to help raise the sum and the need to build houses and proof £500 between October 1st and December 31st. We have set the target figure for our Campaign at £500 because we T.U.C. instead of demanding measures believe that this sum represents a realistic goal in relation to our commitments in this period.

Our Party has the opportunity of doing great things; it must be prepared to remove all obstacles in its path. The success of our Expansion Programme will depend upon a great deal of hard work and personal sacrifice on the part of our members and sympathisers. When we consider, however the terrible sacrifices exacted during its wars as well as its "peace", for causes in which the working people have no stake whatsoever, we believe that any sacrifice for our Campaign Fund will be willingly made in the full knowledge that it is a concrete step towards eliminating the misery and oppression of the

What matters, as Trotsky once expressed it, is "the better future; that one carries on his shoulders a particle of the fate of mankind". Let this be the guiding line of our Expansion Campaign.

Help us take a great step forward in establishing the R.C.P. in the soil of the British Labour movement! Get busy, without delay and start collecting as much as possible from every reader of the "Socialist Appeal",

from every sympathiser and friend. Every penny counts! Every contribution will be gratefully received and acknowledged. For further particulars and supplies of the special collecting sheets - please fill in the form below and forward it to us with-

. "Our Party demands each of us totally and completely". Rally as The same Mr. Chester announced that never before to make this Campaign the Labour Party and the miners on

G. HEALY (Campaign Organiser) H. ATKINSON (Treasurer)

# WHY T.U.C.

slaughter, the existence of the Labour Government invested this year's Trade Union Congress with great importance. But the Leftward swing of the working-class, so evident from the results of the General Election, were not so evident from the speeches and decisions made at Blackpool.

One thing, emerged clearly, the General Council will do collectively what Arthur Horner will do individ-ually—they will act as the State's chief production officers and policemen within the organised Labour move-

ment. The T.U.C. does not accurately reflect the mood and demands of the workers, because in most cases the delegates are Trade Union officials, the Congress is steamrollered and "guided" by a General Council, which is composed of experienced bureaucrats. But, here and there, the critical attitude of the rank and file towards the Labour Government received a slight reflection in the delegates. When Harold Laski, chairman of the Labour Party, made the statement: "Our leaders have been given the tools. Let us see to it that they finish the job." according to the press, this received the loudest applause. The mood of the workers was also partly reflected in the criticisms of the Labour Government's demobilisation "plan", and the demands of the delegates concerning edundancy, wages and hours.

Faced with increasing redundancy, thousands of workers on the dole queue because of the closing down of war factories, concealed unemployment of 4,350,000 in the armed duce goods for the workers, the against the real cause of the economic crisis—the capitalists—is to give whole hearted support to the Labour Government's attempt to reorganise capitalism. More than this, the T.U.C., as the most powerful organisation of the British working-class, is to be the main driving force behind the Government's plan to extract the last ounce of sweat out of the tired and sweated workers-in the interest of the

#### "FAIR COMPENSATION"

From Mr. Chester, on behalf of the Jeneral Council, we learn the precise ature of the Fair compensation" to be paid to the employers whose inlustries are to be nationalised. Reasonable net maintenance venue", which is the determining factor in the payment of compensation, means the ascertainment of the financial returns of an undertaking, multiplied by the period of years during which, it could be agreed, that the financial returns of the undertaking would have been maintained if it continued in private hands. Thus, the compensation to be paid to the capitalists for having exploited the workers is to be on a very generous

the report of the joint committee with public ownership of the mines, would not be published "as it might cause unnecessary embarrassment to the

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## A.E.U. Strike in Midlands

On Thursday, Sept. 13th, 1,700 Wolverhampton, came out on strike and retaining women. Pending negotiations, the workers returned after an hour, but ceased work again nise that the craft spirit is playing when the negotiations-broke down.

On Monday, at a meeting in the canteen, A.E.U. officials urged a return to work, but there was a unanimous decision to reject their advice. The management then gave the workers an ultimatum, that if they the workers an ultimatum, that if they were not prepared to work, after Saturday, the whole factory would be

union instructions were that no reports were to be given to the press. However, among the workers themselves many that are taking place around there was no lack of realisation that publicity for the strike among other workers, such as the readers of struggling: Don't give up the fight Socialist Appeal," was essential.

The workers stated that the roots of the dispute went right back to 1936, when a struggle which prevented the management from introducing cheap women labour into the factory took place. At the beginning of your problem is part of a national war, however, Relaxation Agreement, women came into the factory, the men understanding that it was only for "the attempt of the management to lower rates by retaining the women.

This dispute brings out crystal workers employed by Henry Meadows, clear the urgent necessity for workers to fight for the rate for the worth his salt would repudiate in the same way these slanders against the following the managements' decision the job, and thus remove the whole miners, and put the blame where it belongs, instead of vicing with the bosses to meet redundancy by sacking men basis for moves such as that made Pending by the Henry Meadows management.

Class conscious workers will recogsome part in this dispute; will realise that in the struggle against the boss class, men and women must fight shoulder to shoulder, neither attempting to solve their problems at the exin the factory, which is 100% organ-ised, are solid with the men. It is evident that the main content

of the strike is a struggle to prevent The stewards refused to give a story to the "Socialist Appeal," stating that rates, and it must be supported by every militant worker.

This is only one struggle of the redundancy questions. The Trotskyists say to the workers who are against the individual employers, prevent redundancy from being used to victimise militants and undercut rates; unite men and women together in the struggle on the basis of the rate for the job; but also realise that

redundancy problem Demand that the Labour Government comes to your aid and the aid of other workers, by forcing the em-But now there was the ployers to institute a sliding scale of hours to absorb the unemployed without wage reductions.

#### NATIONAL UNION OF MINE come, and is still prevented. Had he been allowed, he'd have been a good miner today. Here is his name and address: Pte. A. J. Godwin, No. 14388954, Depot Coy, R.A.S.A. Station Road, No. 4 Mob Centre, R.A.S.C., Health Hedensford, Staffs. Camp, Cardiff. Personally, I have always been against the Bevin scheme

I see in the "Telegraph" of 20/9/45 proved failure today. a report on absenteeism that says "a Third , raise the wages to at least Cannock Chase Miners' agent" stated a £6 minimum in accordance with the that absenteeism was "growing out of complete overhaul of the wages struc-

all reasonable proportion," This statement I wish to utterly deny, and there is no possibility of error because I am the only Cannock Chase Miners' agent. of the war.

21.9.45.

I would like to give you my own views on absenteeism especially as nationalised, without any compensathe above statement is likely to reflect tion, and production placed under the on my knowledge of the problems in full control of the democratically mining that lead up to and are elected trade union committees of responsible for the absentees.

WORKERS

Miners' Offices

First of all the workers in the industry demand the lifting of all in- in the light of them I think the redustrial conscription. Release those who wish to leave.

are willing to come into the industry, expect increases in Volunteers are worth ten pressed men. Miners won't be satisfied with Here is a case of a soldier who has promises; they have had enough, been trying to get into the mines for action is the solution. the matter raised in Parliament here. THREE YEARS and still wants to

of industrial conscription and it is a

ture. This is urgent and vital. Forth, income tax to be abolished

on all workers in basic industries and placed on those who made profit out Fifth, the mines to be immediately

workers.

Those are some of my opinions, and verse of the above quoted alleged statement....Until these concrete things Second allow freedom to men who are tackled it is quite reasonable to

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#### **EDITORIAL**

## THE BELSEN TRIA

The Belsen Trial is refreshing the minds of the world working class in the horrors perpetrated by the Nazis in the concentration camps. As the evidence unfolds the bestiality and inhuman cruelties; the tortures, the beatings; the systematic exterminations are revealed to be a normal part of the routine of the Nazi regime.

In these trials all the barbarity of capitalism which underlies the thin varnish of civilisation has come to the surface. The Fascist regime unchained all the vile elements created and nurtured in the depths of society by capitalism itself.

Those guilty of these horrible crimes should be exterminated. Yet the real criminals responsible for these outrages are not in the dock. These creatures were but the tools of the masters who disdained to do the dirty work themseles. The masters were the bankers, the capitalists, the landowners, who lavishly subsidised, financed and armed the gangs of lumpen proletarians, the declassed elements of society, the adventurers of the Nazi Party. The masters were those who put the Nazis in power as a protection of their property and privilege against the menacing threats of the powerful German working class.

Not only did these thugs receive support from the German skyists and thousands of Indian fightindustrialists; but from their counterparts in France, America ers, are still languishing in prisons and Britain.

The lying propaganda of the capitalist class and their lackeys—the Labour and Stalinist leaders, that this is a peculiar abomination of the German race is refuted by the fact that the S.S. recruited hundreds of thousands of members during the war from the French, Belgian, Dutch, Ukranian, Hungarian, and all the other territories over-run by the Nazis. Thus not only in Germany are the germs of this affliction present.

The horror evinced by the capitalists, is purely a sham. In India they allowed a famine to rage, which reduced entire provinces to Belsen conditions. They are preparing mass graves in approved Belsen fashion for the German people this winter. The Stalin regime is no better in this regard. In the approved Nazi fashlon, Stalin has carried out the deportation of millions of Germans from Eastern Europe which brought about the death of tens of thousands of innocent women and children.

Never should it be forgotten that for many years the concentration camps were peopled exclusively by German revolutionary workers and that they always formed a great proportion of the inmates of the concentration camps right to the end. The masters of Britain cynically suppressed the truth about the horrors of the concentration camps before the war when they were trying to arrive at an agreement with Hitler. Tomorow, they will not hesitate to resort to the same methods if their system is threatened.

Belsen is a signpost. Capitalism must be overthrown by Socialist Revolution before it reduces the world to a Belsen world.

## The THIEVES' KITCHEN

The Five Power Conference revealed itself as a colossal fiasco. After endless negotiations, it has leaked into the press that they have been unable to reach a decision on a single major question. Even from the little that appeared in the press, it was evident that this was a Conference of robbers quarreling over the division of the loot. Each one, of course, with the most virtuous of intentions.

Molotov waxes indignant over the dictatorships in Greece and Spain. Bevin is horrified at the lack of democracy in the Balkans. Burns manoeuvres between the two. France and China, petty pick-pockets seek to snatch an advantage by supporting one of the other big knaves.

The issues are clear. Stalin is making demands which the Czar would never have dared to make. Abandoning the last traditions of Bolshevism and besmirching the banner of the October Revolution in its attitude to the oppressed colonial peoples, Stalin demands colonies in the Mediterranean. This would have found the approval of Czar Peter, but never of Lenin.

Of course, this is a bargaining point for the bureaucracy. Like the other powers in the game of power-politics, the bureaucracy uses the peoples as so many pawns to be bandied from one giant to the other according to the relationship of forces. Stalin will bargain the Eritrean and Tripolitanian masses, previously exploited by the Italian imperialists, and generously give them to the tender care of the British, if, in return his version of "democracy", i.e. Russian domination of the Balkans is accepted. Both reject, with indignation, the suggestion of the Americans that they should come under the joint care of the great powers. They demand undisputed domination.

America, of course, stands for freedom and independence for all in Europe, as in Asia and Africa. The only real democrats? Of course not! A nominal independence of the Italian colonies would mean economic domination by mighty American imperialism.

All the glittering illusions of the "brave new world" which was to come out of the defeat of the "wicked" powers, are being rapidly destroyed. Round one is ended. Germany and Japan are eliminated, and have become part of the swag. Round two has commenced. America, Britain and Russia now turn on each other. For What? For spheres of influence and sources of power and economic aggrandisement. Above all, they fight for strategic bases for the next world war.

Like the previous dontradictions between the powers, the diplomatic and economic war will lead to military war. There can be no peace under capitalism. Only the Fourth International predicted that this would be the outcome of the conflagration if capitalism was allowed to remain in existence. Only the Fourth International shows the way out to-day for the world working class. The sole road to peace lies in the ruthless struggle against capitalism and the establishment of a Socialist world.

## Tory Plan for India REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST 90 % OF INDIANS DENIED VOTE

In the course of their election promises, the Labour Leaders proclaimed that India would be granted independence if they came to power. After their assumption to office, they did not immediately announce freedom for India. Instead, they sent for Wavell, and as revealed in a previous issue of "Socialist Appeal", went into consultations with the Tory leaders. After weeks of deliberations, Attlee has announced a new plan. It consists of the following:

#### LABOUR LEADERS' OFFER TO INDIA

- 1. Immediate elections to the Central and Provincial legislatures on the restricted franchise of the 1935 Constitution.
- 2. Formation of provincial minist-
- 3. A central interim government to be formed, supported by the main
- Representatives of the newly elec-ted provincial and Central legislatures to be consulted on the modifications of the Cripps' Plan. Similar discussions to be held with the Indian princes.
- 6. Summoning of a Constitutionmaking body at an early date.
- 7. Preparation of a Treaty to be signed by Britain and the Constitution-making body defining the relationship between the two countries.

In the meanwhile, the members of the Congress Socialist Party, the Trotand concentration camps. Even the modicum of civil liberties enjoyed by the Indian masses prior to the war, remain suspended. Oppress ve laws against the freedom of press and speech still operate. It is in this atmosphere of terror, that the Labour leaders promise "free and unfettered elections in India"!

At the outset, correctly, the Indian National Congress raised an objection to the method of the proposed elec The electorate consisting of 71 tions. per cent of the adult population for the provincial legislatures, and 3 per cent for the Central legislature. dis torted by special communal representation, will in no way reflect of the overwhelming mass of the population. Significantly, showing its own weakness, the Congress raised the demand for universal adult franchise, and then dropped it like a hot brick.

Torn to its roots, the present plan makes Cripps' proposals the starting makes Cripps' proposals the starting point of discussions. Apologetically, the "Herald" and "Reynolds" ay that the spirit behind Cripps' plan is genuine, and by reoffering it to be Indian masses, Labour has demonst ted its overwhelming sympathy or Indian aspirations. Let us have a leok at this Cripps offer of April 1942.

#### THE CRIPPS' PROPOSALS-WHAT THEY MEAN

Presented to India when Britain was etreating on all fronts in the Pacific, t consisted of two parts. The first part is of no significance now as it was to operate for the duration of the war. The second part, attempting to ANT LEADERS ARE sprovide a long term solution, offered: BEING HELD IN PRISON.

#### BY V. SIMMS

- (a) A Constitution making body is to be summoned after the war. It is to consist of 159 members. 50 of them are to be nominated by the Indian princes. The rest are to be elected by the Provincial assemblies, elected on the present franchise.
- (b) Those provinces unwilling to enter the All India Union should have the right of secession.

Indian National Congress rejected the proposals on the grounds that it introduces an undemocratic eleinto the Constitution-making body by allowing the Princes to nominate a third of the representatives; that by admitting the principle of nonacceptance of the union, it destroys the unity of India; and that by accepting the present franchise as the basis for electing the Constitution-making body



JAI-PRAKASH NARAIN

THE LABOUR LEADERS PRO-"FREE ELECTION" IN INDIA. BUT THOUSANDS POLITICAL PRISONERS I NOT BEEN RLEASED. ABOVE IS A PICTURE OF JAI-PRAKASH NARAIN, LEFT WING CONGRESS LEADER AND GENERAL SECRE-TARY OF THE CONGRESS S,OCIALIST PARTY. TOGETHER WITH THOUSANDS OF OHERS, NATIONALISTS, SOCIALISTS, TROTSKYISTS TRADE UNIONISTS AND PEAS LEADERS ARE

### it denies to more than 90 per cent of the Indian population, the right to

sham anti-democratic proposals, that the "Herald" and "Reynolds" wants to convince the Indian people has de monstrated Labour's overwhelming sympathy for Indian aspirations! In the most cynical manner, the Labour leaders have the impudence to offer the same proposals to India, as did the Tories. Attlee carefully explains that this is a "national" offer in which he has the full support of the Tories and the Liberals!

India and declared that India and Conthing less than independence

#### INDIAN STALINISTS GET THE BIRD

The only defence of these proposals, and the plea to accept them came the Stalinist delegate, Ashraf in the All India Congress Committee sessions. The following astounding eport appears in the "Daily Worker"

"Feeling against the Communists, who are accused of having betrayed Congress through supporting an imperialist war' was demonstrated when Dr. Ashraf, one of about half a dozen Communist members, moved an amendment on the constitutional

An audience of 25,000 demanded that no Communist should speak from the Congress rostrum. Ashraf was shouted down after

The working committee is considering making a list of charges against the Communists for acting against its policy, and barring Communist members from all executive

The struggle of the Indian masses for independence can admit of no comwith British imperialism. Their demands are unambiguous and forthright. Repeatedly they have all civil liberties; the right to convene basis of universal adult franchise and the withdrawal of British troops from

QUIT INDIA! ALLOW THE INDIAN MASSES TO DECIDE THEIR OWN DESTINY!

It is this "spirit", the spirit of thes

Once again the Indian National Congress has rejected this pseudo-independence offered to them as genuine coin by the Labour leaders. In a resolution passed by an overwhelming majority, the Full Policy Committee turned down the British proposals for gress would not be satisfied with any

of September 24th, without comment

proposals.

speaking for a few minutes amid tremendous uproar.

The British working class should not be deceived by the vague and meaningless phraseology of Attlee's state-They must demand of the Lab our leaders:

## **PROGRAMME**

- Nationalisation, of the Bank of England, the Big Five Banks and land, the mines, transport and all big industry without compensa-tion; 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.
- 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 Soviet economy.
- Full and immediate freedom for India and the other colonies to choose their own form of government; the immediate withdrawal of British troops from all colonial
- Against secret diplomacy and a peace of vengeance and plunder; against race hatred—anti-semitism, Vansittartism and the colour for the withdrawal of British troops from Europe and Asia and for a peace based upon the self-determination of the 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 the struggle for World Socialism.

# INTERNATIONAL NOTES

INTERNATIONAL NOTES THEY DIED FOR INTERNATIONALISM AND COMMUNISM

Internationalist Communist Party (P.C.I.), French Section of the Fourth International, published last month an excellently produced and finely illustrated pamphlet dedicated to the memory of the Trotskvists who. during the years of Nazi terror, gave their lives in the struggle against Fascism.

The pamphlet lists the names of well over 50 militants, including 10 women, arrested in France by the Gestapo or the Vichy police, and who were shot, died in prisons or concentration camps, succumbed under the most brutal treatment or died in the "Maquis', or during the August 1944 insurrection. In a few sober words the short individual biographies tell a stirring and inspiring tale of proletarian fighters integrated in all the mass working International. class organisations, of untiring political activity and incessant struggles, arrests, and finally execution squads

and death. And there are hundreds whose sacriunknown!

MARCEL HIC, ORGANISER OF THE EUROPEAN SECRETARIAT

1936 he was a member of the Central other fields. Committee of the P.O.I. (Internationalist Workers' Party, French section of the Fourth International) and already played a leading rôle in the Fourth International. It was he who, in July 1940, recon-

stituted the P.O.I. and he remained the animating spirit of the clandestine organisation until his arrest in 1943. He published the first roneographed issues of the illegal "Vérité". drew up the theses on the national question, on the defence of the U.S.S.R., on the workers' front, etc. editorial board of Vérité", in the various committees of the Party, be guided and educated a generation of revolutionary cadres. At the time of his arrest he had practically completed his efforts for the unification of the various Trotskyist tendencies in France, which were to lead to the constitution of the Internationalist Communist Party. the present section of the Fourth

The Fourth International will, however, remember Hic especially for his of magnificent acts of solidarity, of ever, remember Hic especially for his unflinching revolutionary faith, of outstanding work in the field of internationalist action. It was he who renewed the contacts between the French section and the other European fices remain untold, whose names are countries, and constituted, and animated the European Secretariat of the Fourth International.

The Fourth International especially proud of having been, from Foremost amongst those to whom the very first day of the war, the our French Party pays tribute, is its only organisation to advocate and former General Secretary, Marcel Hic. organise anti-fascist and revolutionary the Fourth joined the Leninist Youth in 1933. By amount of work he was doing in many the Socialist Party.

The clandestine paper 'Arbeiter und Soldat" ("Worker and Soldier"), published in German and distributed to German soldiers in France, was edited under his control. The Gestapo paid special attention to this kind of work which led to Hic's arrest in December 1943.

Several times tortured Gestapo, he was sent to the Buchenwald concentration camp. Even here, his attitude won the admiration of all those who were interned with him. On account of his knowledge of the German language he was designated to act as interpreter of his "bloc" and in this capacity relentlessly defended the interests of his prisonercomrades. He finally was transferred to D.O.R.A., the infamous underground factory where tens of thousands of workers found their death, and this is where he too perished.

The R.C.P. adds its voice in paving tribute to Marcel Hic who lived and died in the cause of Socialist Revo-

#### HOLLAND

We reported, in a previous issue of "Socialist Appeal", that the Dutch Communist Party had been dissolved and its members invited to join an association called "The Friends of Truth ". Holland's communications with the outer world are only gradually being restored, and this no doubt accounts for the Dutch C.P.'s belatedness in following the newest This, however, has now ht. "De Rode October", C.P. turn. been put right. weekly organ of the Dutch section of International, now Expelled from the Communist fraternisation with the soldiers of the announces that the Communist Party for having advocated the Wehrmacht. Here again, Hic was in of Holland is being reconstituted United Front with the Socialists, Hic the forefront, in spite of the enormous and . . . is applying for affiliation to

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## Solidarity with German Why the T.U.C. Failed Working Class

STATEMENT OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU ON THE COMING CATASROTPHE

Workers of Britain! Workers of the World! Many times during the war, you have stood aghast at the barbarism of the Nazis in Europe. You have been horrified at the Belsens and the famine which was created by the Nazis. Today, the Allies are imposing on the German people the same conditions of existence as the Nazis imposed on the conquered peoples of Europe. In Germany, the graves of the victims of famine are being dug in advance.

In the absence of far-reaching measures to avert the impending catastrophe, hunger and disease will take their toll, not in hundreds, or thousands, but in millions. Not one Belsen, but a colossal nation-wide Belsen-such is the prospect which faces the German

masses after half a year of Allied rule.

The new masters of Germany who control the food reserves of the entire world, have openly disclaimed all responsibility towards the vanquished. "Let the Grmans feed themselves" is their motto. Hypocrisy! Under normal conditions Germany imported a large percentage of her food. Now, 15,000,000 hungry people have been driven by the Stalinists from Eastern Germany, while Germany is being stripped of her machinery and food producing territories.

Food is not the real issue. Despite the shortage of commodities, if a real effort was made to organise and distribute equitably all the food available in the world, there would be no need for a single individual of Germany, or any other country, to die of staryation. While hungry masses starve in Europe, mil-lions of tons of precious food lie stored up in the granaries of the great food producing nations. Such the paradox of the capitalist system.

in the hands of the Great Powers, food has lost its meaning as a means of sustenance; it has become transformed into an instrument with which diplomacy and power-politics seek to pursue their diabolical ends

Not only in Germany, but in Greece, Jugoslavia, in all Europe, the power which flows from control of food is being used to undermine the morale of the reballious workers and peasants, for the coercion of Governments, for the upholding of reactionary

Not only the humanitarian, but the class instincts of the international proletariat must be roused to demand the despatch of food, medical supplies and other aid for the stricken masses of Germany and Europe. Famine and pestilence are pre-eminently the lot of the poor and the dispossessed. In Germany, their victims will come from the ranks of the workers and poor peasants. The organisers and backers of fascism, the bankers, industrialists and land owners live well in the midst of this misery. among the workers of Germany came large numbers of the millions of victims of Hitler's concentration camps. Out of these classes will emerge in the coming many of the bravest and most self-sacrificing fighters of the European socialist revolution. To come to their aid today is an elementary class duty of the

To sacrifice the German workers now, is to play into the hands of world reaction, which will utilise bad conditions in Germany to drive down the standards of living of the workers in Britain and other counfries, as they did after the last war. To help the Germans to restore their Trade Unions and conditions,

Strike wave

to make gestures and take action of solidarity, is an elementary act of self preservation for the workers of Britain and the world.

Acts of humanitarianism, however, will not solve the problem. There can be no real struggle against famine until the masses of Germany themselves are brought directly into active participation in the strug-gle against starvation. "The Germans must help say their rulers. But they have no means of helping themselves under the harsh rule of Allied militarism.

The disorganisation of German economic life is so deep, that further disintegration and total collapse can be averted only by methods which seek to evoke all the energy, resourcefulness and capacity for cooperative effort, which lie dormant among the tolling masses of Germany. Through committees of workers and poor peasants, freely elected in the cities and the countryside, distribution of food could be carried out in an equitable fashion; a planned attempt can be made to organise the production of food, coal and other necessities of life by the fullest use of the

available productive capacity.

But it is impossible for the German masses to take these elementary measures of self-preservation so long as they are deprived of their democratic rights by the dictatorship of the Allied powers, imperialist and Stalinist alike.

Far from "re-educating" the German masses in "democratic methods", as they claim, the new masters of Germany prefer to rule with the aid of the Nazi minions, while suppressing by violent methods, all genuine manifestations of democratic aspirations among the masses.

There can be no real alleviation of misery and starvation until the Allied domination over the lives and destiny of the German people is overthrown and the masses are given full freedom to determine their own destiny.

Workers of Britain and the world! Only the working class, by a timely rallying of its forces in the spirit of international solidarity, can bring the much needed succour to the German masses. During the October Revolution, when famine threatened to overwhelm Russia, the whole of the international working class rallied to the aid of the Russian workers. The tradition of international working class solidarity still

Throughout Britain, in all the organisations of the working class, a vigorous demand, must be raised to exert pressure on the Labour leaders and Government o take the initiative in rousing and mobilising the Labour movement in America and throughout the world in an international campaign to compel the great powers to ship adequate supplies of food and medical aid into Europe for the relief of its starving millions. This aid to be rendered under the super vision and control of committees, elected by the Trade Unions and mass organisations to ensure that food will not be used for the purposes of counter-revolu-

End the policy of revenge and starvation! Class solidarity with the workers of Germany and Europe!

Workers of all lands, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains!

(Continued from page 1.) Government."...Small wonder! Coal-owners have made millions upon millions out of the sweat and blood of the miners. Hardly likely then, that the miners would readily agree to the payment of more millions to these parasites!

The "Daily Express" of the 30th August writes of the T. U.C. Report on nationalisation: "There is one piece of good news for the executives of industries about to be nationalised. The report says: 'It is desirable that the financial clauses of the Act shall make provision for compensation to any employees who suffer direct pecuniary loss by the transfer of the undertakings to public enterprise.' This suggest that top flight salaries might be continued under nationalisation." The "Fair compensation" suggested by the T.U.C. would mean that for 15 to 20 years public funds would be devoted to the paying of compensation to the capitalists. it surprising therefore that the capitalists have welcomed the Government's nationalisation plan?

#### HEAVY TAXATION TO CONTINUE

The taxation proposals of the T.U.C. in its report on fiscal policy, continue are intended to heavy taxation of the workers work; The workers are to pay for the reorganisation of industry under capitalmore conducive to efficiency and enterprise."

The "Times" of September 3rd renarked on the General Council report: The authors may well stand T.U.C. astonished at their own moderation." This organ of big business " warmly endorsed" the General Council pro-There is not one word in the T.U.C.'s plan calling for the confiscation of war profits, or the heavy taxation of all profits and high incomes. With these measures the Labour Government could abolish all taxation of incomes lower than £400 and so place the cost of the imperialist war, and the chaos of industry, onto the capitalists who are responsible.

#### DEMOBILISATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT

The part of the T.U.C. agenda dealing with demobilisation and the switch-over was the most critical in the T.U.C. proceedings.

The T.U.C. instead of pressing for the immediate demobilisation of the armed forces and the opening of factories for the production of consumer goods, under the control of the workers, suggests some minor and tot My inadequate reforms.

face of the widespread demands of the workers the T.U.C. was compelled to press for a 40 hour week and payment of full wages to workers temporarily redundant". unions had resolutions on the agenda demanding that the Government see to it that the switch-over and redundancy is not used by the employers to reduce wages and worsen conditions of the workers. Yet pre-cisely this is happening. The "Daily Mail" (5/9/45) reported in a leading article that : "Factories which paid women up to 1s. 6d. an hour for semiskilled work . . . are now offering 9d. to a 1s. for piece-work." The Labour Government is to compensate the employers for the loss of war contracts; but the workers, some of whom will be permanently unemployed, are to rereive the dole. The T.U.C. did not condemn this policy.

To absorb the redundant workers he workers must demand a sliding scale of hours, with no reduction in pay, and the opening of closed

which is necessary to absorb the goods of wages to meet the cost of living, and a sliding scale of hours to absorb the unemployed, with no reduction in wages. As an immediate objective they demand a 30-hour week.

These measures, which are the only way to approach a solution of the con tradictions of American economy, will undoubtedly find broad sympathy and support among the working class. But a consistent fight for such demands will come directly into conflict with the capitalist system as a whole.

The consciousness of the American workers has undergone a profound change in recent years. The days of great trade-union militancy but great political backwardness are fast disappearing. The formation of the C.I.O. Political Action Committee is an indication of this awakening political consciousness. So far, the union ureaucrats of both the C.I.O. and the A.F.L. have succeeded in drawing the workers behind the capitalist parties: but the workers are thinking more and more along the lines of independent political action by the Labour movement. The coming days, in which the capitalist politicians of both the Republican and Democratic stamp will emerge openly as enemies of the workers, will complete this with the capitalist class, instead of fighting for its overthrow, dare not Party, together with its demand for complete independence of the unions from the State and revocation of the no-strike pledge, calls for an independent Labour Party. The struggles and experiences through which the masses will pass will finally convince them that only the total overthrow of the capitalist class and seizure of State power by the workers can solve the problems of American people.

PIECE-WORK RECOMMENDED!

In its wages plan the T.U.C. makes advanced by the bosses would have caused demonstrations in every in (the Government). dustry. The Stalinist "Daily Worker' published' a summary of this plan under the heading "Productivity, not Subsistence, must be the basis" of wages. This heading sums up the proposals of the T.U.C. Wages are to be begged to production, which because it is not under workers' control, rests entirely upon the capitalists. T.U.C. plan states:

presenting wage claims the trade unions have sometimes called attention to the position of a married man with an average sized family to illustrate their contention that the man was not even receiving a wage which would enable him adequately to meet his minimum responsibilities. . . To-day in wage negotiations it is the value of the workers' output, the character of the work on which they are employed, and the degree of skill involved which are the most important consideration."

Every worker has condemned piecethe union text-books on economics condemn piece-work, yet here we have the T.U.C. calling for a ism, while the bosses will have their most vicious system of pegging wages Excess Profits Tax reduced by 20 per to production! The demand for equal cent. and finally replaced by taxes pay for equal work, and for a national minimum, correct and as progressive as they are, are meaningless if the Labour Government is permitted to carry out the recommendations of the

The wage proposals of the T.U.C. are understood more clearly when we examine their proposals on the control of labour, which raises for the workers the most important industrial and political questions. For here is determined the role of the trade unions in the Government's scheme to increase production and reorganise capitalism. The speeches of the T.U.C. and Labour Party leaders demonstrate that the class collaborationist machinery set up during the war is to be continued, only now in a perfected and therefore more reactionary way.

#### NOT WORKERS' CONTROL -BUT JOINT PRODUCTION COMMITTEES

What form this policy of classtake, has been made clear in the speech of Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, on Sep- For a genuine working-class protember 9th. The reorganisation of gramme!

| factories for the production of con- industry is to be dealt with on the The sumer commodities, under workers' basis of a "tripartite partnership"employers, employees and the Government. Working groups would be set up in all industries. Each group would consist of three equal parts, some reactionary proposals, which if representatives of employers, of trade unions, and of the "general public'

> The first and second sections would be chosen from a list of nominations by the employers and the trade unions respectively, the third section, together with the chairman, would be chosen by Sir S. Cuipps. That this is fully supported by the leaders of the Labour Party was made clear in Attlee's speech to the T.U.C. He said Sir S. Cripps has "dealt very fully with our industrial situation and the part you will play in it.'

The E.W.O.—the "scaffolding of ervitude"—is to stay, and its most reactionary aspects have been applied in the Wages Councils Bill, which was endorsed by the T.U.C.

Not only the costs, but the whole weight of the reorganisation of capitalism is to be placed on the shoulders of the working-class. As Jas. Bowman, of the Mineworkers' Union, stated: "We shall have no hesitation in assuming the role of Stakhanovs of British Labour if that be necessary to make nationalisation (rationalisation of capitalism) a success." Stalinist inspired statement clearly and precisely characterises the role of the T.U.C. The policy of the Labour and Trade Union leaders can only have the most reactionary effects. The capitalists not only rub their hands with delight because their profits are safe, but also because they see that the Labour Party's "Socialism" will be discredited. will be discredited. They hope that the workers will then, in reaction, turn towards Toryism, which can only offer a dark and dreadful future to the workers.

Half-and-half committees can solve nothing, they can only place the burdens of chaos and anarchy on the shoulders of the workers, and give the capitalists the opportunity to increase their profits. The organworkers must condemn the reactionary proposals of the T.U.C. and the Labour Government, and demand that they carry out a policy in the interest of the workers. Nationalisation without compensation!

No collaboration with the capitalistsfor a struggle against them! Down with J.P.C.'s—for wor control of production!

collaboration and compromise will Full T.U. rates for demobilised soldiers and redundant workers until suitable work is found!

(Continued from page 1.) are ready to take over. found lesson this is for the working Whatever the mutual rivalrie among the capitalist powers, they will never allow these to stand in the way of their uniting against their own vorkers and exploited masses.

The inspiring and heroic action of the Australian workers constitutes irrefutable proof that the lesson has not been lost upon the workers of the of the Labour leaders, world. Against the united front of organisations of the Lab superb demonstration of international solidarity, the workers of Australia have set an example for the entire world. What a vivid contrast their action is to the conduct of the Labour and Stalinist leaders in the imperialist

Every honest worker in Britain must be filled with a sense of shame as he

used to suppress the democratic movedown until such times as the victors are ready to take over. What a prothe past by Tory Ministers, but by the Labour Ministers of a Labour Government. No less disgraceful is the conduct of the Stalinist leaders, who in France are holding Ministerial offices in De Gaulle's Government and have thus covered themselves with the blood of the Indo-Chinese workers.

The workers must demand an immediate end to the imperialist policy Through all organisations of the Labour movement, the imperialists, they have raised the banner of the International unity of the workers of all lands. By this possible pressure must be brought to bear upon the Labour leaders for the immediate withdrawal of forces from the Far East, thus setting an example to the rest of the world by granting freedom and independence to the colonial peoples.

Salute to the Australian working

Solidarity with the colonial peoples

#### extremely modest demand, particularly | Clearly, it is only a measure to fool Goodyear strike lasted 19 days, and ended only when the Navy seized the ended only when the Navy seized the produced. Basing itself on this correct instinct of the workers, the reads that British troops are being in their struggle for freedom! ended only when the Navy seized the This is only to be expected. But 1944, the admitted net profits of the Socialist Workers' Party (American Trotskyists) demands: a rising scale plants and declared the strike illegal. the shameful thing is that the leaders corporations were more than 10,000 The workers went back solid to preof organised Labour have no better million dollars, two-and-a-half times pare for the next round. At the end solution: they are supporting the bill. of July, 30,000 workers in the Wright

-Aeronautical Corporation staged a 7-day strike. Now at the end of September the automobile workers have taken up the fight again. Over 200,000 workers are workers are also out in Detroit, Chicago, Indiana and Texas. It is possible that the whole automobile and oil industries may be tied up, involving 500,000 workers. The scale of the strikes, and the industries in which they occur, are reminiscent of the great strikes of 1934-36 during which

the C.I.O. was formed. THE WORKERS DEMAND SHORTER 'HOURS WITHOUT WAGE REDUCTIONS

The demands of all the strikers are basically the same. They are asking. for wage increases to meet the reductions, due to cancellation of overtime. The cost of living has increased sharply during the war (the "Daily Herald" quotes estimates of 25 and 40%), and this increase has only been met by overtime work. Now that war contracts are being cancelled and overtime is cut out the wages have fallen to pre-war levels.

The U.A.W. is demanding a 30% wage increase from General Motors: this would make the pay received for

the amount for 1939.

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#### CANNOT SOLVE THE CONTRADICTIONS

Such are the two major problems facing the American capitalist class and its Government: how to dison strike, chiefly in Detroit. Oil cipline the workers, and how to avoid chronic mass unemployment (a certain level of unemployment they don't mind. for it makes wage-cutting easier).

The capitalist class is no longer capable of solving the problem of unemployment. They utter soothing reassurances that the present unemployment is merely temporary, and will be absorbed in peacetime production. But the spectre of chronic mass unemployment, surpassing the over 10,000,000 who were permanently unemployed before the war, dominates the scene.

It is well known that unemployment occurs because the purchasing power of the masses is insufficient to absorb the products of industry. An article in the 'Economist" estimates that the disparity between the purchasing power of the people and that necessary to ensure full employment will be 15 or 20 thousand million dollars.

#### IS THERE A SOLUTION TO AMERICA'S PROBLEMS?

The capitalist class is attempting to divert the attention of the workers the present 40-hour week equal to that by demagogy. Truman has announced received for the wartime week of 52 that he will support a bill legislating hours. The steel workers demand a for "full employment", and this is The oil workers de taken to mean the Murray-Wagnermand reduction of the working week Patman Bill. The bill is completely to 40 hours from the present 52, with worthless because, as one of its sponno reduction in pay. In each case sors himself admits, 'there is no the demand merely aims to keep guarantee of any kind in the bill." wages at their present level in view "It will not put the Government in of the high cost of living. This is an competition with private enterprise."

Yet in July, 1943, the U.A..-C.WI.O. leadership put as the first point on their programme for "Post-War full Employment": Government or Municipal owner

ship and operation of monopolistic industries and of industries strategically essential to the national safety. Government control and regulation of other industries to prevent the abuses of monopoly and to ensure production in the public interest.

But today even this remains a dead When Ford closed down the Willow Run Plant, built at Government expense, the President of the U.A.W.-C.I.O., Thomas, instead of demanding that it be operated by the Government for peacetime production, ran to Henry Kaiser to beg him to open it up!

The only means by which the American workers could guarantee full employment would be by the nationalisation of industry without compensation, and its operation under workers' control.

The Labour bureaucrats and Stalinists, who accept the principle of Private Enterprise and collaborate with the capitalist class, instead of put forward such a programme.

In the demands the workers have raised during the strikes, they show that they understand the link between employment and a decent standard of living. By raising the demand for reduction of the working week without reduction of pay, they make it possible to absorb the unemployed while maintaining the purchasing power

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## Rolls Royce Sackings

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leave the factory; that there were other there should be no resistance on the part of the workers. Despite the Stalinist stranglehold, the stewards rejected this proposal and decided to struggle for the retention of the factory, arguing the need for textile machinery laundry machinery, cookers, refriger ators and other consumer goods.

A deputation was elected to contact Westwood, Secretary of State for Scotland. He refused to see them, although the deputation was an official body. He "allowed" them, however, to give him a hurriedly written state ment, to which his reply was that he could do nothing and advised them to approach the Ministry of Labour, adding cynically that they no doubt had already heard from the M.O.L. Too true! 2,000 workers were to be paid off on 14th September. Everywhere the Stewards met frustration and evasion—everywhere they received "sympathy" but no solution to their problem.

There was, however, some respons This came from three Scottish M.P.s. who sensing the militant feelings of the workers, met the Stewards on September 7th. From this meeting a tele-gram was sent to Isaacs, Minister of Labour, requesting the cancellation of sackings until parliament assembles. This was ignored.

In the meantime nearly 1,000 workers received further notices on the 19th. In all, some 13,000 are threatened with redundancy. Despite their demand for a guaranteed week for work-

ers temporarily displaced, Isaacs, who last year as T.U.C. chairman made the same demand of Bevin, is throwing them on the dole. It is clear that the employers anticipate that once they have the workers on the streets it will be a simple matter to drive them into other industries to work at sweated

Workers of Rolls Royce! The Stalinist betrayers must be removed and re-placed by fighting leadership. A strug-gle must be launched to place the situation squarely before the Labour Government.

A mighty demand must be raised nationally for the immediate implementation by Labour of the following

NO WORKERS TO LEAVE ANY INDUSTRY UNTIL ALTERNATIVE WORK IS FOUND! SACK THE REDUNDANT BOSS-ES-NOT THE WORKERS!

NO TRANSFERS AT REDUCED WAGES!
FOR A SLIDING SCALE OF
HOURS WITH A GUARANTEED
MINIMUM WAGE TO ABSORB ALL
UNEMPLOYED WORKERS!

A FULL SCALE PROGRAMME FOR THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION! FOR THE IMMEDIATE NATION-

ALISATION OF INDUSTRY WITH-OUT COMPENSATION AND ITS OPERATION UNDER WORKERS' CONTROL!

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