

# IN THE INTERNATIONAL

## J. T. Murphy Expelled from the C.P. of Great Britain.

*The following statement has been issued by Comrade Harry Pollitt in the name of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Great Britain:*

The political Bureau has been compelled to take the extraordinarily serious step of expelling a leading member, **J. T. Murphy**, from the ranks of the Communist Party. This decision, arrived at after lengthy and serious consideration, was taken on the grounds of the propagation of anti-working class views and the desertion of the working class fight against war, starvation and repression at a decisively critical stage in the class struggle.

During the last three weeks the leadership of the Party has been endeavouring to convince J. T. Murphy that his editorial article in the April issue of the "**Communist Review**" was fundamentally wrong and must be openly corrected by him.

The reasons why the Political Bureau condemned this article were fully given in a written statement presented to Murphy which pointed out that his article was a distortion of the line of revolutionary struggle against war and a completely false estimation of the relations between the Soviet Union and the capitalist world.

Every endeavour was made to convince Murphy of his mistake and a meeting of the Political Bureau was held on Saturday especially to discuss the matter with him. But Murphy merely manoeuvred, as he had done in the previous discussion with the Secretariat, would not discuss the actual questions at issue and finally asked for a further opportunity to consider the criticisms levelled against him. Consequently it was decided to adjourn the meeting until Sunday.

Murphy agreed to submit a written statement to the meeting, but instead of attending he sent a letter announcing that he had resigned from the Party. There were no references in this letter to the differences on questions of political principle; instead there was a slanderous attack on the Party and its leadership.

The Political Bureau immediately demanded from Murphy that the discussion be continued and pointed out that resignations are impermissible in a revolutionary organisation. Murphy replied with the declaration that he was no longer a member of the Party.

The Political Bureau therefore announces the expulsion of J. T. Murphy from the Party and calls on all workers to repudiate this deserter from the ranks of Communism.

The above facts show very clearly that Murphy has deliberately manoeuvred in order to prepare the way for his desertion from the working class movement. The discussion with him had been carried on in accordance with the normal procedure of the Communist Party when differences of opinion arise. Every opportunity had been given to Murphy to state his point of view and the leadership had patiently endeavoured, through internal Party discussion, to convince him that he was wrong.

Murphy's cowardly desertion of the revolutionary working class movement, shows that his Communist Review article did not contain just wrong formulations arising from lack of clarity, but was a deliberate attempt to utilise his post in the Party in order to propagate anti-working class theories. Murphy has passed over to the camp of the enemy. He has become a propagandist of the peace mission of capitalism, and an exponent of the inability of socialism to overcome capitalism.

Murphy has quickly transformed himself into a renegade. The Party is the stronger for having rid itself of him.

Finally, the Political Bureau cannot disconnect Murphy's sudden and suspicious exit from the Party with the renewed threats of repression now being made by the "National" Government. It has no hesitation in also levelling the charge of political cowardice against him.

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