

# What Saklatvala Symbolizes

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ARTICLE VI.

THE quotation from The Sunday Worker, with which our fifth article ended, gives concisely the opinion of the militant section of British labor on the preparations of the British ruling class for war on the workers.

Such desperate measures as the organization of the O. M. S. and its open attachment to the police and military forces indicates that the British rulers take a serious view of the situation and that, while the reports of the growth of the revolutionary spirit among the British workers may have been exaggerated, there is no exaggeration in the statement that the British empire is definitely on the decline; in other words, the objective situation in the empire is that which Zinoviev has described as "generally revolutionary."

NOR are the British rulers the only section of the capitalist class which senses impending upheavals in Great Britain. The Chicago Tribune says editorially:

The British Twilight or Only a Cloud?

British board of trade reports again disquiet the island. Imports for September increased \$30,000,000 over August. Exports showed a decrease of \$1,515,000. Coal exports were \$10,391,000 under the exports of September, 1924, and the coal industry is now subsided. British industry is not sustaining the life of the country, which is buying more abroad to meet its needs and producing less at home. The balance is growing against it.

Unemployment remains. The dole keeps the helpless elements of citizenship alive and punishes the citizenship which is still self-sustaining. The outlook is bad. The breed is stout hearted but it has not made the turn. Is there to be no turn? No great nation as yet has been lasting. Nations have had flashes of greatness or centuries of greatness, but none yet has had foundations for even the time of history.

The island is in bad times. Some day the British will be in their recession. We do not know what the world will be like then or when it will be, but whenever it is, they were good while they lasted and they lasted a long time.

SURELY the world has changed when a great American capitalist paper can write in this vein about the nation which ten years ago was the most powerful in the world. And now comes the news that the office of the home secretary, the same Sir William Joynson-Hicks whose adventures in fascism have already been noted, has raided the office of the British Communist Party and the Minority Movement, arrested Harry Pollitt and others and have warrants out for twenty more fighting workers.

Saklatvala could have predicted this development to American working class audiences had he been allowed to come here and a still clearer idea of the hatred the British rulers have for him is gained now from the news dispatches which tell of a movement instigated by the Tories to remove him from the house of commons.

ONE could, from this side of the ocean, have forecast the recent attack on the revolutionary section of the British working class the Communists, which in this period especially, means an attack on the whole British labor movement.

The American capitalist press has been paying the closest attention to the class struggle in Great Britain and The New York Times of October 9, contained a broad hint that the Baldwin government was getting ready for drastic action. In its editorial comment on the speech of Premier Baldwin to the convention of the conservative party at Brighton, The Times said:

It is for its domestic policy that the Baldwin government has been most severely criticised by dissident conservatives, and Mr. Baldwin took due note of the chief complaints. He virtually admitted that he had changed his mind about the coal subsidy and had placed himself in

the position of surrendering to the threat of a general strike, but declared again, as he did at the time in the house of commons, that the government finally assented to the coal subsidy, temporarily, because it felt that the country was in no case to face the cost and suffering of "a great industrial struggle." But, looking to the future, he uttered a word of official warning. Without specifying ways and means, he affirmed that it was the first duty of the government to maintain law and order and also see to it that the community is "protected" from any "aggression" which would seek to deprive it of the indispensable services of modern life. This is discreetly veiled, but if it means anything it means that the Baldwin government will not submit again to the coercion of a threatened general strike. The coal miners, with "Emperor" Cook at their head, and the railway unions, will do well to remember this when the mining truce expires next May.

A FRONTAL attack such as that made on the miners recently cre-

Republics extending its frontiers into the Far East, Great Britain here too must choose between war and surrender. Let us quote, not a Communist, but a member of the ruling class and an acknowledged authority in his field of international politics. The following is from a Federated Press dispatch:

Inevitably England and Russia will fight within the next generation, Felix Valyi, editor Revue Internationale Politique, who is attending the Williamstown Institute of Politics, predicts. Valyi qualifies by saying that unless England ends her whiskey and opium trade in the Orient and turns toward cultivation of spiritual relations with Asia the war with Russia will come, bringing possibly the collapse of the British empire, he adds.

"The tremendous upheaval in the east from Morocco to Mongolia, which constitutes one immense movement directed by the same spirit of nationalism, cannot be treated by the usual methods of European colonial powers," Valyi states. There is no chance for Eu-

Saklatvala symbolizes something else however, the unity of labor against the imperialist rulers.

From its highest to its lowest strata, from the House of Morgan to the bureaucracy of the American Federation of Labor, Saklatvala, the synthesis of everything in the working class movement they fear, he is anathema.

THESE articles end with a quotation from the editorial page of The New York Times that not only shows the close unity between the officialdom of American labor and this brazen mouthpiece of the American ruling class but which puts the case for the rulers and against the Communists. Soviet Russia and unity of the world workers in the simplest terms:

Cheers from the floor of the American Federation of Labor convention at Atlantic City plainly testified that when President Green pronounced his scathing verdict on the Communist experiment in Russia he was expressing the opinion of organized labor in the United States. In this respect American labor is aligned with the trade un-

"If We Have to Fight, We Will!"



The above cartoon is from the London Sunday Worker and depicts the stubborn fighting spirit which now characterizes the British working class—and is causing sleepless nights for the bosses

ates a great danger for the British capitalists. It brings into motion huge masses of workers and British capitalism has changed its tactics—it attacks now only the most advanced section of the working class, hoping to cut it off before the reserves arrive.

And, as every battle is decided by the reserves, if we subscribe to the military formula, we must admit that the outcome of the present struggle in Great Britain depends largely upon how fast the huge reserves of the working class can be brot into action.

THE role of the Communists is to bring the reserves into action behind him and so well was the Communist Party fulfilling this task that the ruling class was forced to act.

It is deeply significant in this connection that the offense with which these workers are charged is inciting mutiny in his majesty's forces. To put it baldly, the armed force of the empire constitute now almost the sole support of the empire itself.

The idea of empire has lost much of its paralyzing grip on the minds of the masses.

WITH the sanctity of the whole scheme of empire questioned by millions of workers, British imperialism must move to crush working class resistance or surrender. No ruling class in history has ever surrendered and British imperialism will die fighting. Its most dangerous enemy—we peak now in terms of the class struggle and not of conflicts between imperialist rivals—is Soviet Russia. With the Union of Socialist Soviet

ropean nations to solve the situation of the east by "brute force," he says.

Valyi credits Russia with showing much better understanding of the east by its offer of social equality to Oriental nations.

YES, Russia has shown "much better understanding of the East by its offer of social equality to Oriental nations." This and the Communist slogan of "The land to the peasants" is something that British bayonets cannot beat.

Let us say it again:

Saklatvala represents both these "Oriental nations" and the spirit of the Soviet Union.

It is enmity to Soviet Russia that forms the bond binding British and American imperialism together in the exclusion of Saklatvala.

ion movement everywhere in Europe except in Great Britain, where the issue is now being fought out.

President Green went beyond saying that between American organized labor and the Communist trade union movement there can be no cooperation. He intimated plainly that between the two it is war.

The upward sweep of the working class in imperialist nations like Great Britain, the ever more powerful revolts of sweated colonial peoples, the living inspiration of these movements in the stalwart Soviet union, the Communist International, the general staff and the shock troops of the world revolution—this is what Saklatvala symbolizes and this is why he is barred from American and hounded in Great Britain.

(The End.)

## Negro Labor Congress Asks for Artistic Talent

The American Negro Labor Congress, which will open at Pythian Hall, 207 East 35th St., Chicago, on Sunday, Oct. 25, has issued an appeal to all colored and white workers to participate in the evening programs which will occupy every evening during the week of October 25 to 31.

Every white and colored worker is called upon to aid in the arranging of the programs to be given at the large mass meetings to be held during the evening sessions of the congress. Recitations, monologues, classical dancing, singing, instrument playing—all these forms of talent will be welcomed by the arrangements committee.

Any worker desiring to assist in this work will please get in touch with A. Andrew Torrence, chairman of the arrangements committee, at the American Negro Labor Congress headquarters, 3456 South Indiana avenue.