

Workers SOCIALIST ADDEAL

Organ of the Revolutionary **Communist Party** BRITISH SECTION of the 4th INTERNATIONAL

TRIUMPH FOR RIGHT WING FRENCH TROTSKYISM

Labour Leaders Living in Fools Paradise

THE WAR YEARS, THIS ONE WAS SHARPLY TO THE RIGHT.

THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE THIS YEAR WAS A WALK-OVER FOR THE RIGHT WING. THE LABOUR LEADERS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT HAD IT ALL THEIR OWN WAY. THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE IMPORTANT ISSUE ON WHICH THEY WERE SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED. EVEN IN COMPARISON WITH CONFERENCES HELD DURING

The agenda was conveniently laid out for the bureaucrats. So cluttered up was it with resolutions of a secondary nature, that the leaders were enabled to squeeze the hundreds of resolutions into about 30. Even this offered little enough opportunity for a real discussion.

But the fact is that the agenda did not contain any resolutions indicating a Left wing current. On the contrary, apart from a number vaguely left, they solidly supported the reformist conceptions of the Labour leadership.

The leaders who in the past had given an appearance of being to the "left", have swung almost in their entirety to the right. The "left" wing—among them Ancurin Bevan, Laski, Silverman, were conspicuous by their lack of criticism of the Government both at the Conference and in the country.

Present Policy To Continue

The outstanding feature of the Conference is that the Labour Party is to continue with its present policy unabated. At home: slow reforms, nationalisation with generous compensation and without workers' control of industry. A policy of state capitalism, which even if carried out in full, will leave four-fifths of industry in the hands of the capitalists at the end hands of the capitalists at the end of five years. Abroad: the continuation of imperialism, but with a new varnish.

Foreign Policy

Bevin's speech on foreign policy Bevin's speech on foreign policy confounded his pro-Stalinist opponents—Taking advantage of the fact that Stalin is playing the same game of power politics as the imperialists, he placed the responsibility for the holding up of "peace" and "reconstruction" onto the shoulders of the rulers of Russia.

He revealed the fact that Brit-ain was only to eager to trade with the Soviet Union; that Cripps hed offered to fly to Moshad been tebuffed by Russia. Noone challenged this, and it obviosuly had a profound effect on
the conference. In this way,
Bevin covered up the real issues:
the basic antagonism between

London-June 15th.

BY TED GRANT

Bevin's policy which is merely a continuation of Churchill's, and the interests of the Stalinist bureauc-

racy.
The rightward mood of the conference was exemplified by the heavy defeat of the resolutions critical of foreign policy in Spain and Greece. Furthermore, such was the temper of the delegates, that most of the resolutions critical of Bevin's foreign policy were withdrawn.

India was not even discussed, and the delegates accepted the pretence of Britain's withdrawal from Egypt and India as genuine. The brutal imperialist intervention against the Indonesian people was

Home Policy

On the home front the Labour leaders boasted that they were carrying out the programme. "Let carrying out the programme. Let us face the future" on which they fought the General Election.

They have nationalised the Bank of England, the mines are in the process of nationalisation. They have repealed the Trade Disputes Act, and introduced social reforms in National Health Insurance, In the lifetime of this Parliament they

the lifetime of this Parliament they will nationalise steel and iron, gas and electricity.

Although the compensation terms to the shareholders of the Bank of England gives them la Mehrle.

WORKERS PROTEST

R.A.F. GAOLINGS

Council of Action Formed

BY JOHN SMITH

A demonstration of class solidarity with fellow

workers and trade unionists in the forces was clearly

shown at a London meeting called to demand the

unconditional and immediate release of L.A.C. Attwood



Crisis in Greek C.P.

Since the beginning of May, a crisis in the C.P. has broken out publicly, the central organ of the C.P. of Greece, "Rizospastis", has been engaged in a Violent campaign against an opposition which has arisen within the Party, both in the leadership as well as the rank and file. Special Control Commissions are functioning examining the case of each oppositionist and proceeding to numerous expulsions. Up to May 20th, 40 expulsions had been made

appearance of a pamphlet containing the criticisms of the opposition which, according to him, comprise "the overwhelming majority of the members of the Party."

A letter from the same leader quoted by Rizospastis, states:

"The present leadership of the Party is carrying on an opportunist and adventurist policy. If the masses accept this policy to the very end, then the Party must change its name, and those who remain

sions. Up to May 20th, 40 expulsions find been made public.

Among the expelled members is Persopoulos, one of the founders of the Communist Party of Greece, whose business activities established probably with the aid and under the control of the party, brought it great financial help.

Zachariabes, Secretary of the C.P. of Greece, published in the Rizopastis of May 16th, 1946, a long article publicly opening fire on the opposition which criticises the policy followed by the present leadership as "opportunist and adventurist."

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"I mention these two captains because they are among the most representative leaders of ELAS who have gone over to the opposition. These two captains have made a name for themselves during the movement for national liberation. This 'name' now enables them to carry on with all the greater 'prestige' their campaign against the EAM."

Further on, he prepares the party opinion for their expulsion in the immediate future.

Persopoulos, one of the founders is but which december of the country. Yes despite this, they concluded the shameful Varkiza' with a violence-which equals and greement and tirned all arms over to the Buitish and Greek reaction. Since then, as the party and against the EAM."

The situation has worsened, a particularly since the elections of march 31st, 1946, and the coming to power of the pro-Monarchist Covernment of "Isaldaris."

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The causes of this crisis, which has been ripening for a long time,

Labour's Lords

The Labour leaders dodged an embarrassing issue at the Conference when they placed fruit. the resolution which demanded the abolition of the House of Lords at the end of the agenda. By means of this ruse they succeeded in eliminating discussion on the

The Co-operative Congress went House of Lords, and Transport House did not wish to take any risks. They feared to stir up a hornets nest

The measure of the distance the Labour leaders have travelled from socialism can be judged by the fact that they not only tolerate this that they not only tolerate this reactionary and outworn institution, they sink to the depths of participating in it. They are creating new "Labour" Lords. They are dishing out titles in the usual style to capitalists and the will take the company to the large terms. usual style to capitalists and the military bureaucracy who have not the remotest connection with the Labour and Socialist movement, rewarding them for their services to the capitalist class!

It was significant that Citrine, Shoulderd and the others should

Shepherd and the others should become barons and knights whilst become barons and knights whilst the Labour Conference sessions were proceeding. Here we see the corruption which prevails, the atmosphere of servility and snobbery which the Labour leaders have assimilated from the capitalist ruling class.

It indicates their lack of in-tention to destroy the old order based on class distinction and privilege and to create a new society based on the fraternity of

Labour.

Workers! Demand an end to this hobnobbing with, and aping of the capitalist Lords and Ladies. An end to the capitalist traditions! For a fighting policy based on a proud, militant proletarian stand!

Belgian and German Miners Unite

Charleroi, 15 May-

A recent mining catas-cophe in the "Sacre trophe in the Francais" pit in the Charleroi region caused the death of 16 miners, among whom were seven German Prisoners.

Our Belgian paper La Lutte Ouvriere published a special re-port on this catastrophe, giving irrefutable proof that it was the coalowners' negligence which coalowners' negligence which caused the death of these 16

At the burial of the victims an immense crowd of more than 10,000 people assembled. It became known that the German prisoners were to be buried apart from the Belgian miners. It was also learned that the Belgian gendarmerie had threatened to shoot hostages taken from among the German prisoner-miners when they wanted that day to stop work as a protest against the capitalists

negligence and in mourning for the death of their comrades.

Immediately, delegates of the Belgian miners went to the prisoners barraks, succeeded by a trick in releasing a large number of prisoners, went with them to the edge of the graves of their German comrades. There they scattered on the graves bunches of flowers spontaneously brought by the Belgian miners and access by the Belgian miners, and across the open tomb about to swallow these new victims of the capitalist system, a delegate of the Belgian miners and a delegate of the German prisoners clasped hands, and jointly spoke to those gathered around.

garnered around.

The German comrade finished his brief speech thus: "Belgian comrades, never shall we for get when we go back home, your solidarity with us here."

The Parti Communiste Internationaliste French Section of the Fourth International, running in its first nation-wide campaign with candidates' lists in 11 electoral divisions, recorded 44,915 votes, with some 10,000 votes in the Paris area alone.

In the face of the tremendous the P.C.I. alone organised this difficulties and disadvantages this year—in the midst of the election is a fine result and augurs well for campaign—the traditional the gains in the future. The campaign succeeded in its aim, namely, paign succeeded in its aim, namely, to put the P.C.I. on the map; to bring the Party to the wide attention of the masses as the revolution of the masses as the revolutionalist party of internationalist party of

Its revolutionary internationalist appeal has reached four and a half million workers in huge attractive posters placarded throughout Paris of the Commune. On the contrary, and numerous industrial cities, in leaflets setting forth the Party just as the Russian Bolsheviks programme sent out to each of the were, and it is with the Red Flag millions of voters in the areas of the Commune that the P.C.l. where it ran candidates, and in presents itself before the voters." over 300 public meetings where lively debates with opponent parties has sharpened for the masses the meaning of the Trotsky-

As dramatic demonstration of revolution and to cheer their what its programme stands for Trotskyist continuators.

campaign—the traditional com-memoration of the martyrs of the Paris Commune of 1871 at the Perc La Chaise Cemetery. Neither the bring the Party to the wide attention of the masses as the revolutionary internationalist party of the working class. This great and successful propaganda effort can already be said to have borne Commune is still recalled with towns. In its call for the demonstration this May, preferring to postpone it till after the elections so as not to lose votes among the petty bourgeoisie, among whom the revolutionary tradition of the Commune is still recalled with towns. In its call for the demonstration this May, preferring to postpone it till after the elections so as not to lose votes among the petty bourgeoisie, among whom the revolutionary tradition of the petty bourgeoisie. terror. In its call for the demonstration the P.C.I. declared: "The Parti Communiste International-iste does not renounce the example Over 2,000 workers responded to the appeal of the Party on May 26th, and gathered at the Mur des Federes to pay homage to the heroes of the first proletarian

ATOM DIPLOMACY

The American imperialists have suggested through the Atom Commission of U.N.O. that the control and production of all atomic energy and material should be vested in the hands of an International Atomic Development Authority. This to be set up under the auspices of the "United Nations." All atomic technical knowledge should be vested in its hands, and should such a body be established, the United States will sacrifice its monopoly "secrets" in the the United States will sacrifice its monopoly "manufacture and construction of the atom bomb.

Powers will be possessed of international inspection and con-and penalties will be imposed on any nation which violates its provisions.

The right of veto possessed by the Five Great Powers will not operate on questions of atomic energy.

These proposals indicate that the American imperialists know that the Soviet Union either already possesses the "secrets" or will soon have them and be in a position to manufacture the bomb. The monopoly established by Anglo-American imperialism in any event, cannot be maintained for more than a few years. Thus the imperialists seek to establish what is taking place in the Soviet Union, as well as in the rest of the world, in the sphere of atomic development.

In U.N.O., the Anglo-American bloc have a safe majority, and thus without the veto, control in any emergency would be safely in their hands as against the Soviet bureaucracy and its satellites.

These proposals reveal the impotence of capitalism-imperialism to control the monstrous genii of science which they have released from the bottle and cannot cork up again. As was revealed by the failure to control armaments after World War I in the defeated nations, a real regulation is impossible. Ways will always be found to evade all restrictions. e all restrictions. Lord Cecil, an apostle of the old League of Nations has grimly commented that only the prevention of war can prevent the use of the atom bomb. But the "outlawing" of war did not prevent the slaughter of World War II.

The antagonism between the Great Powers, the struggle for spheres of influence and the continual diplomatic deadlock between the Big Three indicates that the possibility of war remains as great as after the first world war. The basic antagonism between the Soviet Union and world capitalism still remains.

History shows that so long as capitalism lasts the causes of war will remain and the antagonisms will inevitable and in a test of

will remain, and the antagonisms will ineritably end in a test of power by armed force; this will include the use of the atom bomb by the desperate contestants.

There is no safeguard in U.N.O. or any of its commissions. The only safeguard lies in the destruction of capitalism. Only by abolishing private ownership and the archaic system of national states can "One World" really be constructed, in which atomic energy will be used for construction in the interests of mankind, instead of its destruction.

Nagasaki Atom Bomb Victim



labour organisations.

Typical of the wide indignation felt on this issue were messages from two of the largest R.A.F. camps in England. One message stated: ". . We airmen in this camp strongly support this meeting could on beelf of our camp strongly support this meeting called on behalf of our comrade Attwood and the others, and solidarise ourselves with your "demand for their immediate release." The second message also expressed strong.

Dundee; also two close friends of Attwood, who were with him until he was arrested, and were in a position to give the facts on his victimisation, and Mr. Cymbalist, father of Morris Cymbalist, R.A.F. militant recently sentenced by court-martial to 10 years imprisonment (now after wide protests, cut to 5 years)

At the commencement of the meeting, the chairman read out a large number of letters and resource.

tions in support of Attwood from trade union Branches and other

and other imprisoned militants in the R.A.F. The meeting, held at the support and ended by saying: Memorial Hall, Farringdon Road, "All the boys in this camp are

Memorial Hall, Farringdon Road, Friday, June 13th, was attended by 300 workers. Organised by the London Area Council of the Electrical Trades Union to initiate a national campaign on behalf of L.A.C. Attwood, who was a prominent and active member of the E.T.U. before he was called up into the R.A.F. with you."

The secretary of the A.E.U. Discharge speech trict Committee in his speech, stated that he had received dozens stated that he had received dozens of resolutions and financial support from Branches in his area, demanding the release of the R.A.F. men. The District Committee had donated twenty pounds towards a fund for a campaign on behalf of Attwood. This was only a beginning. the R.A.F.

Speakers on the platform were representative of the E.T.U.,
A.E.U., National Council of Civil Liberties, the Labour M.P. for Dundee; also two close friends of

Pinewood Studios Threaten Strike Action

It was reported from the floor that the Works Committee at the Pinewood Studios, representing 400 Pinewood Studios, representing 400 workers, had called a meeting on the victimisations in the R.A.F. and sent a resolution to the T.U.C. demanding the immediate release of those imprisoned or awaiting court-martial on such charges. Further if this release was not speedily forthcoming the workers at the Studios would take strike action.

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Speakers from the floor of the meeting, left no doubt that strike action, if necessary, would be seriously considered by the organised workers to enforce the release of their victimised fellowworkers in the R.A.F. This mood is indicative of the widespread indignation on this issue felt among the workers.

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The notorious Means Test is to remain. The Government has rejected an amendment tabled by Labour M.P.s to remove Clause 12 from the National Insurance Bill. In doing this, it has thrown overboard one of the main planks of Labour policy—that of work or full maintenance, and of an uncompromising opposition to any form of Means Test.

Under this Bill, any worker who is unemployed for more than six months, has to reclaim for benefit proving before a local tribunal that he is not a malingerer, and is in fact, entitled to a further period of benefit. Small wonder that Mr.

Williams, Tory M.P., stated:

"For years I have listened to members of the Socialist Party denouncing From everything we have heard tonight about this Clause, it would appear to impose something which, if it is not a means test in the usual sense, is so closely allied to it that I cannot see any difference." Mr. Butler, another Tory M.P.,

also pointed out that the Govern-

"are in fact, continuing the present practice."

This continuation of reactionary Tory policy is, needless to say, eloquently justified by both the eloquently justified by Loral Minister of National Insurance, Mr. James Gripfiths, and Mr. Washer Morrison. The argument ments they advance are ingenious, and these gentlemen provide us with an interesting lesson on the influence of a £5,000 a year Ministerial post. It would appear in fact, that the workers are mistaken on this question. Our representatives are now learning to view such issues with a greater degree of "impartiality", for it cannot be denied that when you have a salary of £96 a week, you are less biased than the worker who has to actually live on the miserable 26/- a week which is granted!

Means Test in Workers Interests!

Mr HERBERT MORRISON boldly stated in the House of Commons

"After all, let it not be assumed that all the taxpayers come from the upper classes. thought we all knew enough about that, in view of the pressure from the working classes to reduce taxation upon them."

working class, for it will save them income tax! In addition, he stated that whilst he did not wish to return to the "cruder forms(!) of the Means Test", the demand for the abolishing of any form of Means Test was an "extreme slogan".

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SO NOW WE KNOW! In many parts of the country there out of work for nine months o If they are single, they have been living (if you can term it that) on 26/- a week. Perhaps however, they are married with child—in which case they have eked out an existence on 49/6 a week, or 7/1d. a day. anyone who can suggest that these miserable sums encourage laziness?

To insist, as the Labour leaders are insisting, that the workers, after six months or more unemployment, must plead their innocence of malingering and laziness be-fore a tribunal, is to subject them to a form of humiliation which is characteristic of the most reactionary aspects of Tory rule.

Furthermore, let it not be for gotten that the Government claims there will not be any large-scale unemployment. In which case, why the Clarse? Only if the Labour leaders anticipated considerable long-term unemployment with the consequent drain upon the financial resources of the country, could they remotely attempt to justify such an infamous clause. That is the reason for Morrison's references to income tax, for the additional expenditure would not be noticeable if it was possible to maintain full employment

Words And Deeds

The almost unbelievable extent to which these self-styled repre sentatives of the Labour movement can change their tune, is provided by the speech made by a Labour M.P. in the House of Commons on Nov. 3rd, 1944, when he said in opposition to the Means Test:

"Why should the unemployment benefit stop at the end of 30 weeks? . . I have seen fine, brave men reduced by continuous, enforced unemployment to a state in which they feel they are forgotten, unwanted, thrown on the scrap heap, and to say to them at the end of 30 weeks: 'Your benefit stops and you go on assistance' is not the way to build the kind of Britain we want

. Questions of economi conditions and the availability o lack of employment are outsid the control of the individual workman and there is no justification whatever for putting it upon the individual. It must be blood around the State and the state of the state placed upon the State and upon the Government, and I would say quite frankly that the ex perience of 20 years has taught me that the only way to deal with it is to grant unemploy-ment benefit as a right, condi-

work when it is provided. Who said this? None other than the present Minister of National Insurance, Mr. James Griffiths the very same person who is defending precisely that which he then attacked! "The experience of 20 years" has been mellowed in a few months into—its opposite. The unparralleled hypocrisy of these gentlemen can be more clearly seen on this issue than on any other. In 1944, Griffiths was in 'opposition' (however mild). Today he is in the responsible position of being able to change his words into

In their fight for decent conditions and standards, the workers must demand that the Means Test be completely abolished; they must demand for a decent wage. struggle through their Labour and Trade Union organisations for the implementing of one of Labour's oldest and most basic demands— the demand which clearly says that a worker who is out of work as a result of the rottenness of the result of the rottenness of the capitalist system, is entitled to be fully maintained by the Government which is responsible for such a state of affairs. Every worker has the duty to raise these demands; to exert the maximum pressure upon the Labour Government to obelie the Markov Cycle. ment to abolish the Means Tes

United Dairies MILK BOTTLERS WIN 3,000,000 of London's population

English Electric

Wih the steep rise in the cost of living and the end of

the E.W.O. in many industries, the employers are prepar-

ing to resist the militant struggles of the workers by

victimising their ablest representatives. This has

Two engineering employers have decided to link up with the rest

20,000 workers.

The stewards are organising

deputation to Parliament. So great

17th, which will involve 200,000 engineering and shipyard workers in Liverpool. This has since been

is the feeling that a one day

pathy strike is threatened on

greeted the end of the E.W.O. by of the E.E.I. factories, and an returning to the days of assorting now waging a national struggle for

Outstanding of these disputes is at English Electric Combine, previously known as Napiers, where the A.E.U. convenor, Bro Stacey of the Liverpool plant has been sacked.

After a six day strike at this factory, the stewards have correctly struck.

resulted in an increasing number of strikes.

returning to the days of asserting now waging a re-instatement,

their 'rights" of "Hiring and

The sugar coating to the bitter

pill of the E.W.O. was the right of a dismissed worker to appeal

The C.P. in its notorious

effect in preventing workers

role of strikebreaker during the

war, used this clause with reason

from taking action on behalf of a

victimised shop steward or convenor. But now that right is no

leg to stand on, and many factories

have in the past few weeks been

out on strike in defence of victim-

against his dismissal.

VICTORY This action, after nine months of negotiations, immediately suread to three other London Branches. The workers demanded a 12/- increase on their already low wages of £4 14s. 0d. After a three day strike, the men returned giving their Transport and General Workers Union representatives a With the quick rise in the cost of living over the past few months (clothes, furniture, foodstuffs and rail-Workers Union representatives a clear and determined mandate to secure the 12/-, by the next Tuesday, or else they would be fares), the workers are finding their already meagre pay packets far too thin to out again. meet the rising prices of the

So emphatic was the threat of runther action by these workers, who had been joined by the Acton Branch of the UNITED DAIRIES, that it was announced that 10% out of the 12% demanded, had been wrung from the management, to be made up as 7% on the flat rate and 3% per week hours.

Harold Atkinson. putes in industries which up and 3/- per week bonus.

till now have been relatively In view of the meagre award recently given to the much more powerful A.E.U., the Pown to be learned here is that only by united action can, the workers secure their action can, the workers secure their Milk Bottling Branch of the octopus combine of the UNITED just demands of wage in proportion to the rising

MEANS TEST TO Strike News FIGHTING FUND CALLING

list, we got only about half our required sum for May. However, the prospects for reaching our June target are much brighter. A comrade G demobilised from the R.A.F. G sends us £50 and writes:

"I feel the enclosed will m help. Anyway I know of N no better use for a chunk N of my gratuity."

is a magnificent gesture. The kind of spirit which must be infused into all "Socialist Appeal" supporters.

From Glasgow we have Action Wins Reinstatement received £3, the proceeds of The workers of E.E.I. will have a practical example to benefit from. At two London factories in the last month, the "Adrema" of Acton, and the "Wilkinson Sword Co." the convenors were fired on flimsy pretexts. But they were soon reinstated by the determinal strike setting of the a jumble sale organised by the wife of a sailor comrade

Another comrade, Croyden spends all her spare moments making toys to sell for the Fund. What are you doing? Any comrades requiring gifts guarantee they will be well

With such a fine send-off, ment. we ought to raise our £120 for the month of June and for May. But this depends on you, Comrade Reader.

£60,000 a year from Musso. Only the pennies of the Appeal" going. Everything

Harold Atkinson, 256, Harrow Road, Paddington, W.2.

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Birmingham Carriage and Wagon Strike

2,500 men of Birmingham (The Stewards met the manager for children can place an order, stating the price they are prepared to pay. We can strike on the 30th May after of the manager of the manager's refusal to give strike on the 30th May after the flagrant violation of agreements by the Manage-

ment informed the Stewards that make up some of the deficit fully, now that war contracts were if the firm was fully, now that war contracts with fully, now that war contracts with finishing, then the workers must accept a reduction in the guaranteed minimum bonus. This bonus 137½%. The n you, Comrade Reader.

Remember we have no teed minimum bonus. This bonus for cranemen was 137½%. The management declared their intenof the pre-consolidated basic rate

The Stewards, after a conferworkers to keep "Socialist ence with the management on January 30th, registered failure to agree. They further pointed out depends on your efforts. Our demobilised airman comrade has set a fine example.

Rally to the challenge!
Build the Fighting Fund!

Send your donations, and

However, as in this case, pro redure could not be utilised in the management's favour, they did not hesitate to break it. The works manager engaged a further seven men and paid them 100% bonus The men were thus working at 15/a week below their mates

way and his determination to enforce a cut at all costs, the crane men stopped work on May 29th. The following day at a mass meeting all the workers in the factory decided to cease work until the seven cranemen were paid full

agers are flagrantly violating pro-cedure the Trade Union officials refuse to recognise the strike and have been busily engaged urging and demanding that the men return to work. Yet these officials admit that the official machinery is powerless to force the imme-diate payment of the seven men the evident justness of the case.

On June 5th, the T. & G.W.U. organiser tried a new tack in an attempt to get the men to return. He suggested they return for two days before and after Whitsun so that they could qualify for payment for V-Day and Whitsun statutory holiday. He had carefully calculated that the would lose the management £3,000 and he sugared his suggested line of cotion with "" "" sugared his suggested line of action with a "militant" speech leclaiming the necessity to hit the management where it hurt most— in the pocket. However, it was

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Co.op. Laundry

WORKERS IN WAGE BATTLE

profit hungry manufacturers.

This has given rise to a series

of small scale strikes and dis-

Laundry Workers. deeds, and the result.

Test! In one, two or three year's time their hypocrisy will be seen by thousands of workers who will once again be enjoying the 'leisure' of unemployment, and who will see little if no difference between the treatment meted out by a Labour Government and their predecessors.

The second of three year's and their predecessors.

And Oakthorpe Park, have, and Oakthorpe Park, have, after 10 weeks of patient is why the Laundry workers' Strike Committe are correct in regulation for an increase of fusing such a settlement despite the sell-out of the T. & G.W.F. officials who are refusing to recognise the strike as officials.

It is creditable to note that the Strike Committee is composed.

In an excellent leaflet issued by their part and place in the class struggle. In an excellent leaflet issued by the Strike Committee exposing the hypocritical action of the management, these Laundry workers point out that before the income tax concessions of the recent budget, the men never received more than £4 per week! What a disgraceful wage even for private enterprise, let alone an organisation that claims to be democratically controlled by workers in the interests of the Labour movement!

In an attempt to a put the workers of these workers should be confirmed and the pressing their claim, the stringsle.

The solution for ending such conditions are the Cooperative movement in the Cooperative movement in the case to attend their Cooperative movement and women from the factory floor out of the unit of the U.N.O. Security Council has changed in the best interests of the workers as was the original purpose for which it was founded.

Cooperators should demand through their logal Guilds that the legitimate and reasonable demands according to his needs." The Soviet workers—to a large extent in the areas in which new indusand to guarantee work or full

women of four ches of the London Society at Romford, restaure Polymers Green Restaure Restaure Polymers Green Restaure Rest

management reduced the weekly hours from 48 to 45. But as every worker knows, less hours, while acceptable, do not raise, the standards of the workers.

Branches of the Loadon Co-op Society at Romford, Leytonstone, Palmers Green and Oakthorpe Park, have, after 10 weeks of patient negotiation for an increase of Strike Committee is composed chiefly of women, who have taken

GROMYKO FINDS A HOUSE Some idea of the revolting in-qualities between the Soviet

state functionaries and the masses is revealed in a comparison of two news items. Last October the Facing her I said: 'Do you want the President of the Central Executive Committee, a repre-sentative of the supreme power, to appear before you in burlap scindals?' . . . I went on: 'If you wear burlap shoes mobody will notice, but if I do so you

trial construction is being the most The Stalinist contenders that there vigorously pursued—are still living, is socialism in the U.S.S.R. have as during the war, in little more than holes in the ground, while Gromyko has 40 rooms for his summer residence.

BY AGITATOR

Our contention that Russia is not a socialist, but a bureaucratised and degenerated workers' state is supported by a comparison between the Stalinist and the Leninist approach to this question. In State and Revolution Lenin wrote

"In this connection the measures adopted by the (Paris) Commune and emphasised by Marx are particularly note-worthy, viz the abolition of all representation allowances, and of all monetary privileges in the case of officials, the reduction of the remuneration of all servants of the state to the level of 'workmens wages'. This shows more clearly than anything else the turn from bourgeois democracy to proletarian democracy. from the democracy of the oppressed classes, from the state oppressed classes, from the state as a 'special force' for the suppression of a given class to the suppression of the oppressors by the 'general force' of the majority of the people—the workers and the peasants. And it is precisely on this striking point, perhaps the most important as for as the precise.

is socialism in the U.S.S.R. have the floor! THOU SHALT NOT BEAR

On Whit Sunday, Reynold's News carried an article on the Victory celebrations contributed by Leninist the Dean of Canterbury. Under a join. In paragraph heading When Britain Stood Alone we rend:
"Men marched. Women worked. Muchines never ceased

to revolve when men went to war. As men shouldered rifles, women seized handles of lathes.

women seized handles of fatnes. All either fought or worked: it was a people's war."

At the time in question the Communist Party was opposing the war which it correctly characterised as imperialist. It was his vorganising an anti-war was busy organising an anti-war movement known as the "People's Convention" which called for a people's government and a people's neace. All the Stalinist hacks including Pritt, Haldane and the Desn of Canterbury supported it.
The Rev. Hewlett Johnson made no mention then of it being a "people's war"!
Is his memory bad or his

norals? It would appear that the Dean has become so corrupted by his long contact with Stalinism ant as far as the problem of the state is concerned, that the teachings of Marx have been most completely forgotten!"

We have nothing to add to this.



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Editorial

Compromise in India

The final stages of acceptance of the British Cabinet proposals for India are being reached. The stage is being set for the formation of an Indian interim

The old die-hard representatives of British imperialism are heart broken. This is a tremendous retreat on the part of the erstwhile "master race", the British ruling class. The late Lord Brentford, one-time Viceroy, used to boast: "We conquered India by the sword and by the sword we shall hold it." Churchill, who, after the turn in the war fortunes of British imperialism, announced to the world that he had not become the King's first Minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire, has had to make way for one who will. The sword of British imperialism has rusted in its sheath. There are none who can draw it.

Churchill, the arch-imperialist pirate, has to content himself with lamentations about the "casting away" of "our heritage". But the source of these lamentations must be borne in mind when assessing the true worth of the proposals of the Labour Cabinet Ministers. For no Socialist can accept this new orientation of British imperialism as an application of the democratic and Socialist principle of the right of self-determination for the colonial peoples. It is a change in the methods of British imperialism which has been forced upon the ruling class by the development of events.

A genuine Socialist government would not have haggled; would not have bargained for conditions. It would have made a simple declaration announcing the independence of India and the unconditional and immediate withdrawal of all the armed forces. Instead, something very different is taking place.

The British ruling class can no longer maintain its hold over India by the old method of brutal occupation. World events, political and economic developments, have dictated the necessity for a new approach. Agreement is being sought with the rising Indian bourgeoisie in order that they may jointly exploit the Indian masses more effectively.

The general radicalisation of the British workers, including the workers in uniform, has ruled out the possibility of using troops against any large scale nationalist struggle of the Indian peoples. Among other things, the R.A.F. strikes have demonstrated the "unreliability" of the British forces in India. In addition, the Indian forces, for the most part have undergone a rapid political evolution. The "New Statesman and Nation" estimates that at least fifty per cent. are supporting the nationalist movement. This is expressed in their open support for the leaders of Bose's National Army which has compelled the British ruling class to abandon the I.N.A. trials. The deep discontent which pervades the Indian forces found expression in the Indian Naval mutiny. In short, Whitehall can no longer rely on armed bodies of men to enforce its rule.

An overriding consideration is the dominant position which the U.S.S.R. occupies in Asia and the fears held in London of Moscow's designs on India as a sphere of Stalinist influence. In the nineteenth century the dreams of British statesmen were haunted by the "menace from the East" as they regarded the expansion of Tzarist. Russia into the domain of British imperialism. Now a new "threat from the East" sends cold shivers down the spines of His Majesty's Socialist "statesmen".

A great change has also been wrought by the war in the economic relationships between the British and the Indian bourgeoisie. Britain is now a debtor country to India to the tune of over a thousand million pounds. British capital is being ousted from India. A great part of the economic control is being gathered into the hands of the Indian capitalists. Even such an august institution of British imperialism's rule as the "Times of India" has now been acquired by Indian capital. Little wonder then that "goodwill" is now the order of the day!

The British calculate that the coming industrialisation of India will open up tremendous possibilities for capital investment. The I.C.I. and Nuffield organisations are already taking the lead in this connection. But the present instrument of control, domination by force of arms can no longer protect the interests of British investors in the political setting which has now developed. They need a better relationship with the Indian capitalists. A share in the control of Indian affairs is being conceded to the Indian entrepreneurs. This fraud, the nationalist leaders are foisting on to the Indian masses in the guise of "independence".

It takes two sides to make a bargain, and here we see the true worth of the "patriotic nationalism" of Gandhi, Nehru and Jinnah. The Indian nationalist leaders are not demanding, as a condition, the withdrawal of all British armed forces, but that complete control of the armed forces be in the hands of Indians. In an article entitled "Let Us Pray", in "Harijan" on April 4, Gandhi writes:

"There is little doubt that India is about to reach the cherished goal of political independence. . . . Let us then pray and find out what we have meant by nonviolence and we shall retain the freedom gained by its use. If our non-violence is of the weak, it follows also

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NUREMBERG AND YOU

A Reply to Ivor Montague

THE EVIDENCE OF DOENITZ, RIBBENTROP, ROSENBERG, STREICHER, JODL, AND OTHERS HAS BEEN GIVEN AT THE NUREMBERG TRIAL YET THERE IS STILL NO WORD OF THE SO-CALLED ALLIANCE BETWEEN TROTSKY AND THE OLD BOLSHEVIKS AND THE NAZIS, DESPITE THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO THE COURT AND THE PROSECUTION TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATIONS MADE AT THE MOSCOW TRIALS.

The evidence of Doenitz, Ribbentop, Rosenberg, Streicher, Jodl, and others has been given at the

The correspondence and diplo-natic files between the Ambassadors in the different countries and private individuals, the files of the Party, secret memorandum diaries, the German state archives-all have been produced to show in detail the preparations of the Nazis for war.

of the Nazis for war.

In particular, meticulous attention has been paid to the details, however small, of the Nazi preparations to invade all the countries that they attacked. The plans and blueprints of attacks on Russia Britain France Bolgium. Russia, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, have been pro-

The Daily Worker and the Stalinist press generally, have featured the Nuremberg Trial prominently for many months since the commencement of the Trial. They have shown the complicity of British and American Big Business, the preparations of the German capitalists to hand the German capitalists to hand power to Hitler, and their com-plicity in all Hitler's crimes.

In the Labour Monthly, May, 1946, organ of the British Communist Party, Ivor Montague writes an article entitled Nuremberg and You" in which

is natural that some people should be unhappy at what is coming to light in this great Trial and that these should include press lords (two were sought by Ribbentrop to testify to the genuineness of his efforts for Anglo-German friend-

Commenting on the need for ar exhaustive analysis of the facts, and bringing out of every detail, Ivor Montague continues:

"But nothing is 'too nless it is wasting time. Turemberg has already lasted months and will

". . . Every moment has been packed with fascinating drama and the stuff of history, vital to generations. With the per-centage of waste surprisingly

" Nuremberg's vital significance

Belgian

Trotskyists Attacked

passed through a wave of strikes. In the metalworks of the Centre

region, in the mines, in the power stations, in the glass works. They

spread to Liege, to Antwerp and to Ghent. The movement for wage

general strike. It was averted

only when the trade union bureau-

erats called an extraordinary

Congress of the F.T.G.B. (the Belgian equivalent of the T.U.C.)

to decide the attitude to be adopted

Reluctantly, the workers of the Centre region decided to return to

work but they are carrying on an opposition inside the unions against the capitulationist politics of the

reformist and Stalinist leaders.
Belgium's 'Socialist' Prime

Minister, seeking a scapegoat to

cover his own treachery to the workers, is laying the blame for

the strike wave on the Trotskyists

In a sensational declaration broadcast over the radio, VAN ACKER accused the Trotskyists of

The Parti Communiste Inter-

nationaliste, Belgian Section of the Fourth International, replied immediately by means of a leaflet,

castigating the reactionary and anti-labour policy of the Govern-

ind out if the P.C.I 'arsenals" at its disposal.

in glove with the Gestapo.

Leon Lesoil, the Belgian leader of the Fourth International, before

on the wage question.

increases threatened to become

the prosecution and elicited from the defendants in crossexamination.
"... we have here, available

already, with the authority lent by its official endorsement as evidence in the four-power pro-secution, the authentic story of these terrible years, that so many would like to hide, in diaries, inter-office memos, transcripts of secret conferences and telephone calls, the living voices of this

arch-villiany.

It is as though the naked truth were suddenly stripped undeniable.

Is it a melancholy, or a rewarding thought to a communist

Confirmation of much that was expected and predicted? What about pected and predicted? What about the 'evidence' in the Moscow Trials? Have you forgotten, that you were writing articles justify-ing the Moscow Trials, which alleged that there was evidence to prove that Old Bolsheviks were conspirators with Hitler? Why are you and the Communist Party silent?

Strates that there is no evidence.
You justified the shooting of
Tukachevsky and the other leading
Red Army Generals after a secret trial (if it was ever held). You have exposed the connections between Franco, Horthy, Mannerheim, and the fascist generals of other countries. Where is the

war, which you and the other hack journalists of the Communist Party screamed about in your journals?

You say that Nuremberg's vital significance is to discover the facts: But there are no facts! You speak of the physical examination of tons of documents, of hundreds that the picture thus revealed contains for him few surprises, the confirmation of much that he had analysed and predicted?"
But Mr. Montague, no surprises? supposed to have had direct con-nection with Trotsky and the Old Bolsheviks. Yet the Stalinist prosecution did not ask a single question on their alleged connections and conspiracies with Trotsky and the Old Guard. Is this one of the "few surprises"? That the "naked truth, suddenly stripned, undeniable "reveals

stripped, undeniable" renothing, absolutely nothing of For a conscientious "communist" enormous conspiracy with all its ramifications and connections which establishing all the facts—all the

covery and establishment of the facts of the past. . . .

There are two categories: those bearing on the origins of the war and the methods and details of the aggressions, and those establishing atrocious deeds.

"It is impossible to overestimate the interest and instruction to be derived from the cyidence on these matters filed by the prosecution and elicited from the cross under the content of the states that there is no evidence of the no evidence is available, is of the course no surprise, and of little impost. They know that the that no evidence is available, is of course no surprise, and of little import. They knew that the Moscow Trials were frame-ups from the start, but considered that falsifications and frame-ups were a "clever" method of discrediting revolutionary opponents.

other countries. Where is the evidence of connections between the Red Army generals and the Nazi General Staff?

Where are the preparations for war, which you and the other had that their leaders remained silent.

Out of their own mouths,

Stalinism is condemned. Montague ends his article on an high moral

note:
"We have to appreciate that,
"We have to appreciate that, "We have to appreciate that, like all the facts of life, itself, the experience of politics, ot industry, of all that is human, Nuremberg—an unique in history. Four Power - authorised authentication of such facts—provides a mine of gold for enriching the world with knowledge. But that knowledge, those lessons the callebtament and lessons, the enlightenment and hardening of purpose based upon them, do not come automatically as result of the labour of others. It has to be spread, popularised, fought for. It is a battle we are

all fighting."

The Nuremberg Trial will inleed be unique in history and a
mine of gold for the world working class in exposing the monstrous Moscow Trials for what they were —a frame-up from beginning to end, a conspiracy against com-munism, against the Soviet Union

sented to those who visited cinema during the first week of June: the dynamiting of the Blohm' and Voss shipyards at Hamburg.

We weep no tears for the share-olders of Blohm and Voss. During the war they have reaped rich profits from the blood and suffering of the masses, they deserve the fate which befalls them. The issue for us is the tragedy for socialism behind the destruction of German productive

It is always tragic to see the product of human creative closs destroyed, whether by accident or But more is involved than the steel and concrete devastated by sappers' explosives. The destrucsappers' explosives. The destruc-tion of German industry means misery, hunger and suffering for the German workers and for Europe's toiling millions. For Germany is the heart of the European economy, the productive centre without which Europe cannot exist except a

This is a policy allegedly de signed to prevent war. But Capitalism is the cause of war. To attempt to prevent it by such means is like cutting off the outer ear to cure deafness. of demarcation between "war" industry and the general produc-tive forces. It is clear that what is happening is the destruction of German competitive industrial capacity at the hands of the British ruling class. The consequences of this for the German and European peoples in the period ahead are hellish

It is reported that the German Social-Democratic Party in the British zone has appealed to British occupying authorities to desist from such activities. The demolitions are being vigorously opposed by the Kiel Shop Stewards who have warned the British authorities that they will not be responsible for the consequences of these destructions. Their resolution reads:

"The working population of Keil agrees that a radical end must be put to the armament industry once and for all. But this can be done without depriving our town of all chances of economic survival. (Continued on page 4.)

Manifesto of Italian Trotskyists

THE PROVOCATIONS OF THE NEO-FASCIST

REACTION

The elections draw near. The Austrian workers, who have not electoral speeches multiply. The forgotten. . . . main theme of the propagandas which emanates from the parties of the Left announce that June 2nd will see a radical change. The king has fled. Hurrah for the Republic, the Republican Constituent Assembly!

this purpose, but the leaders of the the Monarchists and Fascists will S.P. and C.P. want the workers to put respect it! believe that the Republic will be their guarantee against the renewed

Today they hail the Constituent Assembly, the triumph of demo-

offensive of the Fascist dictator-

Triumph of Democracy — but Black Guards drill on the Church

the Fascists murch through the streets of Rome singing BUT NEVER F ONLY BY

police: the epurated and the non-epurated sense the arrival of a grand day of revival!

gestures of a fathard of Presponsible elements. As in 1921 and 22 ENSLAVE YOU FOR ANOTHER the Fascist gangsters are not isolated or exceptional individuals. Today, as yesterday, the various REPLY BY FORMING THEIR

The Workers Will Not Repeat The Same Mistakes!

stituent Assembly!

Certainly the Republic is something new in respect of 1922. Then there was no talk of doing away with the King: then the leaders of the Socialist Party turned to him for protection against Mussolini's Action Squadrons. Today however, the King no longer serves this purpose, but the leaders of the politics and the tactics of the post. Today the Italian workers must understand that neither the Republic nor the Constituent Assembly can halt the return of the monarchist—fascist reaction. Togliatti and Nenni have pledged themselves.

not respect it In the final battle the workers will have no allies. Clericals and Republicans of all shades will discreetly withdraw into the back ground or aid their enemies. This is already happening!

ITALIAN WORKERS, vote for the Republic because the mon-

Triumph of Democracy—but the Republic because the mon-make an attempt to occupy a Radio Station!

Triumph of Democracy—but the terrorist acts against the premises of workers' organisations increase; the Fasciets march through the terrorist acts against the premises of workers' organisations increase; the Fasciets march through the terrorist acts against the premises of workers' organisations increase; the Fasciets march through the terrorist acts against the premises of workers' organisations increase; the Fasciets march the terrorist acts against the premises of workers' organisations increase; the Republic because the mon-archy is today, more than ever, the cover for bourgeois reaction!

Tralingh of Democracy—but the Republic because the mon-archy is today, more than ever, the cover for bourgeois reaction!

Tralingh of Democracy—but the estates: because the mon-archy is today, more than ever, the cover for bourgeois reaction!

Tralingh of Democracy—but the workers' parties—as a challenge to the reaction, to assert your demand that these parties take on the responsibilities which

BUT NEVER FORGET THAT ONLY BY ORGANISING "Giovinezza"!
Triumph of Democracy—but the old and new Fascists plot freely against the working class, under the very noses of the complacent police: the epurated and the non-epurated sense the arrival of a grand development of a grand day of revival!

The workers must have no WILL YOU PREVENT THE illusions. These are not the gestures of a handful of irrespont REALISING THEIR AIMS—TO

political and trade union bosses preach calm!

Strange advice to the Italian of THE FOURTH INTERworkers, the German workers, the NATIONAL.

Drought in Africa

nent, exposing the ridiculous fraud of the charge that the strikes are "fomented" and setting forth the genuine causes of the discontent of the masses, as well as indicating the road of class action as the only road to follow. The P.C.I. has been the only Party which un-reservedly supported the workers reservedly supported the workers struggles and is proud of it, the leaflet concluded.

This is the second recent government attack on our Belgian compandes. Towards the end of April there was a result of the support of the result of the support of the cather are the African need that the bulk of the non-natives lost all their cather ("Eastern Province Herald" 22.12.45). Since the support of th they were subjected to a series of "house searches" by the Judiciary The alleged object was to this means utter starvation with

> Drought affects all the farming ported, it would be too dear for colour. But the European farmers bothing with which to buy food. can take their cattle to different grazing grounds, and are subsidised

he was seized by the Gestapo on June 22nd, 1941, and later tortured to death at Neuengamme concentration camp. The Van Acker regime boasts of its demoduced more than half the maize system.

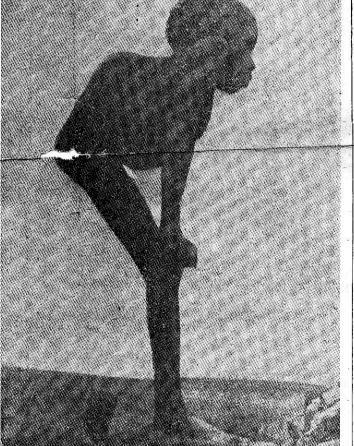
The worst drought in 15 years still goes on. Cattle are dying in their hundreds every day. Whole agricultural areas of South Africa are nothing but waste deserts. A report from the Msinga reserve area, for example, says 6.555 cattle died in lation." (EPH 28,12,45). This

The boss papers are blaming the terrible conditions on God and the disorganised state of world mar-But even if maize were imported, it would be too dear for

These conditions are not due to nature either. They are directly country. The bosses want African cheap labour in the mines, and on the farms. They are not prepared to give the African peasants land irrigation or subsidies as they do

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FOR DOCUMENTS OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE



NO V-DAY FOR HIM

He did not celebrate V-Day. He is one of the victims of imperialism. Millions of negroes in the Reserves in South Africa live on hunger rations permanently. Now they face actual starvation. The result of hunger and poverty is seen in this child photographed in the Transkei Reserve.

JOHANNESBURG-

the Msinga reserve area, for ex-ample, says "6,555 cattle died in lation." cattle are the African peas antry's main means of exchange P.C.I. had no means of recovery for the One bulk of the population. ar his disposar. One inspector named Dehoux boasted that he had bud experience in acting against the Trotskyists. He had searched the house of martyred

hunger.

The starvation and misery of the

by the government. All that the made by the capitalist class of this African peasant can do is to die of country. The bosses want African concentration camp. The Van beasantry in the reserves goes bethe farms. They are not prepared to give the African peasants land have a cracy, yet for police they employ in a 'good' year, the Transkei to give the African peasants land they are a for example, has never proarea, for example, has never proa product of the vicious segregation

Umberto II prepared to follow suit. By their votes in the referendum on June 4th, the Italian people put an end to the sixty four year old rule of the House of Savoy.

The victory for the Republic is against the war and the fascist are sounding blow at all the forces of reaction, which sought shelter behind the throne, waiting for the reaction of the country from the throne waiting for the reaction of the country from the toe of Italy to the Lombardy Despite these acts of treachery, behind the throne, waiting for the moment when they could take the offensive once more

The most interesting factor which emerges from the referendum is the narrow majority by which the Republic triumphed over the Monarchy. All the hack writers of the Right wing press have tried to draw solace from this. In actual fact a careful analysis of the votes cast reveals that they have not so much cause for comfort as they believe. All over Italy, the industrial

workers-that is, the most advanced and competent section of the populicisive lead from the workers' lation voted solidly for the Republic. In the industrial areas of the whole reactionary set-up. The the North, the votes were 3 to 1 against the monarchy. This in itself is a splendid augury for the It indicates that the working class, despite betrayal and temporary set-backs has lost none of that fighting spirit which enabled it to sweep Musso-lini from his perch in the summer of 1943.

The Monarchists drew the bulk of its votes from the South, where feudal conditions largely prevail Tere 43% of the population are illiterate and in the rural areas the domination of the large landlords (latifundi) is almost com-plete. Hundreds of thousands of nuns, priests, and monks abandoned the isolation of their cells to cast their votes for the Monarchy and their votes for the Monarchy and reaction. The Vatican's threat to excommunicate all who voted "left" also undoubtedly had a profound effect on the illiterate and

semi-superstitions peasantry.

Italy has promise of a good harvest in the Autumn; the wrath of God and the Church must not be

(Continued from page 1.)

off" state over the demobilisation delays. Day after day the men were forced to "kick their heels"

doing useless, time-wasting tasks,

the situation in this camp was also

they only had an orderly and disciplined demonstration on the part of the men. There was every ex-

Scapegoats Sought

Investigation Bureau of the R.A.F.

scapegoats from among the R.A.F.

strations were carried out in an orderly and disciplined manner, in

order not to give the officers in

command an excuse to refuse the men a hearing. The A.O.C. of this particular station, faced with this orderly but determined demonstra-

tion by men with justified grievances, promised to do what he

could to remedy local conditions, and to get in touch with higher authority about the 'demob' issue.

Also, as was admitted by the pro secution at the court-martial, the

action of the men was condoned by the A.O.C.

cuse for more radical action.

plains, were solidly behind them. By the rudimentary soviets which they created in the heat of the struggle, the workers showed an instinctive knowledge that to end

the rule of Mussolini was not enough. The fate of capitalism itself hung in the balance. Victor Emmanuel and his family had to seek the protection of the Allied forces which had just landed in the South. There was hardly a thinking person in Italy who was not convinced that the days of the Monarchy were numbered. A de-cisive lead from the workers' the whole reactionary set-up. The workers associated the Monarchy with Fascism and were in no mood

to tolerate it.

Urged on by this mood of the masses, the Socialist and Com-munist Parties came out openly for the Republic. Huge demonstra-tions all over Italy left the issue in no doubt. It is a well-known fact that even the Allied High Command became convinced that the Monarchy could not be saved. They were prepared to throw it overboard as being of no further

Then, Togliatti (known also as Ercoli) returned from his Mos-cow exile. Even before he landed on Italian soil in an interview with a journalist in North Africa, he informed the world that the Italian Com-munist Party was prepared to

despite the terrorist acts of the reactionaries, the Monarchy has been defeated. This, undoubtedly marks a big step forward for the Italian working class. It will gain new confidence from its success at the polls and be better prepared for the next stage of the struggle. The Italian Republic which said that the miners wanted the The Italian Republic which emerged from the referendum is a capitalist Republic. About this the workers will have no illusions. But it will be harder for the forces of reaction to conceal their activi-ties now that the protective cover ing of the throne has been removed. From now on, the workers, who put the King out of business will demand an accounting for every act of the Republic. They will act of the Republic. They will come up ever more sharply against the class nature of the State and the treacherous role of the Socialist and Communist Parties who pre tend to speak in their name.

It is already evident that the Monarchist and neo-Fascist forces are not going to take the defeat lying down. They did not spend drying down. They did not spend months training their terrorist bands because they had the intention of abiding by the referendum result. Votes may be good enough for the Left. The Right has no illusions about democracy. Machine guns can always be relied upon to "rectify" the results

munist Party was prepared to collaborate with the Monarchy. This, of course, without consulting his Party. The dictate had come from the Kremlin and that was enough. Reaction breathed a sigh of relief. Thanks to the Stalinists they had been granted a temporary where in this issue, in the hundreds of meetings they organised fulfilled.

Another important factor in the large vote for the Monarchy was the vast bureaucracy which Mussolini built up during the two decades of the Fascist regime. Impoverished and defeated Italy can no longer afford this bears.

Another important factor in the reprieve.

They made good use of the renewed lease of life granted to them to rally their forces in daddressed, the Trotskyists urged the workers to have no illusions in the capitalist Republic, and to rely on their own strength. To vote for the Republic, but to began to roam the streets of the keep the poweder decay of the renewed lease of life granted to illusions in the capitalist Republic, and to rely on their own strength.

Attwood Protest Meeting

From the meeting a

question as one of paramount con-cern to the organised working-class, and must demand that action and must demand the support of this campaign be taken by the trade union and labour organisations. This issue is a by the trade union and labour organisations. This issue is a CLASS issue. We cannot tolerate the position that workers in the forces who demand better conditions should be treated as criminals as worse than criminals. Labour Government stand demned on this question, cowardly refusal to effect the re-lease of worker-militants who were carrying out the traditions of their class in the armed forces.

Attwood and the other Militants!

BLOW AT L.O.Y.

The League of Youth received a blow at the hands of the bureau-

of one young air-foire lad who was reduced to a state of nervous illness after these snoopers had interpogated him, during the course of which they threatened him with jail, and asked him what his widowed mother would do for money. This lad had not been near any of the meetings!

ITALIAN ELECTIONS BY CARLO BIVANCHO Not many days after his father sailed from Italy's shores for his Egyptian exile, the referendum on June 4th. LP. RIGHT WING Communist

gramme of legislation.
While it is true that some reforms have been introduced, these are largely cancelled out by rising prices and the fact that the burdens are being shouldered by the

working class.
Will Lawther demagogically said

that the miners did not favour nationalisation merely to continue under the same conditions of life Charter under a nationalised in-dustry and implied that the Labour Government was reluctant to give

lid not get from private industry"

Executive Defeated on Secondary Issues

The only other issues on which is Executive was defeated were Alone of all the political parties and tendencies, the Italian Trotsky-ists, the Communist Workers' Party warned the workers and peasants that the question of the Republic with the beginning and not the end of the structure. on the withdrawal of a pamphlet on education issued by the Coali-

mental and their defeat represented only a mild rebuff for the Execu-

C.P. Affiliation Defeat

The tenor of the Conference was shown by the overwhelming defeat of the proposed affiliation of the decades of the Fascist regime. Impoverished and defeated Italy can no longer afford this heavy drain on its economy. The thousands of petty civil servants, their standard of living already fallen to below that of the industrial workers faced the certainty of retrenchment in the event of a Republican success. Their votes went solidly to the Monarchy.

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Introverished by war; his support and to roun the streets of the cities and the streets of the cities and the quiet lanes of the keep the powder dry. To reply to the Fascist provocation by forging working class premises to return the countryside. Working class premises were subjected to terrorist attacks; workers leaders were assulted and beaten up. All the propaganda methods perfected by assulted and beaten up. All the propaganda methods perfected by the same were turned on full strength in a final desperate effort to save the Monarchy.

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North rose up in open revolt and the streets of the diction and the streets of the diction and the streets of the title propaganda methods perfected by the Communist Party. It is true, that large sections of the rank and file

definitive one will have a rude awakening in the coming struggles when the crisis descends upon Britain, and the Stalinists move

Conference Rejected **Passivity**

The Conference reflected the teudency to political passivity on the Labour leadership. part of the workers at the present time. From the point of view of the Labour leaders they have come to power at a very fortunate period. The destruction of the war, the world famine of goods, the need to reconvert industry to peacetime purposes, has created a huge and apparently inexhaustible market on measures. a world scale. Thus, there is for the time being, no great unemployfrom America, and the increases that only the programme of the in production to make up the Revolutionary Communist Party shortages at home and abroad, there will lead to a Socialist Britain.

Party like an impressive pro- standards and rationing, there is a prospect of small improvements in clothing and other amenities.

> On this basis, the workers who are generous in their faith and loyal in their support are extend-ing a credit in time to the Labour Government. Despite uneasiness, the attitude of the British working class remains one of "Give them a chance-wait and sec.'

But capitalism has its laws.

Capitalist Crisis Will Come

The boom will not last for ever. In a few short years Britain will Government was research it.

Shinwell's reply puts the real position of nationalised industry under capitalism, far better than any amount of Marxist agitation.

"The miners were not entitled to expect to receive from the Government, which is only on the eve of ment, which is only on the eve of ment it its are concealed at the moment its are concealed at the case its are be facing the greatest crisis in the under capitalist ownership and control, as well as those owned and of the market. The capitalist controlled by the capitalist state, world will be faced not with a On the issue of agriculture the shortuge of goods, but with a Executive was defeated and a crisis of over production. In such resolution carried demanding the a crisis Britain cannot communication of the conditions of this most exploited strata of the British workers. machine. The advantage of a huge and closed-in Empire which Britain ssed in the past has been lost in this war.

> Crisis will come in Britain as it did in 1931 when the Labour lovernment was in office after the slump had already begun. Only the Labour leaders will not have the excuse they had before of not having a majority. The utopia of reforming capitalism, while allowing the capitalists to continue making profits, will be shattered. The Labour leaders have relied upon an export drive for markets in traditional capitalist fashion to solve the problems of the capitalist class. On a capitalist basis there could be only solution to the crisis. As in 1931, as in previous crises, the capitalists will drive down the standards of the cutting down of the social reforms introduced by the Labour government, and even the meagre present unemployment pay will have to be reduced.

The Labour leaders are blind to this impending catastrophe and for the time being have lulled the workers into a false sense of security. The capitalist are preparing for this, but the Labour leaders are living in a fool's paradise.

In the struggles that lie ahead.

the workers in the Labour movement will come to see that it is no use tinkering with capitalism, it must be overthrown and replaced by a new system of society. In such a system the capitalists would delegates to the first Party by a new system of society that the resolution altering the Labour Party's Constitution to prevent the affiliation of any other political Party was carried without a discussion. This, in spite of the fact that it means a fundamental change in the structure of the Labour Party.

But those who think the victory over the Communist Party is a definitive one will have a rule socialism, not of state capit economy of the country planned and run under the control of the working class as it was in Russia under Lenin and Trotsky in 1917. This is the only way in which nation two other carriage works in alisation would really benefit the Birmingham. Bro. Stokes outlined working class and be a measure of the strikers' case. A resolution socialism, not of state capitalism.

The workers inside and outside

the Labour Party must demand that real measures be taken by the Labour Government against the capitalist class. In a struggle to force the Labour Government to measures, the working class will become conscious of the inadequacy of the policy of the

While supporting every progressive step forward taken by the Labour Government, and criticising lutionary Communists will be in the forefront of the struggle to better the conditions of the working class and introduce real socialist

Fighting side by side with the Labour workers, the most advanced With the prospect of a loan | elements will come to understand

French Election Results

FRANCE—The election returns Radical (old-line pre-war bourto the new Constituent Assembly show that the French Communist (Stalinist) Party has held its own. (Stalinist) Party has held its own, gaining in popular vote by 141,204, but losing 4 seats; that the Reference of the staling formist Social Democracy (S.F.I.O.) has lost 303,405 votes and 16 seats; and the moderate Catholic* Republican Popular. Movement (M.R.P.) made a big gain of 1,009,009 votes and 17 seats; that the reactionary Republican Liberty Party (P.R.L.) and other right-wing groups lost slightly by 353,223 votes.

Socialists and diverse 268 seats, and M.R.P., P.R.I. and others 267 seats. Thus, the social crisis in France remains unresolved. In the period o come there will be stormy out breaks as the pressure from the workers to relieve their unbearable conditions, due to rising prices amidst wage freezing, mounts.

Stalinists particularly, will be hard put to circumvent their publi-declaration in favour of genera Out of 548 seats the Stalinists have 144, the S.F.I.O. 120, the M.R.P. 162, the P.R.I. 35, the

The details of the P.C.I. Votes are as follows:-Paris 1st Sector -(1 per cent.) (1.5 , ,) 4.677 6,639 " 3rd " (1.25 Finistre -4,168 (1.02 ,, Gironde -7,698 (1.25 Isere 3.751 Marne 3.690 (2 Puy de Dome 2,891 (1.75 " Rhone (1st circ:) -4.949 Lot et Gironne Savoie 1,493 (1.40

44,915 (Average 1.37 per cent.)

Programme



Banks and land, the mines, transport and all big industry without compensation; and the operation of these enterprises under the control of workers'

profits; all company books to be army and its substitution by a open to inspection by trade unions and workers' committees to counter the financial and economic sabotage of Big Busi-

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

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

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

6. 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 United Socialist States of Europe; unity with the workers and exploited masses of all lands in the struggle for World Socialism. electoral rights from the age of

1. Nationalisation, of the all strike breaking and anti-Bank of England, the Big Five labour laws.

7. Clear out the reactionary anti-labour officer caste from the armed forces, for the election of officers from the ranks.

8. Abolish conscription; for 2. Confiscation of all war the dissolution of the standing 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.

> 9. Unconditional defence of the Soviet Union against all imperialist powers; full economic co-operation, credit grants and other aid for the reconstruction of Soviet economy.

> 10. 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 countries.

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

12. Full support and active cooperation with the European workers for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment

Birmingham Carriage and Wagon Strike

(Continued from Front Page.)

evident that he hoped once the men were back at work, he could keep them back.

Both the Convenor of the T. & G.W.U., Bro. Cairns, and the Chairman of the Shop Stewards Committee, Bro. Stokes, effectively exposed his suggestion for the red herring it was. Finally the men rejected it everwhelmingly.

The workers have organised col-lections and contacted other contacted other factories in the area. On Wednesday, June 5th, a mass meeting was held of the workers from the strikers' case. A resolution for immediate sympathetic strike action was moved. One of the Stewards, however, moved an amendment to give financial support to the strikers and then con-sider further action after fourteen days.

for markets on the shoulders of the workers. Every militant will the workers. Every militant will be solidly behind them, knowing that what they are resisting today, the whole working class of Britain will be resisting tomorrow.

Operation Vandal

(Continued from Front Page.) The shop stewards of the Kiel metal industry protest against the sexceless destruction of workshops that can serve as the basis for our peaceful work and for the rebuilding of our town."

The German socialist leader and Shop Stewards will learn that the humanitarian and socialist pro-fessions of the British Labour Government are subordinated to the capitalist interests of the ruling class whom they serve. Only by waging a vigorous struggle against military occupation and all forms ider further action after fourteen ays.

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India Mission

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that we shall not for some length of time, at any rate, be able to defend ourselves by force of arms if only because we have neither them nor the knowledge of their use. We have not even the requisite discipline. The result is that we shall have to rely upon another nation's help not as equals but as pupils upon their teachers, if the word 'inferiors' jars upon our ears."

Far from being prepared to wage a revolutionary struggle against British imperialism, the Indian capitalist leaders are prepared to do a deal with it against the Indian

The interim government proposed by the Cabinet Mission is designed to undermine the creation of a strong central administration. The method of grouping the provinces and states ensures the necessity for reliance on British imperialism with its armies to effect the "orderly transfer of power". British imperialism manoeuvres the provincial set-up in order to prop up the old landowning aristocracy which Jinnah's Moslem League represents. The Indian princely states are to be incorporated without change in their monstrous feudal structure. In this way they hope to play off one section against the other through their direct puppets the Moslem League and the princes.

The latest proposals of the Cabinet Mission puts forward the reactionary demand that Congress should accept parity with their direct stooges, the Muslim League, together with some representatives of other "minorities", thus placing the Congress in a minority in the so-called "interim government." The Congress represents the overwhelming majority of Indians, both Hindu and Moslem-and no-one knows this better than the British Labour Ministers.

It is the duty of the British Labour movement to demand that the Labour Government withdraw all troops from India and allow the Indian people to determine their own fate without interference.

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Facilities

Nazis Granted More

While awaiting trial, every sort These same despicable methods forestall any left wing crystallisatof hindrance was put in the way were used by the S.I.B. in all the While awaiting trial, every sort

The first ex-R.A.F. comrade of Attwood's, told of the bad conditions existing at their particular station, conditions that further aggravated the men in the camp who were already in a "browned off" state over the demobilisation delays. Day after day the men were forced to "kick their heals" to make the station of the station. It is well known among the R.A.F. men on the spot, that half the witnesses and never allowed to mix with or talk to any of the other prisoners. This sort of isolation, of course, prevented Attwood from being able to prepare his defence adequately. A resolution was passed at the demobilisation delays. Day after day the men were forced to "kick their heals" to make the station. His letters were delayed and interfered with, he was locked up in a detention camp under two armed guards and never allowed to mix with or talk to any of the other prisoners. This sort of isolation, of course, prevented Attwood from being able to prepare his defence adequately. A resolution was passed at the Memorial Hall meeting demonding the first and the spot, that half the witnesses for the prosecution at Attwood's similar lines of terrorisation and threats.

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unnecessary parades with the "bull" ladled on thick. Food and The worst Nazi criminals in the dock at Nuremberg have received every sort of lenient, and overlenient, treatment in their cells. And received every facility to prepare their defence. But of welfare facilities were equally bad and this, months after the war had actually finished. What applied to pare their defence. But of course, Attwood is a working-class true of most of the R.A.F. camps militant whereas the Nazi thugs agents of capitalism, that is the These men were stationed 7,000 miles away from home, under intolerable conditions. It was fortunate for the Government dist difference in the eyes of the reactionary military caste. To their minds a worker-militant is the worst possible criminal.

S.I.B. Methods

Experiences at the hands of the snooping agents of the S.I.B. and their gestapo-like methods, were recounted to the meeting by Cpl... the second comrade of L.A.C. Attwood. This comrade was also arrested and interrogated by a Sergeant and Warrant Officer of the S.I.B. who tried to make him. Shortly after the demonstrations and meetings, there appeared at the camp, agents from the Special These snoopers began a systematic inquiry among the men on the the S.I.B. who tried to make station, with the purpose of finding out trade union and Left wing militants. The object of this witch-hunting" was to find give information about his fellow servicemen at the station by threatening him with jail. They claimed that they had evidence that would put him in jail for years, and asked him if his wife had a private income (as though workers men in order to frighten off the others from demanding better conditions. It was actually months or their wives have private in comes!). When he naturally re after these events that L.A.C. He was charged in April with fact is, that, it was due to Attwood's advice that the down

Attwood's advice that the demon- anyone being the wiser! Finding that these threats availed nothing they then tried the old capitalist trick of bribery by suggesting that if he "kept his suggesting that if he "kept his ears open to inform on mallow at the hands of the bureaucontents" they would see that "he was looked after". As a trade unionist trained in the traditions of loyalty to his class, he treated these "offers" with the contempt they deserved. Cpl. . . told of one young air-force lad who was reduced to a state of nervous illness, of the League of Youth, an one of the League of Youth, and there was a national link-up of the League of Youth, an one of the League of Youth, and the suggesting that if he is the league of the bureaucontents.

Council Of Action Formed

Council of Action was nominated. The purpose of the Council of Action is to commence a national ampaign in the British Labourmovement on behalf of the victim-sed men in the R.A.F. £87 was collected as a start. Every worker must raise this

Demand the Release of