The Return to Moscow.

Funeral of D. Ivon Jones.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS SENDS DELEGATES FROM ALL COUNTRIES.

Comrade Bob Stewart has been good enough to send to the Central Executive the following appreciation of the remains of our late comrade D. Ivon Jones, which will not be at rest any doubt which may have been aroused by certain insinuations in a Natal capitalist paper, and will assure South African comrades that fitting honour was done by the International to one of its most staunch and able sons.

Comrade Stewart’s letter, dated Moscow, June 20th, is as follows:

“Dear Comrade Andrews,—We are in the midst of Congress and it is in consequence very difficult to get time to write fully and quietly, so that I must ask you and the South African comrades to excuse any shortcoming. I telegraphed to you the sad intimation of the death of our comrade D. Ivon Jones. He died in the Sanatorium at Yalta, where you last saw him. He had a stiff struggle, but despite growing weakness was able to write almost to the last. His body was brought to Moscow on Saturday, 14th June, and was met by delegations from all sections of the Comintern who were in Moscow at that date. The British delegation consisted of Comrades B. Boy (London), E. Douglas (Dundee), J. Wilson (South Wales), and J. Fisher (London). The coffin was conveyed to the Comintern Club, where it lay until four o’clock, a guard of four changing every ten minutes stood by the body until it was removed for interment. A considerable contingent, comprising delegates from all sections of Comintern, from foreign, Soviet departments, from the Youth International, and from the Red Army, accompanied the remains of Comrade Jones to their final resting place in Novo Devtschey Cemetery. The British delegation carried a memorial wreath.

Described: ‘To the memory of a great South African fighter. At the grave-side short tributes to the memory of our comrade were delivered by French, German, Russian, British and American representatives, including Tom Mann, Bill Haywood, and myself. As the coffin was lowered with the red banner of the Comintern draping over it, we sung a song of our own composition which I have copied for you. The last rites concluded, “The International” was taken up, and our thoughts were of our South African comrades, whose loss we shared, and the thought that we could not assuage the pain that they must feel at the departure of our comrades and their close friend and capable co-worker. Comrade Jones has done much to familiarise the English-speaking Communists and revolutionary workers with the conditions of Russia and the extent and nature of the difficulties and successes of the leading section of the Comintern—the Russian Communist Party. Even so he never forgot South Africa and the problems that you confront. His keen interest in the original owners of the soil of South Africa—the native population—never flagged, and the work that he began in connection with the emancipation of the native population of South Africa will, I know, be pursued energetically by the South African Communist Party. Will you please accept the assurance of the deepest sympathy of all of us here in the loss which you and your comrades have sustained together with us in the death of a brilliant student and teacher of Leninism.

“With Communist greetings,

"ROBERT STEWART, E.C.C.I.”

Our Printing Press.

Five years ago the International Socialist League was entrusted with the task, among others, of building up a workers’ printing press. Comrades and friends generously responded to the appeal for funds, and the I.S.I.L. Press was established.

At that time printing machinery was at unjust prices and even then almost unobtainable. Notwithstanding the difficulties, the press has proved a valuable aid to the propaganda work of the advanced Labour movement, and has handsomely justified the hopes of even the most optimistic.

It is to-day doing more work than at any time since its establishment.

This, however, brings the management up against two problems, and it is the solution of these problems that we invite the sympathetic attention of comrades and friends of the movement.

The machinery—originally second-hand—although still serviceable, shows signs of wear and tear, and further is not large enough to enable certain work to be undertaken.

In short the time has arrived when our press is badly in need of improvement and extension.

The most pressing need is the installation of a new linotype machine.

Comrades, with other necessary additions involves two things: Removal to larger and more conveniently situated premises, and the raising of about £1,000.

The management therefore ask our readers and supporters to rally to its assistance, and it feels confident that if each one does what is possible we may soon be in possession of a suitably housed plant which will be able to undertake any job that comes along.

It must be understood that the printing plant—although certain arrangements have been made in respect to its running—belongs absolutely to the Party, and that there is no, and never has been, any interest paid for loans or overdrafts.

It is the desire of the management to conclude this story.

It is now YOUR opportunity, fellow-workers and comrades.

Many isolated comrades often regret that they cannot take an active part in the work of the Party.

You CAN take an active part in the PUSH for better premises and equipment.

Now, Comrades, ALL TOGETHER, send in your cheques and payments to I.S.I.L. Press, and as soon as you have shown that you mean business we will do our part.

The I.S.L. Management Committee.

W. H. ANDREWS, Secy.

A Fine Sight.

The Bishop of Johannesburg, in an address to the Rotary Club last Tuesday, gave a graphic description of the battle of Jutland, which he witnessed from the deck of a cruiser.

He describes as “one of the finest sights he ever saw” the engagement of one of the “Queen Elizabeth” class of battleship with the Germans.

As a follower of the week and lowly Jesus, one would have thought that the good Bishop would have described the wholesale slaughter of his fellow men quite differently.

But then of course Bishops, like many others, know on which side their bread is buttered.

All power exercised over a nation must have some beginning. It must either be delegated or assumed. There are no other modes of power but trust, and all assumed power is usurpation.—Tom Paine.

Mayoral Wisdom.

“In America, working men owned their own motor cars; here, where there was an inexhaustible supply of cheap black labour, skilled and able white men beggared every day at the Municipal Offices for some work to do.”

So said the Mayor of Johannesburg (Mr. M. J. Harris), in his address to the Associated Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Harris seems to forget that an inexhaustible supply of cheap black labour is one of the reasons why so many white men are unemployed in South Africa.