

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

# FIGHT CONSCRIPTION of Working Class Youth!

Withdraw the Troops of Occupation!

# SUMMONED FOR FRATERNISING

Handed Revolutionary Communist

Literature to German P.o.W's A MEMBER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COM-MUNIST PARTY, COMRADE WILLIAM (BILL) CLEMINSON, OF "LOVER'S LEAP", STONEY MIDDLETON, NEAR SHEFFIELD, AN ENGINEER AND WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF THE A.E.U., HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT FOR DISTRIBUTING ANTI-NAZI REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST LITERATURE TO GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

The Charge

Wiliam Frankland Cleminson, Engineer 33—charged with: ' veying printed matter to Prisoners of War contrary to Article 4 of the Prisoners of War Internees (Access and Communication) Prisoners of War Internees (Access and Communication) Order, 1940 (Statutory Rules and Orders, 1940 No. 1389) made under Regulation 18c of the Defence (General) Regulations 1939.

#### **Particulars**

On the 28th August at Stoney Middleton in the County of Derby, you did without lawful authority convey to No. D274178 Feldwebel Hugo Huerdler, a Prisoner of War of No. 248 POW Hostel, printed matter recording information by words. To appear in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction sitting at the Town Hall in Bakewell at 10.30 a.m. on 29th November, 1946.

**Demand Right To Fraternise** 

All workers who value the ideas of internationalism and working class solidarity, and who wish to assist the German socialists in their struggle against the Nazi elements in the P.o.W. Camps and in Germany will protest against this prosecution. British socialists and anti-fascists must demand the right of fraternisation between British workers and German P.o.W.s and the complete freedom of the latter to contact the British working class movement.

We ask you to send a contribu tion as a demonstration of socialist internationalism, which is so com-pletely absent from the life of the



terested in democracy and free speech to support us in this campaign and demand that the Prisoners of War have the same access to the workers' press as the capitalist press which is allowed unhampered circulation in P.o.W

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#### BILL CLEMINSON

amps. **DEMAND** that the prosecution thernationalism, which is so com-letely absent from the life of the abour movement today.

We appeal to all workers in-We appeal to all workers in-fascist meetings!

## Anti-Jewish Scare Exposed

Sensationalist Press Assisted Anti-Semitism

Nothing could have been more calculated to inflate the self importance of the handful of Stern Gang terrorists, than the extravagant and wild stories that held the headlines of the Press in this country for a few days recently And nothing could have been more encouraging to anti-Semitism than the distinctly anti-Jewish slant of

terrorist Stern Gang, to carry their campaign to London were seized upon by the yellow press as possessing all the ingredients of a good "scare" story. It was all there. Mysterious men seen moving round Whitehall. Three men "of Jewish appearance" seen by somebody "behaving suspiciously" in the back of a car near the War Office. A young Jewish girl, allegedly the fiance of a member of the Stern Gang, disappearing from her hotel, wearing a red dress...

On the basis of these fantastic rumours, police detectives and troops lined almost every yard of the route on the occasion of the carry of the stern of the stern of the source of the route on the occasion of the carry in the size and more troops standing by!

As an illustration of the effect of the scare campaign on the more backward section of the population, to a report was made to the police of the Revolutionary Communist Party, Harrow Road, London. Hot-foot, though somewhat cynical, detectives came to "check up" on the "woman in red." It turned out that it was an Indian comrade, dressed in a tred "sari" (Indian national dress)!

And so it went on, until the tense picture of terrorists rampant we continued on page 4.)

The food crisis has affected, most of all, the workers in the industrial towns and cities, particularly in the Ruhr and Rhineland areas. A correspondent of the "Times", reporting from the British Zone, writes:

| And so it went on, until the tense picture of terrorists rampant (Continued on page 4.)

Policy Statement Issued by the Central Committee of the R.C.P.

THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO IMPOSE MILITARY CONSCRIPTION ON THE YOUTH OF BRITAIN WITH THE OBJECT OF MAINTAINING A FULL SCALE ARMY AS A PERMANENT PEACE - TIME MEASURE.

The excuse given by the Labour leaders for the introduction of peace-time conscription is that despite the changes and reforms in the forces, voluntary recruitment has not resulted in creating a sufficiently large and stable military force, capable of carrying out the measures necessary for the maintenance of the "security and peace" of the British

Government, responsibilities of protecting His Majesty's Empire have to be carried on the shoulders of the Labour leaders.

#### Break With Traditions Of The Past

Without a glance back, these former anti-militarists cut the cord that binds them to their "socialist" anti-militarism of the past, and pursue a policy of naked communication will their that do compulsory militarism that de-lights the Blimps and warms the hearts of the reactionaries, such as Churchill. It is ironic that this reactionary

step, which has aroused considerable opposition in the traditional centres of working militancy, should be carried out by the Labour leaders. Neither the Tories nor the Liberals could have carried out peace time military conscription without widespread and organised movements of protest the ranks of the working class, including strike movements class, including strike movements to be seen whether the workers will accept this compulsion imposed by leaders without

of the standing army the dissolution of the officer cerps, and the formation of a "Citizens' Army", or "People's Army", later to be sharpened and clarified as the 'Workers' Militia."

Traditionally to the right of the continental socialist movement, the British Labour Party nevertheless, British Labour Farty nevertheless, conducted anti-militarist activity in its early days. Many of the present leaders, including Cabinet Ministers, who now impose conscription upon the working class, were conscientious objectors in the First Imperialist War, which they opposed—although with a typically British socialist pacifism.

This socialist pacifist back-ground, however, did not stop the Labour leaders from carrying out war or the suppression of colonia and semi-colonial The Revolutionary Communist Indonesia, Greece, India and other Party are opposed to the military parts of the world. In taking over policy of the Labour Government and urge the workers everywhere Empire, they are forced to pursue

Thus, together with the plums of office which have fallen into the laps of the leaders of His Majesty's Government, responsibilities of From its inception the socialist of the belief that British troops to the belief that British troops and their wives voted Labour to power in the belief that British troops and the plums of soldiers and their wives voted Labour to power in the belief that British troops are described by the beginning the property forms and their wives voted Labour to power in the belief that British troops are described by the property forms and their wives voted Labour to power in the belief that British troops are described by the property forms and their wives voted Labour to power in the belief that British troops are described by the property of the movement has opposed and would rapidly be brought home and struggled against the militarism of that there would be a speedy destruggled against the militarism of the capitalist class, including conscription. The programme of the Socialist movement invariably contained the demand for the abolition tained the demand for the abolition the result has been a slowing down of the rate of demobilisation and a function among serving growing frustration among serving men who have already spent

several years in the forces The mew conscription cannot help but create the belief that the aspirations of the workers have been betrayed.

#### Protecting His Majesty's Empire

The only reason why Britain needs a large standing army is to suppress the peoples in colonial and semi-colonial lands, and to protect the strategic areas of the British Empire.

The thousands of troops sent into Greece helped the Greek reaction to disarm the Greek workers to impose a reactionary torial rule. The British dictatorial rule. The British forces in Greece conducted a war of intervention, and continue to do so, against the Greek people, massacring the workers in the proletarian districts and foisting upon them the reactionary Greek

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Manchester Transport Workers

# Fight Spying **Victimisation**

BY BOB ALLEN

THE BIGGEST TRANSPORT STRIKE FOR SEVERAL YEARS FLARED UP IN THE COTTON METROPOLIS AS 6,000 TRANSPORT WORKERS WALKED OUT OF SEVEN BUS AND TRAM DEPOTS.

Starting as a strike in one depot for the reinstatement of Driver Christie, demoted to cleaner on the basis of a secret report of careless driving made by a doctor in the employ of the Corporation, the strike flashed into 100% tie-up. The Transport workers recognised that here was the time for a showdown with the Manchester Corporation.

The men complain of the con- equal representation from the emstant pin-pricking and oppression, and downright Gestapo spying methods which they say is adopted by the (Labour controlled) Transport Committee and its manager, Neal. Staff men travelling on leadership to match the firmness of the man and a decisive break. buses are encouraged to submit secret reports on drivers and con-ductors. No man knows when he nas been reported on. A man might be the best driver or conductor in the City, but let him be caught "having a drag" in the cabin, or giving way a little to "rush hour nerves", or overshooting a stop by a few feet—down go the reports in the little black books.

It is this kind of terror methods

It is this kind of terror methods which have become the rule now in Manchester, with the deliberate objective of breaking the men's objective of breaking the men's spirit, and making them slaves to any new schedules or changes of shift and so on, which the Transport Authorities see fit to operate. The fight of the Transport men here is basically aimed to break the dictatorship from above, in the attempt to get some relief from intolarshle treatment and get a intolerable treatment and get fair crack of the whip in a job which is a thankless one at the

Union Must Support Men

Now that the strike is on, the ransport men are coming against the same activities on the part of their own union leaders,

part of their own union leaders, which for years past workers all over the country have been experiencing, and of which they are getting heartily sides.

Apparently the chief activity of Mr. Dickie, Passenger Trade Group area Secretary of the T. & G.W.U.; has been to persuade the men to go heart to work. In the hely to work. In the holy procedure and arbitration," he agrees with the Transport Committee that the men should go back to work "pending negotia-tions". An example of this type of thing came at the press conference on Monday night, November 18th when, in reply to a question, he stated that he was very sorry that the men had not agreed to a resumption of work, but asked the Press not to quote him as it would prejudice his position with the

men.
It is a sad reflection on the "education" provided by the Universities that students from Universities that students from the Manchester University have volunteered as blacklegs. Running battles between these scabs and transport strikers took place as they attempted to break through the pickets. Cries of "Back to your books" and "Mind your own business" were hurled at the scab students. There were running students. There were running scuffles in which all the transport workers joined in to give them well-deserved manhandling. But when the police came on the scene and released some of the students, they rushed into the garage and drove a few buses out at top speed, so anxious were they to scab on

so anxious were they to scab on the workers on strike.

The pickets stoned these buses and the scabs manning them. The students got the reception they deserved. These gilded youth and snob sons of the upper middleclass, coming from comfortable homes and conditions, discovered that it wasn't such a "jolly rag" participating in the class struggle on the side of the bosses.

After drivers had been bosed and

of the men, and a decisive break with the cowardly policy of union officials like Dickie, can bring a victorious end to the Manchester

Against Tory Foreign **Policy** 

THE REVOLT IN THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOUR PARTY ON BEVIN'S FOREIGN POLICY IS A REFLECTION OF THE DISCONTENT AMONG LABOUR WORKERS AT THE CONTINUATION OF TORY FOREIGN POLICY.

The amendment tabled by the rebels" in Parliament demanded a foreign policy independent of both that of the Stalinist bureau-cracy and American imperialism which "... would provide a Socialist atternative to an other-rise inevitable conflict between vise inevitable conflict between American capitalism and Soviet Commission and Soviet Commission which ill hone for icorld Government would be destroyed."

Naturally, the Tories gave full support to the foreign policy of the Government, because it is their foreign policy; the policy of British imperialist capitalism.

However, the Labour dissidents

were not prepared to go further than a protest. After making their protest, they abstained on the vote on their amendment, which was lost by 353 to 0. The Conservatives voted solidly with the Conservatives that the lurge the Government. But the large number of Labour abstentions, is an indication of the hostility of the workers to Tory foreign policy.

What would a real socialist opposition have done? They would have backed words with deeds. Not only would they have voted against the Government's policy; they would have carried the struggle into the local Labour Parties, Trade Unions and factories, in order to mobilise the factories, in order to mobilise the workers to exert pressure on the Government. Furthermore, they would have explained to the workers that home policy cannot be separated from foreign policy. That it is impossible to operate anything but a capitalist foreign policy, so long as capitalism continues at home.

tinues at home.

The fear expressed by the Labour Lefts of a "ganging up" of Anylo-American imperialism in one bloc and We Soviet Union in another bloc, is well founded. This will lead to World War III.

For British socialists the issue must be made plain: "Britain can only give a lead to the world..." if her policy is a Socialist policy at home and abroad. When the workers will begin to see that the Labour Government is not introducing socialism, but is patching up the outworn capitalist system, their discontent will force stronger opposition from the Labour left. copie. One B.O.A.R. which said on the return to England:

"Most of the English in Germany can feel no bitterness against the Germans now. Many women were generous with their rations when they saw the Germans starving. German women begin to queue before dawn. They wait for hours and hours and invariably there is nothing for them."

Desperate, some Germans have roken into the houses of B.O.A.R. amilies and taken food. Reports of raids on food-carrying trains ncrease. And it is not to be (Continued on page 4.)

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After drivers had been booed and jeered as blacklegs each time their buses passed the Manchester boundary, North-Western Road Car Co. buses on five services entering the city from Urmston Flixton and Davyhulme, were suspended to-night. An official stated: "In view of the reception they were getting from pickets our men refused to go in."

The strikers are demanding, not only that Driver Christie be reinstated, but the setting up of and assist the capitalist class in preparing catastrophe.

GERMAN WORKERS

"WE CULTIVATED THE LAND AND WE STARVE. WE STAND AT THE LOOMS AND GO IN RAGS. WE MINE THE COAL AND WE FREEZE. BLOODLESS AND PALE, AND WITH TWISTED BODIES, OUR CHILDREN WALK THE STREETS OF OUR RUINED TOWNS. THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF 18 MONTHS RECONSTRUCTION."

The Fruits of Potsdam

ARE THE

BY G. NOZEDA

These bitter words of denunciation and despair were addressed, in a petition to Le Premier recently, by angry workers in the German town of Muenchen-Gladbach, in the British Zone of Germany.

These words sum up the tragic situation to which eighteen months of British occupation has reduced the working class in their one. It is unworkable precisely be-cause the plans of the four Powers The threats of the anti-working class, and extremely right wing terrorist Stern Gang, to carry their campaign to London were seized upon by the yellow press as rival interests. The rival powers vainly seek a settlement that will guarantee the predominance of their own self interest. And the last factor that enters their cal-culations are the needs and in-terests of the German working

The Starvation In The



VICTIMS

GERMAN MINING FAMILY at their meal of mashed Potatoes and Turnips.

ing to England, distressed at the terrible plight of the German people. One B.O.A.R. wife said on her return to England:

Desperate, some Germans have broken into the houses of B.O.A.R. families and taken food. Reports of raids on food-carrying trains increase. And it is not to be

Part of Scare Campaign

1,000 Police 'Protect' Royal Family

health in the last two months... a normal day's food in these homes consists of a breakfast of dry bread and ersatz coffee, dinner of potatoe soup, and supper of potatoe soup. Some-times turnips are added to the

potatoes, but the resulting soup, because of the lack of fat for cooking, is both inadequate and unappetising."

In Dusseldorf, only one woman in ten could obtain the daily bread

Distressed British Wives Returning

When in 1943 the Coalition Government took over control of Short Bros., Rochester, due to the inefficient production and wastage on all sides, it offered the existing shareholders 29s. 9d. for each 5/-

Not satisfied with 600 per cent. on the original amount, the shareholders took their claim to the Arbitration Court. It has recently been announced that the arbitrator has awarded these shareholding gentry the sum of 41s. 9d.—800 per cent over what they paid in

the first instance!

This was certainly worth while taking to arbitration under a Labour Government.

claims taken to arbitration by the union bureaucrats, we find that a mere few coppers per hour is awarded. The recent women engineers award, a pittance of 4/6 per week, is a complete exposure of the class role of the arbitration tribunals, even under a Labour Government.

The renegade Stalinists and T.U. leadership defend these courts as a means of canalising the wrath of the workers from taking strike action. The whole wartime history of the niggardly awards of these courts have taught us the lesson, that no substantial gain can be achieved for the working class.... Even if the Labour Government. took heed of the pratings of the Stalinist C.P. and changed the

composition of these tribunals, no better results would be achieved. It is therefore necessary that ne working class demand an end to these employer-biased courts and constantly put pressure on the workers to direct action against the employers as the only means registered and again we fought to of securing a wage commensurate keep with the rising cost of living.

The Quest

Pneumatic Drills in

the Hallow

J. JONES

The sharp statecate throb of There are various conflicting pneumatic drills rearing through reports. According to one report:

the sodden earth crust of our "Coal has been found! A four valley, shatters the stillness of the early morning.

For the last few months, found coal in one part of the

face.

inder the

coal seams.

President) roars on,

for Coal

Government prospectors have per-sistently punctured the earth of

the Hallow which runs parallel with the main street, where the

miners of G.C.C. E... They are searching for—open

cast coal! To the South East of these 'strange activities', the Yhys Colliery (idle since years) casts its shadow on the efforts of

the coal seekers. To the South East, "The Raven", another dere-

lict colliery stands, the screens and toppling buildings an abode of strange shadows, and stray mewing

On the hill, centre west to the Hallow—of this open cast coal

searching—stands the Cawder Colliery, idle since 1928, the black ruins shabby and ugly against the

These good productive pits were omed to derelicts during the

period of over-capitalisation of the West Wales coal pits-when

philosophy, ran amok in a mad

scramble to achieve profits in an over-capitalised industry.

of a mild character, except, per-haps, for the creation of a miniature 'Paschaendale''. Earth

hewed and blasted, bespatters the

scene, while water in galore trickles from the holes, and mud and clay fight for supremacy to

hold tight the boots of the pro-spectors. The **Hallow**, trim and a haunt of flowery growth, is now

visited the scene of "bewilder-ment", gazing speechless at the

And in the pubs, and even in places of worship in the valley, everyone asks the question: What

Open mouthed spectators have

The success of the "prospectors"

this experimental field has been



. What is Wrong With the Cossor Strike Policy



The Cossor Strike is a try-out. Behind the arrogant stand of the Radio Kings lurks the mailed fist of the Employers' Federation. By victimising the leadership of the Shop Stewards' Committee, this firm has thrown down the gauntlet to the Trade Union movement. The fact that such an insolent challenge has not yet been defeated, is causing widespread uneasiness in the factories. That is why a thorough investigation of the present strike policy is necessary if victory is to be achieved.

National Stewards. The policy of this body is twofold. (1) Procedure must be adhered to at all costs. (2) But when we come to examine
what happens to the workers' wage
strike beyond the token stoppage strike beyond the token stoppage stage because this might embarrass the Labour Government. It is these fundamentally wrong conceptions to the conference room,

### How Procedure Works Out

This is how the policy works out in practice. We read in the strike bulletin which deals with the actual sackings that "after a three hour fight with the workers who had seen that the workers who had seen that the workers who had seen that the workers with the workers with the workers. who had come out on strike, the stewards persuaded them to return to work, to allow procedure to operate." Valuable days drifted by with the shop stewards still on the streets and the workers waiting for a Works' Conference.

And again the bulletin tells us: "At Works Conference the emkeep the workers in till Local conference."

Hallow, six feet below the sur-

And the most experienced older miners of the village who were in

direction of

It is ridiculous in the extreme

made to consult the miners; to examine the possibility of reopening these "cast-off pits" and to end the "open cast coal foolery" which brings no results except the disfigurement of the

these fundamentary with the constraint of the constraint of the paving the way for apathy and sidetracking rank and file action.

Michelson the Editor of the Napiers Liverpool is still on the streets because of such a policy, yet he and the other Stalinists advocate just this policy for

#### Stalinists' Role

The sacking of the shop stewards was a flagrant breach of the York Memorandum. Everyone agrees that the Employers are behind this, which relieves the trade unions from any responsibility so far as from any responsibility so far as this Agreement is concerned. However, the policy of the National Council of Shop Stewards is that the trade unions cannot and should not recognise the strike until it has been taken to the Central Conference at York. This will take nine months and in the meanting the strike is proficial. meantime the strike is unofficial. targe number of so-called unionists" to scab on the strike as the strike is unofficial these workers are in order so far as union membership is concerned. Moreover many of the factories time, but in others the workers are worried about the unofficial character of the strike are holding off support, financial and otherwise. In other words procedure is a weapon which hits at the workers from all sides. By postponing a militant solution it encourages apathy and at the same see nothing concrete taking place. time splits trade unionists in their attitude towards the strike.

So far as Cossor's is concerned the Strike. Stewards had no intention from the Strike of the outset, of building up a serious the Stalinists are mainly responsible for the high percentage of trade unionists still at work in the al-lout campaign for the Unions decide on a journal of the strike of the strike.

The activity of the strike committee is guided by the Stalinist National Council of Shop Stewards. The policy of this body is twofold. (1) Procedure must be adhered to at all costs. (2) There must be no extension of the strike beyond the token stoppage tage because this might embarrass he Labour Government. It is he see fundamentally wrong conceptions that are responsible for the Cossor deadlock.

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Thus in the vital stage of the enthusism of the strike the enthusism of the workers was dampened down and eighbouring London factories were in a quandary as to what was to be done. During this time the Cossor management was granted a breathing space to prepare its the strike beyond the token stoppage stage because this might embarrass he Labour Government. It is he see fundamentally wrong conceptions that are responsible for the Cossor deadlock.

How Procedure Works Out In Practice

This is how the policy works

The policy of this body is trike the enthusism of the workers not to support strikes, but to abide by procedure at all costs. Now the chickens have come home to roost, and official cover. Similarly with the work that is being done in Holloway jajl. Ted Warr, a leading C.P.er recently stated that they allowed the prisoners to be used as slave labour in war-time loading C.P.er recently stated that they allowed the prisoners to be used as slave labour in war-time loading C.P.er recently declared himself against all strikes because they impede production. This outlook is steadily defeating the Cossor management.

They could the strike act the private property works of the Community Parks and official cover. Similarly with the work that is being done in Holloway jajl. Ted Warr, a leading C.P.er recently stated that they allowed the prisoners to be used as slave labour in war-time loading C.P.er recently declared himself against all strikes because they may be a stage because they are property.

#### The Need For Official Support

This strike-breaking role of procedure is supplemented by an absolutely false attitude towards the extension of the strike. Having deliberately allowed the important early stage of the strike to pass by without any serious efforts to by without any serious attempt to prepare for an extension, the National Council of Shop Stewards now make great play about token stoppages and demonstrations. Experience has always shown that token stoppages and bans on overtime are never really effective, and can amount only to a harmless blowing off of steam.

#### Token Stoppages Worthless

After one or two token stoppages workers become apathetic. Just as a ban on overtime may work out all right in some shops for a short

who are engaged on it, when they see nothing concrete taking place. The National Council of Shop Stewards had no intention from

#### The Only Policy To Aid Cossor's

Whilst it is necessary to oppor an adventuristic extension of the strike without proper preparation nevertheless such preparation car only be brought about by a cam-paign inside the Unions and not just through hand-picked confer-ences of the stooge National Council. The important task is to get official Union support, which will increase a hundredfold the effectiveness of the strike inside the T.U. movement and against the the T.U. movement and against the employers. Meanwhile full support morally and financially should be given to the strike. The "news blackout" of the Yellow Press must be branded for what it is, a reactionary conspiracy of the capitalists. The object of our criticism is to hasten ultimate victory and we believe the follow-ing policy would assist this

(1) Official union recognition to defeat the scabs and strengthen the support from the factories.

(2) The calling of an imme diate Conference by the D.C.s of the unions concerned in Cossors, of all trade union branches and factories in the London area to decide on a joint strike policy. (3) The unions to officially organise the collection of money



### Pan-African Federation

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COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENCE OF DONALD GERALD NEWTON BEARD, THE JAMAICAN AIR FORCE BOY DETAINED BY THE MANCHESTER POLICE ON A CHARGE OF MURDERING A MAN IN A CLASH BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE PEOPLE IN PICCADILLY, MANCHESTER, ON THE 26th SEPTEMBER.

### APPEAL

with the relations existing between Black and White people in this ance. country, will be aware of the background of provocation and hostility ing, are the inevitable result of prejudice and distrust which has come to be accepted as normal wherever large numbers of Colonial people are congregated in a White community. Though the prejudice is not so obvious to the casual observer as in other cities, Manchester expresses its covert hos-tility to Coloured people in widespread refusal to let rooms to any other than White folk, and in anti-racial conditions of letting rooms to Whites only on the understanding that no Coloured visitors will cross their doors. Only a small minority of people in this Town opened their doors in hospitality to the Black Service man, and the Jamaican man in uniform knows the risks he takes in forming any kind of association with a White girl.

Over the past 12 months there

Liverpool between Jamaican servicemen and civilians. An increasing and dangerous tension is felt by all of us whose skins are not white, and if some attempt is acknowledgment wil be sent to you. not made to bring into the open the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the disorders, then the streets of English cities

Those of you who are familiar the battlefields of Europe, where

The above Committee has been cation and hostility formed primarily for the defence Sudden outbursts of Donald Gerald Newton Beard, that prevails. Sudden outbursts of Donald Gerald Newton Beard, but much more than the trial of a tragedy such as this latest happen-Jamaican boy is involved. We intend to bring the searchlight of publicity into the whole question of Colour Bar existing in this country.

In regard to this case, there are questions to which we shall demand an answer. How was it that such large numbers of people were congregated at 1 the morning on Manchester's Piccadilly? How far were the Manchester's Police aware of previous disturbance at this particular place, and what steps were taken to prevent the clash? There are many other natters which we shall investigate.

We have set up a Defence Fund for the briefing of an able Barrister in the case, and we are appealing for financial help from all who believe in the principles of freedom and justice.

Please act quickly and generhave been clashes of a more or less serious nature in Manchester and Liverpool between Jamaican servicemen and civilians. An in-DEFENCE COMMITTEE

FOR DONALD GERALD NEWTON BEARD, JAMAICAN SERVICEMAN

# PATTERN MAKERS Prepare for Strike Action

the Wolsh nits during the tressed years" give a cynical touch to the wave of talk, such as:

"Why don't they open the Raven colliery? There are millions of tons unworked. When the pit

was stopped we had not reached be worked for miles in the direction of Swansea."

"Why not the Ynys colliery?"

"Why don't they open the Cawder colliery? Or even sink new shafts. It is ridicular, this is in contradiction to the dehanded in 14 days strike mand expressed by large sections. "What guarantee is there that of the rank and file for 3s. per hour minimum basic rate exclusive of piece-work bonus. In answer to to expire on November 23rd, a demand from the floored for a workers do not allow the strike the results of piece-work bonus. In answer to the subject of the member put it from the floor of the member put it from the the mountain, and the area could be worked for miles in the direction

Richards, M.E. (the son of Tom Richards, ex-South Wales miners' Pattern makers-some of the nost highly skilled workers in engineering—are at present on a basic rate of 76/6 plus 23/6 cost of living bonus for a 47 hour week. of the pneumatic drills.

These suggestions and varied criticisms from these practical Average earnings vary from £5 6s. in such places as Rugby miners are correct, because of their experience underground in our where there is little piece work, to £7 in areas like Coventry, where valley, and because they understand the geological survey of the iece-work is prevalent.

instituted.

#### Rank and File Militancy

contrary in a very strong position. stronger than they have ever been, due to the present period of full employment. The employers are employment. The employers are short of labour and in a weak

position. Now is the time to push demands, or never.

While we naturally come out solidly for the present, in our opinion, insufficient demand, it is to be hoped that the militant rank and file energy the Detay. and file among the Pattern makers will continue to press for

From LEFT and RIGHT

THE PATTERN MAKERS
ARE ON THE MOVE
The United Pattern
Makers' Association has handed in 14 days strike

Cawder colliery? Or even sink new shafts. It is ridiculous, this open cast coal quest. Everyone knows the coal veins of the valley steeps into a deep angle in the earth."

Finally—"It is only a sham!!"
But seemingly blissfully unconscious of this variation of criticism, "the prospectors' team"—the prospectors' team to expire on November 23rd. The Association due to expire on November 23rd. The Association's demand is definite pronouncement against to be entangled in the meshes of ability to a demand from the flooration against to be realists. Smith asked whether the Union would accept arbitration. Ellis Smith, when the workers were weak and must the workers were weak and must be realists. In fact, as Ellis Smith admitted in other parts of ban on overtime has been instituted. appears in print the pattern makers' demands may be thus side tracked-unless the rank and file stand firm for strike action as the only means of forcing the employers to accept these terms.

#### Necessity of United Struggle

present struggle of the pattern makers is but the first of a series of battles that must take It is ridiculous in the extreme that such a farcical process of coal-getting is allowed by a Labour Government which is supposed to represent the working class.

Instead of bleating for more production (even more than their predecessors, when in office) this "Socialist" Government should be "Socialist" Government should be "made to consult the miners; to "Mass meetings were held on Sunday, 10th November, in Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield on Sunday, 10th November, in Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield on Supposed to represent the working class.

The packed meeting for more production (even more than their predecessors, when in office) this "Socialist" Government should be "Government should be "Government which is manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield on "Arbitration of the whole "Socialist" Government which is supposed to represent the workers will sections of the mounting cost of living, all sections of the workers will be faced with the incorporation of the whole "Socialist" Arbitration of the basic rate.

No Solution in "The militant of the incorporation of the whole "Social place in engineering, and industry generally. With the mounting cost of living, all sections of the workers will be faced with the

### HOOLIGANISM **JARROW**

Our comrades are making efforts to give wide publicity to this hooliganism. People who indulge in acts of this character must be driven from the Labour was assaulted by about eight men and file members of the Labour and Communist Parties to see to all his papers; one of them it that such methods are not tolerated. Despite these hooligan attempts our comrades will con-tinue to sell "Socialist Appeal" in Jarrow and spread the message of revolutionary communism.

> 90, Laburnum Avenue,. Wallsend-on-Tyne 3rd November, 1946.

In the interests of "freedom of the Press" which principle you claim to uphold, may we request he use of your columns to make the following statement.

On Saturday, 2nd November, Mr. H. Bell, a shop steward in the

The following letter was sent to | N.E.M. Wallsend, and a worker the local North East press.
Our comrades are making in the working-class movement, We appeal to the rank claiming to be "communists" all his papers; one of them not threatening him with a knife; and accused him and of being fascists.

In view of the slanders thrown at us by the Communist Party of Great Britain (which find expression in such cowardly actions of hooliganism) we wish to renew our repeated challenge to that Party to debate Party to debate our respective our respective policies in public.

Yours faithfully.

(sgd.) D. BINAH, Secretary (North East. District Committee) Revolutionary Communist (Trotskyist) Party.

#### WAR CRIMINALS TO BE REWARDED

The Polish Provisional Govern-ent will "consider sympatheticment will "consider sympathetically" claims of British financiers holding shares in German enterprises now nationalised in Poland. British investors or their nominee will be allowed to attend when garian) Communists, but not by the nationalisation committee dis cusses compensation claims.

No precise figure is available but it is estimated that several millions of pounds of British capital are involved. American investments are said to amount to 100,000,000 dollars. The commercial attaché of the British Embassy in Warsaw has filed reservations with the Polish Govern ment in all cases where British capital is known to be involved and steps are being taken to notify the investors.

So British and American capitalists who drew profits from production of German war material which was used to kill British and American people—servicement and civilians—are now to be com-pensated for their lost investments in this bloody traffic. Only the representatives of German capitalism qualify for Nuremberg!

Advert. in the "Socialist Leader", weekly paper of the

"'My Talks With The Dead' sychic Booklet by Hannen

# No details are given indicating whether it is a report of secret negotiations with the I.L.P. leadership to bring them and their organisation over to the Labour Poster.

# Party!

#### LIVERPOOL

Lectures every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Commencing November 28th Coopers Hall, (opposite Islington Square)

Commencing Lecture: WHAT IS TROTSKYISM?

#### BIRMINGHAM

Study Class every Tuesday at 7.45 p.m. 36, Holloway Head, On Marxist Economics and Topical Events.

# everyone asks the question: What are they doing? and gaze perplexed. So many and varied are the questions about this "quest for open cast coal" in the Hallow, because no coal has been produced because no coal has been produced because the present time. HEAR JOCK HASTON IN WALES



Miners Welfare Hall G.C.G Sunday, 8th December at 7.30 p.m

GWYN HALL, NEATH

**Fight** Conscription

Class Youth

Sunday, 15th December at 7.45 p.m

of Working

THE KREMLIN AND THE CATHOLICS

In the Moscow 'New Times" No. 19, an attack is launched on 'The Vatican's Black Guard" This Stalinist journal tells its readers that: "Information that has

appeared in the press indicates that the Jesuit order, whose origin goes back to the gloomy Middle Ages, has no intention of giving up the ghost. On the contrary, hidden from the human eye, it is carrying on vigorous activities and is the instrument of the most far-reaching schemes of militant Catholic reaction. "Don Basilio", the Rome weekly, characterizes the order as the 'secret po 'secret political staff of

"The author of the article recalls that in the period be-ween the two world wars the Jesuits were among the

active abettors of fascism. In Italy they were instrumental in securing the conclusion of the Lateran treaty between the Vatican and Mussolini, In Germany they insisted that the clergy submit to Hitler. They also placed the Catholic Centre Party at Hitler's service. In Spain they supported Franco's rebellion, and later his butcher regime. In France they inspire the fight of the reactionaries against the republic."

For anyone claiming allegiance to the Marxian conception of re-ligion as "the opium of the people", that should be enough to condemn the Vatican and all its works as the "focal point of obscurantism and hatred", as Trotsky described it. The Jesuits

"The Catholic Church has common with Stalinism.
been attacked by local (Hun- (Continued in next Column.)

from Eastern Europe that:

the Russians. The last August on which the local 

"In Poland, while the local Communist Party attacks the Catholic Church, Marshal Zymierski, Moscow trained head of the Polish Army, in which a large number of officers are still Russians, opens every ceremony with a Mass."

the Jesuits

Such is Stalinist diplomacy. Principles and the interests of the world working class have no are the most militantly reactionary wing of the Vatican. The vanguard of the vanguard, in fact. Yet at the same time as this is written in the Moscow "New Times", reports come through from Eastern Europe that: common with Stalinism.

### SOCIALIST APPEAL

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### Italian Labour

Since the beginnings of Capitalism, workers have migrated from one country to another. Thus, Flemish weavers who settled in England in the 12th and 14th Centuries laid the basis of Britain's textile industries. / Later, in the 17th Century, came the Huguenots from France, bringing with them the arts of silk-spinning, paper-making, glass-making, watch-making and other industries. Workers from Britain, in their turn, have gone out to America, the Dominions, and countries on the Continent, taking with them their crafts and their skill and becoming an integral part of the working-class in the countries where they established their homes.

#### PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM

- This interchange of workers helped greatly to create that internationalism which is the greatest strength of the working class and which strikes the greatest terror into the hearts of the bosses. Foreign workers have enriched the life of the British working class and many of them have played a noble role in the struggles through which the great Labour and Trade Union movement we know today was built up.
- From various parts of the country come reports of increased propaganda directed against "foreign workers". This is particularly true of parts of Scotland and the industrial North, where 3,000 Italian foundry workers are due to arrive shortly.
- Many workers fear that when the present period of comparatively full-employment comes to an end. when labour once again becomes "surplus to requirements", the presence of a large body of foreign workers here would make it more difficult to obtain employment. There would be more hands than jobs. This is a perfectly natural fear, but it is based on a false line of thought.

#### WORKERS AND THE WORLD MARKET

- Due to the existence of a world market, British workers have to "compete" with foreign workers, whether they are working in their own countries or in Britain. British goods have to meet the competition of goods from other countries and when there is a "surplus" -when the capitalists have more-goods on their hands than they can sell at a profit—we have a slump, bringing with it wage-cuts, speed-ups and unemployment.
- It is capitalism which is the direct cause of unemployment and slump and not the presence of a few thousand foreign workers. Those who blame the foreign workers do so deliberately to deceive the workers so that they should not direct their blows in the right directionagainst capitalism. Today, when the capitalists are confronted with a shortage of labour, they import foreign workers; tomorrow, when the slump comes, they will attempt to create a breach in the ranks of the working class by using the low paid foreign workers against the "native-born" workers.
- Workers must demand strict guarantees that all foreign labour brought into Britain should receive the same pay and conditions as other workers on the job. These workers must receive trade usion rates and must become members of the appropriate unions. With these safeguards, the foreign workers should be welcomed as capitalism.

### WITHDRAW THE TROOPS

Huge armies of occupation running into millions are holding down a great part of the world, fifteen months after the end of the Second World War. They are not there for philanthrophic purposes, but to plunder and exploit these countries in the interests of their rulers.

These occupation forces, and the armaments and supplies which are maintained to keep them in the field, represent a tremendous burden to the peoples of the "victor" nations. The grim reality is that far greater armies are to be maintained than before the Second World War, already enormously swollen in comparison with the "peace" period before World War One.

They are maintained after the utter routing and collapse of Japanese, German and Italian militarism, which were pictured as the only obstacles in the path of a peaceful world, without aggression and exploitation of smaller and weaker nations.

Thus the myth that the so-called "aggressor" states were the sole cause of the war, and that peace and security would be achieved with their defeat, is revealed in all its fraudulence.

For the first time in a period of "peace", the British and American rulers impose conscription as a long-term perspective. They do not trouble to disguise any longer that this is a measure directed against Russia; they do disguise, however, that it is also a measure to dominate and exploit the subject peoples of the world.

The world working class wants an end to militarism and counter-militarism....And an end to the exploitation of the peoples of Asia and Europe. Socialists and communists worthy of the name will demand that the occupation of Europe and Asia be ended. Withdraw all the troops of occupation! Bring the boys back home and demobilise them! Let the peoples of Europe and Asia decide their own fate and live in peace and fraternity through a Socialist Europe and a Socialist Asia.

# FRENCH ELECTIONS: 30°/. VOTE FOR C.P. DEATH OF A CI

60,000 Votes for Trotskyist Party

THE RESULTS OF THE FRENCH ELECTION AGAIN DEMONSTRATE THE DESIRE OF THE FRENCH WORKERS TO END THE POLICY OF

CLASS COLLABORATION WITH THE CAPITALIST PARTIES. The Communist Party was compelled to demagogically denounce the M.R.P. and to pretend that it will not enter into a coalition with it in the future, at the same time painting up the rotten Radical Socialist (Liberals), who are fundamentally no different

to the M.R.P., as possible partners in a new government. 30 per cent. of the electorate (in the industrial areas 60 per cent. voted for the Communist and Socialist Parties), have demonstrated by their vote for the C.P., their

desire for a communist solution. The Commist Party has gained half a million votes more than in October 1946, and a quarter of a million votes more than in June 1946, which makes it today the strangest single party in Propose transport single

trongest single party in France, with just less than a third of the parliamentary seats.

equivalent to the British Labour Party, has suffered a serious defeat, losing more than a million and a half votes compared to October 1945, and a million votes compared to June 1946, and is reduced to one-sixth of the parlia-

The Radical Socialists (Rassemblement des Gauches), along with the Moderates has gained 32 seats. The M.R.P. (Catholic Repub-cans) lost more than half a million votes compared to June

The P.R.L., and the archreactionaries, who in general support de Gaulle's reactionary schemes, have gained more than half a million votes over June

#### The Results of the Three - Party Coalition

After "liberation" the Comunist and Socialist parties had the overwhelming mass of the workers and petty-bourgeois behind them. French capitalism had its feet in mid-air, and with the devastation of its State and police apparatus, was incapable of resisting the desires of the masses. The official workers' parties, however, instead of taking power and earrying out a programme in the interest of the workers and

The so-called "Communist" Party, pursuing the needs and desires of the counter-revolutionary artiamentary seats.

The Socialists (S.F.I.O.), the quivalent to the British Labour arty, has suffered a serious to save capitalism.



LEADERS OF THE FRENCH C.P.
DUCLOS AND THOREZ

### **ALLIED OCCUPATION FORCES**

"The 'New York Times' of September 20 published the following estimates of the number of troops of the major Powers now in foreign countries. Since this Stalin has stated that Psysilar has

withdrawn her troops from Yugoslavia."—"Manchester Guardian."

This list does not include the countries of the British
Empire formerly under British control (i.e. occupation), such as
India and the colonies. This would considerably swell the Empire formerly under Distriction of Russian the estimated number of British occupation forces (as well as American if semi-colonies such as Panama were added), but is not included semi-colonies such as Panama were added, but is not included semi-colonies such as Panama were added, but is not included semi-colonies such as Panama were added, but is not included semi-colonies such as Panama were added, but is not included troops and those of Anglo-American imperialism are widened. U.S.A. France

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Italy		45,000	28,000	
Greece		50,000	The second second	
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Hungary	60,000			
Rumania	275,000			
Bulgaria	85,000			2001
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Yugoslavia	8,000			
Finland	15,000	1.00		
Japan	. Supple	38,000	140,000	
Korea	190,000		50,000	Andrews III
China (and Manchuria)	75,000		29,000	
Philippines &c	Windows and Indiana		50,000	
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Dutch East Indies Palestine		110,000		
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Totals	1,926,000	765,000	603,200	72,000
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The paralysis of the French working dass permitted the capitalists to begin the reeëstab-lishment of the forces of supression-its police and armyits State apparatus. The capital ists were also able to employ the breathing space given it by the official workers' parties for the restablishment of its productive forces and a partial revival—but at the expense of the workers' conditions and demands. conditions and demands.

conditions and demands.

Betraying every principle of Socialism and Communism, the Communist Party, with the Socialists tailing miserably behind, elaborated along with the M.R.P. a constitution which not only defended capitalist private property and the suppression of the selection. and the suppression of the colonial masses, but which foisted upon the workers a compromise with de workers a compromise with de Gaulle's reactionary demands. An upper-house, like the British House of Lords, and special Presidential powers, which could be used in a state of "emergency" were included.

#### De Gaulle's Plans

#### Polarisation of Class Forces

Since October 1945 the Socialist Party has suffered a steady lecline, leading to the present lefeat. Between the hammer of defeat. Between the hammer or the Communist Party and the anvil of the M.R.P. this miserable centre party tailed on most issues behind the Communist Party, whilst maintaining close and sinister relations with the M.R.P. Its last Congress at Paris, revealed the extent of the discontent and opposition of the proletarian element with its right-wing reformist policies. Leon Blum was defeated by a "left-wing" led by Guy Mollet. Today, the traditional pre-war place of the traditional pre-war place of the social reformists is occupied by the "Communist" parties, whose "Communist" parties, whose actual programme is to the right of pre-war Social-Democracy.

As yet de Gaulle, the candidate

has yet de Gaulle, the candidate-bonaparte, has not given his open blessings to any grouping. This attitude is dictated by a sober cal-culation of the time factor, and a desire not to be compromised in the experience of the coalition, the continuation of which can only send the vacillating middle class in send the vactuating induce class in the direction of a 'strong government." Who better than an "unsoiled" de Gaulle could enter as a "Saviour"? Such an event, as a "Saviour"? Such an event, however, could only be decided by civil war, the initiative for which is given, by the policies of the workers' parties, to the big capitalists—De Gaulle apparently understands that in the final analysis the streets decide.

#### Stalinists Will Betray

The election campaign of the J.P. and the S.P. had nothing i it to inspire the masses. Their whole campaign, and particularly that of the C.P., was couched in that of the C.P., was couched in terms that would not frighten the petty - bourgeoisie — "Defence of private property." "For the Republic," "For the Constitution." It was in spite of this capitalist programe that the workers voted for the C.P. For the working-class. the Communist Party means a Communist alternative to the rightwing reformist policies of the Socialists and the capitalist policies of the M.R.P. For the

### BOOK REVIEW

#### HIROSHIMA—JOHN HERSEY

(Penguin Books, 1/-.)

Mr. B." In the offices and

factories men and women were

settling down to the day's work, whilst in the homes anxious

mothers prepared their children for

the second atomic bomb had started

its deadly work in which 100,000

Following an interview with survivors, John Hersey, American

war correspondent, describes the most frightful scenes the world has

ever seen. At the centre of the explosion. The bomb had in some places left prints of the shadows

cast by its light. Scientists exploring the wreckage of buildings

liscovered vague human silhouetes

Here the effects of the bomb

were merciful. The frail bodies of these humble victims monument-

alise in stone the destructive progress of imperialism. For them

Asano Park

In the Asano Park horror knew

human wretches, whose homes had been blasted to smithereens

crammed together as their lives

ebbed away, their breasts

away mingled with men whose bodies were raw masses of flesh

from the intense heat. All were terribly thirsty and when they

drank the water from the river that flowed through the park they

elt nauseated and began vomiting.

Relief workers describe that ever

in this inferno a certain dignity prevailed. "The hurt ones were

quiet, no one wept, much less screamed in pain: no one com-

plained; none of the many who died did so noisily; not even the

children cried; very few people even spoke." When given water "some whose faces had been almost blotted out by flash burns,

took their share, raised themselves

Towards nightfall a relief worker came across twenty-year-old Mrs. Kamai, whose husband had

was crouching on the ground

with the body of her infant daughter (who had been dead all

day) in her arms. "Please try to locate my husband" she pleaded. "You've got to find him. . . . He loved our baby so

much I want him to see her once

Four days later, crazy from the

terrible experience, she still had the small cornse in her arms "even

the second day." Hersey explains that once when the relief worker "tried to suggest that perhaps it was time to cremate the baby, Mrs. Kamai only held it tighter. He

began to keep away from her, but whenever he looked at her, she was

staring at him and her eyes asked the same question."

though it began smelling bad the second day." Hersey expla

a little and bowed in thanks."

been called up in the Army.

sheared

with their breasts away mingled with men

slowly

more.

at least the end was quick.

Suddenly Hash of light cut across the sky

people lost their lives.

#### Radiation Sickness

is said that "time heals On the morning of August 6th, everything", but this was not so at Hiroshima. As the days 1945, a lone B.29 bomber circled at Hirosinna, As the days
drifted by many survivors congratulating themselves on being
alive suddenly became ill with
idreaded "radiation sickness."

"The first stage had been all
over before the doctors even
knew they were dealing with a
pany sickness, it was the direct nigh over the city of Hiroshima. frightened glances skywards and shouted to each other "There goes

new they were dealing with a new sickness; it was the direct reaction to the bombardment of the body, at the moment when the bomb yent off, by neutrons, beta particles, and gamma rays. The apparently uninjured people who had did so mysteriously in who had died so mysteriously ir the first few hours or days had succumbed in this first stage. It killed 95 per cent. of the people within a half-mile of the centre, and many thousands who were farther away. The doctors realised in retrospect that even though most of these dead had also suffered from burns and blast effects, they had absorbed enough radiation to kill them. The rays simply destroyed body cells—caused their nuclei to degenerate and broke their walls." Twenty-five to thirty days

after the explosion, blood dis-orders appeared; gums bled, the white-blood-cell count dropped sharply, and petechiae appeared on the skin and mucous mem-branes. The drop in the number of white blood corpuscles reduced the patient's capacity to resist infection, so open wounds were unusually slow in healing and many of the sick developed sore throats and developed sore mouths. . .

"Toward the end of the second stage, if the patient survived anaemia, or a drop in the red blood count, also set in. The third stage was the reaction that third stage was the reaction that came when the body struggled to compensate for its ills. . . . In this stage, many patients died of complications, such as infections in the sheet cavity." tions in the chest cavity.

#### Whither Mankind?

John Hersey has done a brilliant ob of reporting. But painting vivid word pictures of the horror which over took Hiroshima is not enough. Atomic energy in the hands of capitalism is a weapon of war, a frightful instrument of mass extinction. Harnessed to a socialist society, it can work miracles in easing the lives of hundreds of millions of the earth's

toilers.
This is the choice which faces mankind, and the time left in which to make up our minds is limited. Capitalism, by its very nature, is driving toward a new war in which the atomic cataclysm populated cities of the world. The only way out is in the hands of the workers—to rise up in their might and destroy capitalism before the whole fabric of our civilization

is blasted to smithereens.

While the other working class parties are playing about with idealistic phrases about "international control", only the Fourth International points the way to the one realistic conquest of power b a Socialist Europe in

J. KELLY

Athens, 14th October. On Sunday, 13 October in a public hall in Athens the first joint discussion between the Internationalist Com-

attempt to deviate the political

between the Internationalist munist Party (Fourt International) and the Greek Communist Party took place. About 750 workers attended.

The discussion began in a polemical atmosphere with the two feet sneakers.

The discussion has been taken in shorthand and will be published. Questions were posed at the end

The discussion has been taken in The second speaker of the Communist Party started then a slanderous attack, and was answered by the representative of joint discussions are expected.

# U.S. WORKERS NEED AN INDEPENDENT PARTY

NEW YORK-

The election in the United States, resulting in substantial majorities for the Republican Parties in both houses of the Federal Legislature, as well as in the contest for State (provincial) posts, signifies a turn to the right of the American capitalist class in both domestic and foreign policy. It signifies also the rejection by the masses of the hesitant policies of the Democratic Party, which has attempted to cover up the aggressive character of the American ruling class by a class collaboration veneer.

it impossible for Wall Street to Union bureaucracy to his class continue to rule without subcontinue to rule without substantial concessions to the workers.

Roosevelt's New Deal inaugurated a policy of deliberate class collaboration on the part of the American capitalist class—in its most conscious ruling strata.

Roosevelt by means of consider.

The Democratic Party came to scale trade union organisation, power under Franklin Roosevelt in abolition of restrictions on the 1932, at the time of the Great Depression, when the threatening applied this policy and won over radicalization of the masses made

The Trade Union bureaucracy tied the political fortunes of the organised working class to the

restive and defiant towards this alliance. This expressed itself positively in the strike wave which is still in process, and which began even before Roosevelt's death. Negatively, it has expressed itself by ever greater indifference on the part of the masses toward the Democrats in the electoral struggles ever since 1942.

The end of the war and the increase of the power of American capitalism in the economic field, ound the leading strata of the capitalist class anxious to take advantage of the great possibilities for unprecedented profit, offered by their new position

class-collaboration policy which was useful to cover up their aims before and during the war, most conscious ruling strata. Roosevelt, by means of considerable concessions in social legislation (vast unemployment relief programmes, laws facilitating large)

With the entry into the war, ment to their dreams of a "Pax ment to their dreams of became more and more an impedi-

and preventing resistance through the infamous 'no strike' pledge of the bureaucracy. While the bureaucracy continued to march with Rossvelt's Democratic Party, the workers became ever more restive and defiant towards this alliance. This expressed itself positively in the strike wave which is still in process and which became the latter and the Republican tornation of an alliance between the latter and the Republican Party (the traditional party of Wall Street), as a step toward a return to full rule by the Republicans. In foreign policy this step was most successfuly carried out by the Byrnes-Connally-Vandenberg combination.

While the trade union bureau-eracy and the Stalinists were doing everything in their power to phold the Truman administration constantly moving to the right, the workers, becoming repelled by this policy, produced a general in-difference to the Democratic Party previously supported among wide strata of the population.

This indifference, spreading for

part of the workers' organisations, has been exploited to the full by the Republican Party and the most reactionary sections of traditional American political organisations. That is the significance of the elections results.

With the hesitant and undecided capitalist policy of Truman, the workers have moved from strike to strike; and by the great force of their economic strength and militance won every struggle aney, have won every struggle since the conclusion of the war. With the aggressive capitalist policy which the Republicans will now introduce in the Government, it can be expected that the economic struggles of the workers

which are bound to continue in view of the inflationary trend—will find a challenge on the part of the Government in a form to which they have not recently been accustomed to accustomed to. Clashes with the Government in

the coming period will thus sharpen the class lines in America, and pose the question of transforming militancy in the economic field into political action. In other words, the election results, revealing utter bankruptey of the class collaboration policy of the trade bureaucracy, will more seriously than ever pose the question of the formation of an independent Labour Party as a practical problem before the American workers. The formation of such years particularly among the a party, based on the militant in-middle class layers of society, both on the farms as well as in the C.I.O. in the main, could very well reverse the whole trend revealed



The real motives of the Labour The real motives of the Labour Government's nationalisation programme were clearly stated by Alfred Edwards (Labour), a Government supporter, during the debate on Home and Overseas Trade on November 5th, in the following aports: following words:

"Important members of my Party have said that only 20 per cent. of our industries are to be nationalised. Hon. Gentleman opposite should not go around the country saying that there is wholesale nationalisation. That is false."

And further : nd further:
"The point I wish to make is that if 80 per cent. of industries continue under private enterprise, we must not mess about with the rules of private enterprise. It is important that that should be realised. We cannot should be realised. We cannot have it both ways. If we nationalise 20 per cent. of industries, and improve the productive capacity of the steel industry and other industries which are taken over, we shall do a tremendous amount to make more efficient those industries which are left under private enterprise. That will be a great service, even to the Hon. Members opposite who do not Members opposite who do not agree with our policy."

that of reconverting and rebuilding its industries so as to compete effectively with the other capitalist powers on the world market. For this, cheap and plentiful fuel and this, cheap and plentiful fuel and power is a prime necessity, and to provide this is the aim of the nationalisation of the industries concerned (coal, electricity, etc.). The Labour Government has no intention of taking any step toward the expropriation of the capitalist class and the running of industry under workers' control—an essential step in the transition to socialism. As Mr. Edwards to socialism. As Mr. Edwards says, "We cannot have it both ways"—and the Government has made clear the road it is

"democracy" in the British Empire and of its defence by the Government were revealed in the replies by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Creech-Jones, on Nov. 6th. In the Bahamas, for instance, only 16 per cent. of the population are registered electors (the Minister thought this franchise "liberal"!) 13 of the 29 members of the House of Assembly are "merchants". of Assembly are "merchants". The Government does not con-template reform. In Barbados there is a House of Assembly (also based on "a liberal franchise"!) but real power is in the hands of the Governor and his Executive Committee of 9, which includes members of the House-chosen b the Governor. However there is to be a great change. These 4 members will now be chosen by the leader of the majority party in the House. Which still, by some stroke of fortune, leaves the Governors' clique in the majority on the Executive Committee. In any case the Governor is all

In Ceylon, by an Order in Council, all persons convicted of political or any other offences are disqualified for election, even where they completed serving their sent-cases as far back as seven years building worker again, is sufferer. Men not on W.B.A. priority work were given 14 days notice to quit their hostel or get directed by the Local Labour Exchange to W.B.A. priority work. ences as far back as seven years ago. Obviously this will affect many leading participants in the struggles of the Ceylonese masses. The Minister refused to amend this part of the Order...There has been a widespread demand in Ceylon for the immediate release and pardon of all political prisoners (even the Ceylon State Council voted for this recently by a large majority). Again the Minister refused to take action, and defended the right of the Governor to decide the right of the Governor to decide the question. It is sheer hypo-crisy for the Government to talk, as it often does, about "freedom for the colonial peoples" while it defends the reactionary colonial administration.

The Government White Paper on Defence was approved by both sides of the House on October 30th. The Torics had, appropriately enough, been consulted on practicly enough, been consulted an questions of defence. The keynote was the continued need for a powerful military machine—U.N.O. was hardly mentioned. The capitalist statesmen them-selves (Labourites included) show lack of confidence in the durability of the new "peace". Indeed it becomes increasingly obvious that peace under capitalism is merely an interval between wars.

The new composition of the British Council was given at question time on October 28th; it contrade union bureaucrats, Tories and members with no political affiliations. A Tory protested that there were too many Labouries on the Council—to which Mr. Mayhew replied: "Any body which has to sell modern Enaland direction." It is a special tribunal set up for this purpose. In the meantime this man has lost three days' pay. The office five men were also directed to a similar job a considerable distance from their hostel; they which has to sell modern Enaland direction. sists of a mixed bag of Labour and trade union bureaucrats, Tories purpose. In the meantime this Mr. Mayhew replies: Any own which has to sell modern England direction.

Must building workers be subnumber of Socialists". He would be live in a hostel? It will be resaid: "Any body which has to membered that during the war. sell the British workers must years, when London was being cases, the ownership is in the hands of the Russian bureaucratic were thrown open to building state."

# **Plight**

Thousands Living In

With the advance of winter the acute housing problem presents a death trap for the workers and their families. Herded like cattle into former bomb-shelters, the daily life of the worker is

Overcrowded Shelters

in tolerable.

In Dusseldorf, with its population of 400,000, 1,868 are living in 10 shelters.

Describing the conditions in one of these shelters, the 'British Zone Review", pub-lished by the Control Commission,

reports:
"Windowless cells, they house "Windowless cells, they house are "Windowless cells, they house 732 children, 250 of whom are under 6 years of age. In the worst of the lot, at Rattingen, 300 exist, Also, in addition, so-called accommodation for the education of 900 children. Only 9 teachers are available, and here, in quarters so cramped and confined that some of the confined that some of the children have to stand, they attempt to teach these infants of under 4 years of age. So closely are they packed that perspiration pours off the faces of the teachers. The temper-ature of the room is 25 degrees centigrade!"

In Hamburg, 30,000 people are living in shelters and cellars. With less than half of the former housing accommodation remaining, One of the main post-war problems of British capitalism is that of reconverting and rebuilding.

Recently, 33,000 workers and their families were evicted from their homes in Hamburg to make way for personnel of the Control Commission and B.O.A.R. families,

## Workers Protest Strikes

strike action as a protest against the dismantling of the all-important major industries.

The workers realise only too well that this will mean the crippling of the industrial potenripping of the industrial potential and consequent mass unemployment in Germany. Already large plants have been dismantled in all the zones, and the Labour Government has "earmarked" for dismantling some of the major industrial equipment in the Ruhr, as "represences" in property. reparations" payment.

part of her food, in return for which she had to export goods. Without the industrial potential to produce goods, inevitably the standard of life of the German working class will be depressed to ism. a permanent low subsistence level. This is the vicious circle in which

#### British Workers Must Aid The German Workers

their blackest period of want and

misery.

The German workers are searching for a new road that will lead them out of the depths into which they have been plunged by Fascism and war, and now by the oppressive rule of their conquerors. The German workers must be free to determine their own destiny, the occupation forces of British imperialism must be withdrawn immediately. The available food expedies in Garmany must be immerialism.

Savage repression was used by the British army.

In India and all the countries of the Far East, the British troops are there to ensure the interests of British imperialism. The concessions forced from the British by the Indians are fundamentally weakened by the fact that hundreds of thousands of British troops are maintained in India to ensure the continued domination of British imperialism. misery.

The German workers are searching for a new road that will The German workers must be free to determine their own destiny, the occupation forces of British imperialism must be withdrawn immediately. The available food supplies in Germany must be placed under the control and distribution in the hands of the organised workers in Germany. This will ensure the elimination of the gangrenous Black Market and the racketeering in the workers' the racketeering in the workers' food supplies.

The dismantling of industrial plant must end! The task of a genuine reconstruction can only be carried out by the German workers on the basis of the nationalisation of the means of production and its control and operation by the workers.

Against Ration Cuts and
Dismantling of Industry
Recently, a number of strikes have taken place in the British occupied zone. These strikes were primarily a protest against the cutting down of the rations, and now the workers are threatening

### BUILDERS EVICTED Another Hostel Closed

Ministry of Labour in their sorting out of the questionnaire forms. In this issue I will point out an even greater muddle, in which the building worker again, is the sufferer. Men not on W.B.A.

To keep in their hostel, men packed up their jobs and reported to the Labour Exchanges, who told them that they could not be placed on W.B.A. priority at present.

These men returned to their old
employers. But their jobs had
been filled. The rules of the hostels are that an unemployed worker is given 7 days to find a job or get out of the hostel. Those men are now unemployed. What will be their position? Will they have to leave the hostel, which has been their home for years, not through their own fault, but because the Ministry of Labour officials failed to see the possibility of such happenings? Here again the un-

sufferers.
There is yet another story, this time of six labourers who packed up their jobs, and, hearing what happened to their workmates, decided to find their own jobs. Having done so, their prospective employers gave them a note, to be to taken to the Labourers to be taken to the Labourers to be taken to the Labourers are the scare knowledge no Jewish terrorists have landed in England. There was no "secret" underground Jewish paper circulating in the East End, but a well established and perfectly legal paper called the "Jewish Struggle" in the "Jewish Struggle" in the scare knowledge no Jewish terrorists have landed in England. There was no "secret" underground Jewish paper circulating in the cided to find their own jobs. Having done so, their prospective employers gave them a note, to be some the scare that to their knowledge no Jewish terrorists have landed in England. There was no "secret" underground Jewish paper circulating in the cided to find their own jobs. stating that they were willing to employ them on a W.B.A. housing contract. They were informed at the Employment Exchanges that the contract was not priority, and directed one man to a job a considerable distance away from his hostel. However, to comply with the direction he accepted the job and started out next morning only to the least. For unfortunately, there exists an anti-semitic feeling the feeling of the least of the lea and started out next morning, only to find that there were no vacancies there. He reported back to the Labour Exchange and was directed to another job, involving hours of travel, morning and night. He appealed against this direction to a gradel tribunal set up for this

On November 2nd, the Elsworthy Road Hostel, Swiss Cottage, closes down, and once again the building workers are on the road. Those who are on W.B.A. work will be transferred to various other hostels; those who are not, will be going back again to the doss houses and ditches.

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I pointed out the muddle of the Ministry of Labour in their sorting out of the questionnaire forms.

In this issue T of housing these workers, as did-the Tory Government in the pre-war days, when building operatives had to travel from town in search of employment, sleeping in doss houses and ditches. This we had hoped would, under the present Government, be ancient history. But far from this, we shall surely-drift book to these days where the drift back to those days, unless the Government builds permanent hostels for all temporarily resident workers who require the J. DOYLE.

# Anti-Jewish Scare Exposed (Continued from Page 1)

in the city of London was toned

in her hotel at Bloomsbury!

It is possible that the Stern Gang will attempt to carry its futile terrorist activities into Britain. the press undoubtedly catered to this reactionary and unhealthy anti-semitism, which led to police "investigations" in the Jewish quarters of the East End.

### ERRATUM:

The formulation in the last issue of the "Socialist Appeal" in the article by Ted Grant, dealing with German industry: "But the real control, and in a large number of cases, the ownership is in the hands of the Russian Bureaucracy" should read: "But the real control and in a large number of

# German Workers' CONSCRIPTION **To Defend Imperialists**

King of the Hellenes. It is for this function, that the Labour Government imposes conscription on the working class youth. In Palestine, there are already 100,000 British troops, this force is to be increased enormously in the next few months. The function Germany as a nation, even before the war, had to import the greater part of her food, in return for between Jews and Arabs, but to suppress the native populations—suppress the native populations and the native populations are not provided in the next few months. The function of these troops is not to keep peace the native populations are not provided in the next few months. Jew and Arab alike-and control

(Continued from Page 1.)

In all the countries of the Middle East the British troops are a permanent low subsistence level.
This is the vicious circle in which the policy of British imperialism, together with the other occupying powers, have condemned the powers, have condemned the powers, have condemned the powers. imperialism and bow to British

rule. So also in the Far East, British troops are now being withdrawn from Dutch Indonesia to be re-The organised workers in Britain eanot fail to realise that it is their forced the Indonesian peoples to international class duty toaid the bow down to the imperialists. German working class in this, And in the process of forcing them into subjection, military terror and savage repression was used by the

imperialism.
The same in Germany. The

troops are maintained there to keep in subjection the German

workers. No other reason.

It is for this reason, because they pursue the same imperialist policy as the Tories, that the Labour Government has imposed conscription upon the working

#### Withdraw The Troops

The adoption of a real socialist policy, which would result in immediately granting national free-dom and independence to all the colonies and mandated territories, would make it possible to commence the evacuation of all British troops of occupation at once, and end immediately the fundamental cause for the military conscription being introduced by the Eabour leaders.

For this reason, every serious socialist worker, if he is to conduct a struggle against conscription. must fight in all the organisations of the working class for the with-drawal of all British armies of occupation in every part of the

#### We Are Not Pacifists

Meanwhile, on a world scale it is becoming increasingly clear that the decay of capitalism in creases the drive towards universa militarism, and the final solution of every important and funda-mental conflict between the rival

#### For The Abolition Of The Standing Army

The army is but a mirror of the economic and political regime upon which it rests. The policy of the army is to protect the interests of the class that owns and controls the basic means of production and distribution.

The class which controls the

army controls the nation. The rule of the capitalist class is, in the last analysis, decided by the various organs of the State—police, etc., and more especially by the army. The army is the instrument down . . . on the admission of a few little facts by the authorities.

A few facts that could easily have been established before the scare over colonial peoples and strategic over colonial peoples and strategic. over colonial peoples and strategic zones. It also acts to suppress the national population in the event of

national population in the event of a movement directed against the ruling class which the police are not capable of suppressing.

Thus, the capitalists create special ties with the army as the basis of their domination of the working class. While they maintain control of the military organisations it is always possible to suppress them if necessary or to

breaking or anti-Labour activities.
On the contrary, it would always
be a weapon in the hands of the
workers against reaction. Such
an armed body of men is the
workers armed militia.
The demand for the abolition of

the demand for the about on the standing army and its replacement by a workers' Militia is therefore not only a consistent democratic demand, it is also a large of the standard of the standa class socialist demand which strikes right at the heart of this strategic territory so vital to the interests of British imperialcapitalism.

#### For The Dissolution Of The Officer Corps Workers' Military Schools

Through the cadre of officers who are specially selected sons of the ruling or upper middle class, the domination of the army is tory testifies that the officer caste with its anti-democratic, anti-Labour traditions is hostile to the working class and to every organ ised movement that seeks to better the conditions of the workers or emancipate them through the over-

throw of capitalism.

Every anti-democratic and antilabour movement has been carried out under the direct leadership of, or in alliance with, the officer In the past, dictatorships caste. which which were imposed not only against the workers but against the broad mass of the semi-working class, were usually military dic tatorships. In the more recent period when militarism was not able, by itself, to impose a dictator-ship on the workers, it has been done in alliance with the fascist thugs.

In Germany the officer caste united with the Nazis against the working class. In Spain it was the officer caste which led the revolt of Franco to crush the Popular Front Government,, and especially the independent organisations of the working clas. In Britain Mosley's thugs were trained in anti-Labour military tactics by members of the officer



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caste whilst the fascists boasted of their wide connections with and support from the ranks of this

And so in every country of the world the officer caste has inworld the officer caste has in-variably become the backbone of he anti-working class reaction.

For this reason alone, those who oppose the Labour Government's policy of conscription but who call for the maintenance of a voluntary army instead of the abolition of the standing army and its officer corps, advocate a policy which is extremely dangerous to the future well-being of the working class. No government which is seriously concerned with under

mining the rule of the capitalists and bettering the future of the sations it is always possible to suppress them if necessary, or to bring pressure on the working class and its reactionary schools, and its organisations. Witness the use of the army, especially by Churchill against striking workers in Britain in the past.

Such an army, controlled and officered by the sons and agents of the capitalist class, is a constant threat to the well-heing of the capitalist class, is a constant threat to the well-heing of the capitalist class, is a constant. working class can allow the office

### Revolutionary Communist Programme:

financial, insurance, industrial, distributive and transport enterprises without compensation, and the operation of these enterprises on the basis of an overall production plan under control of workers' and technicians' committees.

Abolition of business secrets. All company books to be open to inspection by trade unions and workers committees.

Distribution of food, 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 which will eliminate the black market.

The control and allocation of existing housing space in the hands of tenants committees; a state financed national house-building plan to be 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 a falling scale of hours to absorb the unemployed, who must be fully maintained while not working; a 40-hour week maximum without loss of earnings.

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

Abolish Conscription: For the dissolution of the standing army and its substitution by a workers' militia.

8. For the abelition of military law; clear out the reactionary anti-labour officer caste from the armed forces; for the election of officers from the ranks. For the establishment of military schools by the trade unions at the expense of the State for the training of worker officers.

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

End secret diplomacy and a peace of vengeance and plunder; end race hatred, anti-semitism, Vansittartism and the colour bar; the withdrawal of British troops from Europe and Asia and a peace based upon the self-determination of the peoples of Europe, Asia and the world.

Unconditional defence of the Soviet Union against all imperialist powers; for the overthrow of the privileged Stalinist bureau-cracy and the re-introduction of workers' democracy in Russia.

Full support and active co-operation with the European workers against all occupying forces, for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a United Socialist States of Europe; unity with the workers and exploited masses of all lands in the struggle for world socialism.

### French Elections

workers it means the October

Thorez and Duclos, the principal leaders of the C.P., have declared that they are "ready to take all responsibility." This is what the workers demand! It is not, of course, impossible that under the extreme pressure of the extreme pressure of the masses that these "Saviours of the Republic" — a senile capitalist republic—will be propelled much farther than they wish. That is, however, extremely unlikely.

Control of place Committees; Freedom for the Colonies; Abolition of the Upperhouse and the President's special powers.

60,000 workers voted for this however, extremely unlikely.

More in keeping with the Kremlin's desires is that they should partake again in the treacherous coalition again in the treacherous coalition with the capitalists, in the hope of preventing clashes which would bring the masses out on the streets. The fear of revolutionary struggles, which would inevitably follow a play at general strike or civil war, unites the parties of Both the policies of extreme results of the problems of the problems. civil war, unites the parties of counter-revolution—the M.R.P., the Communists and Socialist

#### The Significance of the Vote for the P.C.I.

The Parti Communiste Internationaliste, French Section of the Fourth International, won 60,000 rourth International, won 60,000 The Parti Communiste Intervolves. Compared to the votes of the mass parties this appears in significant. The opposite is true. Our party entered the elections in Trotsky in 1917 to the most the most the most than most the most than the violent and slanderous attack from reaction, and particularly from the 'Communist' Party, which is in deadly fear of the programme and ideas of Trotskyism, i.e., Bolshevism. For this reason and no other, slander and lies were poured upon the P.C.I. candidates.

Description of the condition and a government of the C.P., S.P. and C.G.T., will be enabled to reach the ears of the workers who do not yet see the true role of Stalinism.

With correct tactics and strategy

sum of money. Despite this unexampled campaign of the power-ful daily press of the Stalinists,

the votes, and in one area just outside Paris, 4.0 per cent. outside Paris, 4.0 per cent. (13,000 votes).

The P.C.I. entered the elections

Control of prices by Consumers'
Committees; Freedom for the
Colonies; Abolition of the Upperhouse and the President's special

programme and many thousands understood its many more ness. This demonstrates that the

class.

Both the policies of extreme re-Both the policies of extreme reaction and of the workers' parties cannot, in the long run, prevent the reckoning. Even the conjunctural upswing of French economy, which organically is rotten through and through, will ultimately aid the process of reorganisation and reorientation of the French working-class.

The Parti Communiste Interone party entered the electrons and Trotsky in 1811 to the constituencies, under the most violent and slanderous attack from policies of Stalinism; by placing as counter-revolutionary

poured upon the P.C.I. candidates.

It is important to note that
"L'Humanité", the Stalinist daily
paper, has not reported the cases
of libel taken out against it by the
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class in the next period, who, on
the basis of the programme of

The workers cannot allow them-questions of wages and conditions selves to lag behind the capitalist on behalf of the serving men. selves to lag behind the capitalist class in protecting their class interests with the greatest efficiency. That is why they must insist that military training schools financed by the State and controlled by the workers organisations should be set up at once.

By this alternative military policy, backed by a socialist policy at home and abroad, the workers of Britain can defend themselves from the intervention of hostile anti-labour forces from abroad the use of fascist or military violence against the working class and its organisations at home. nd its organisations at home. This is the military policy of the working class which we must strive to force the Labour leaders to put into operation.

#### Defend The Rights Of The Soldiers

Such an army, controlled and officered by the sons and agents of the capitalist class, is a constant threat to the well-being of the working people. Thus the workers can have no interest in maintain and such an army; on the contrary, they have every reason to seek the dissolution of the existing standing army. Any government which claims to have the interests of the working class. This necessary, therefore, to supplement the workers militially break up and dissolve the existing army. In contrast to the standing army, and in resonase to the class needs of the working people, it is necessary to replace the standing army with a universal arming of the people under the control of the people under the people under

By fighting for these policies the organised working class will ensure that the closest alliance is maintained with the armed forces, who could never be used as they were by Churchill and the Labour leaders in the past, to strike-break and put down movements of the working class.

This is the military policy for working class which is adthe working class which is advocated by our Party. It protects and extends the interests of the serving men in the armed forces as they are at present constituted. It they are at present constituted. It seeks to destroy the reactionary military organisations of the ruling class. It is a policy which unites the workers in all phases of national life against their own capitalists and their agents. It ensures that the military weight of Britain will never be used, as at present, to suppress peoples in other parts of the earth, thus helping to unite the British workers with the workers of the world.

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