

SOCIALIST & APPEAL

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY Workers of all Lands, Unite on May Day!

MAY DAY IS THE DAY OF INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS SOLIDARITY. IT IS THE DAY ON WHICH THE WORKERS OF ALL LANDS GATHER TOGETHER AND DEMONSTRATE THE FACT THAT THEIR STRUGGLE IS ONE; THAT THEY ARE JOINED TOGETHER ACROSS FRONTIERS IN STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY - THE CAPITALIST CLASS OF ALL LANDS.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL **HOLDS WORLD CONGRESS**

No. 24.

During the first three days of April nearly two score delegates from national sections of the Fourth International met in International Conference in a Belgian city. Conirades from Holland, France, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, Britain, from Palestine, Ireland and Canada, from the Western Hemisphere and from the colonies came together under the most difficult conditions to deliberate and decide upon questions of policy and to re-elect and centralise the leadership of our international movement.

Several leading members of the Fourth International participated in this Conference, among them Comrade Jock Haston, General Secretary of the British Section. Comrade Pierre Frank, Comrades Bleibtaeu, Demaziere and Beaufrere, leading members of the French Section, etc. A large proportion of the delegates had been in Hitler's concentration camps One Comrade Beaufrere--for publishing a German underground paper for German soldiers "Arbeiter und Soldat". Others had been in Allied prisons-like Comrade P. Frank who was interned in this country during the war.

If one thinks only in terms of numbers and not of ideas and historical perspective, this gathering was a small one. But it was the most significant historical international meeting of workers' representatives since the founding Conference in 1938.

What gives us the right to make this claim? Because only those parties which the delegates represented, and those unable to be present because of the impossibility of reaching the Conference for purely physical reasons-only those parties carry aloft the banner of International Socialism, and fight for the programme of World Socialist Revolution. In this Conference lived the true internationalism of Marx, of Lenin, and Trotsky. ... It is this fact which gives us the right to say that this was the most important assembly of workers' delegates since the outbreak of the third imperialist war.

The Conference lasted three days and discussed: a report of the activity of the European Secretariat of the Fourth International; a political report on the International situation and the tasks of the Fourth International. It elected a new International Executive Committee and a new International Secretariat. It addressed a Manifesto to the workers, to the exploited and colonial peoples of the entire world.

Revolutionary Call to the Workers of the World

In the Manifesto (published in full in the May issue of "Workers International News" extracts reproduced else where in this issue of "Socialist Appeal") the Conference makes the balance sheet of the Second Imperialist war and demonstrates that the capitalist world has resolved none of its fundamental contradictions by the war and is now passing through a period of severe economic and political crisis, dominated by the fundamental antagonisms between the Soviet Union and Angle-Saxon imperialism which must inevitably lead if capitalism continues to a Third World massacre. The Conference lays it down that only the development of the revolutionary movement of the world working class can prevent a new blood-bath which can bé fatal for the future of humanity. The Manifesto appeals to the exploited masses of Europe and of the world to struggle under the banner of the Europe and the World. To the traitors and lackeys of the ruling class, its stirring internationalist message will be looked upon with hatred. To the jaded and cynical fellow-travellers of the revolutionary movement who look for miracles and are disappointed with set-backs in the struggle of the working class, the Manifesto will arouse a wry smile. But to the oppressed workers of the European nations, to the copressed masses of the colonial East, it will resound as clear as the early socialist clarion sounded to the pioneers of the Labour movement. Only a few thousands will hear the message of the Fourth International today, but tomorrow it will ring in the ears of millions. When that day dawns will come the the ears of millions. When that day dawns will come the this to the 1938 figure of ± 348 reckoning not only for the crimes of the capitalists, but millions, when rearmament, was also for their agents within the Labour movement who have betrayed the working class.

That was the idea of May the next blood bard in the years Produce For The Masses-Day. That was the inspira tion which animated the pioneers of the Labour. movement. But today the

brought to its train famine and desolation in Europe and Asia. As a result of the criminal war of capitalism, for which all the apitalist powers awere jointly sponsible, the world has been capitalist laid in ruins. The peoples of Asia, Africa and Europe are racked with

the 'agonies of intensified toil on hunger rations. And the sacrifices exacted from the masses have been in vain. The defeat of the criminal gaugsters of German and Italian Fascism and Japanese militarism has not brought peace to the world. On the facture, up

world. On the contrary, no sooner have they been routed, than the Anglo-American, imperialists are already plotting and preparing

is There All attempts of capitalist, re action to dragoon and enslave the masses, first on the part of the purpose of May Day has been dishonoured. The official representatives of Labour, both Reformist and Stalinist, of the Labour movement in furope and the world. Electoral victories lend themselves to the poison of the Socialists and Communists in Europe, the election of the

"This is the first May Day since the terrible world slaughter ended. Instead of the honeyed promises of "freedom and liberation" for all, the victory of the Allies has brought in its train famine and a result of the eriminal working and the terrible world slaughter ended. "Struggle of the colorial people in Indo-Chrina and Indonesia; in India, and in Africa, represents a desperate endeavour of the colorial masses to free themselves from the chains of their age-old slavery of will to fight for "apitalism, for

Yet in face of this mighty up-surge the Labour and Trade Union leaders, and to them we must add the Stalinists, have bandoned the perspective of a world Socialist Revoltilion, have all doned inter-nationalism, have abandoned all the ideas of the founders of the socialist movement. Instead of issuing a call to struggle and reconssuing a call to strugged new socialist struct society on new socialist foundations, instead of coming to interver of the colonial and the assistance of the colonial and European people staggling for their emancipation, they have assisted in their bruts, suppression.

Not For Profit The Will To Struggle

At home the Labour and Stalinist leaders point to the anarchy and chaos of capitalism, to the ruin and destruction, to the need for restor-ation of the productive forces; yet they refuse to take action against the criminals responsible: the capitalist class of this country and the world. Production, production, production, they bray, echoing the appeals of the capitalist class. But their method of increasing produc-tion acts, not in the interests of the toiling masses, but of the class which brought about the chaos. A capitalist solution to the problems of production will not solve the contradictions of the system, but will only aggravate them. Intensified only aggravate them. Intensified toil and strain under the present system will produce increased profits for the capitalists . . . and later . . . mass unemployment for the working class! Under the capitalist system, increased production will inevitably lead to a new slump.

working class. Only the expro-priation of the capitalists and socialist planning with the control and initiative of the working class and initiative of the working class nationally and internationally can solve the problems of the workers of the world. The workers must demand that those who claim to speak in their name shall fight for an internationalist socialist pro-gramme Norman Cliff. "Eighty per cent of the world's better quality mica comes from India, and the industry boasts probably the lowest wage level in gramme

Our Duties to the German

Workers

This, despite the fact that Indian workers are so skilled that It is the duty above all of th sheet mica is sent here from Brazil, advanced workers in Britain show their solidarity with t Italian, with the German, i he United States and Canada to tc the e splif. the

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oittance.

4¹/₂d. a Day

To fight against the national oppression and dismemberment of Germany, to fight against the separation of the Prisoners of war from their people at home. To fight against the use of prisoners of war as cheap labour in the in-terests of the capitalist class. The shameful betrayals of reformism and Stalinism in favour of re-pression and enslavement of German workers as prisoners is a crime against all the traditions of the internationalist working class

class A ruined Germany will be ^eavourable breeding ground for new Hitlers. Germany still remains the heart of Europe. A ruined

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CHILD MINERS EARN 6^{D.} A DAY **Revolting Conditions in Indian Mica Mines**

Enormous profits are being reaped by Indian Mica Mine owners, exporters and dealers through the vicious exploitation of children and women working underground under horrible conditions.

Revolting facts about the in open defiance of a prohibiting law. ndustry are revealed in a

Disease Rampant

report issued by an Investilump. There is no easy road for the gating Committee set up by with silicosis, tuberculous and venereal disease rampant among the Government of India, and the illiterate, debt-ridden workers, reported in the "News who are too poor to be able to pay Chronicle" on 23rd April by even pence to a trade union

defend them. Miners climb up and down wooden ladders to ply heavy ham-mers in the fume-laden air by the dimlight of naked lamps or can-dles. If a candle blows out after

dynamiting there is no escape. No housing, water, sanitation, hospital, feeding, or welfare facili-ties are provided. On three days a week the shifts are 16 hours out of 24, with no extra pay for compulsory overtime. The condit

conditions is the wbelming majority; and reasonts in the

28. So a day. Trighest pay in the factories for women is 11d. a day, and children 6d. Work at home is from British rule is assuming mass dimensions. British workers have the duty to support the colonial workers in their demand for "Women and children from the workers age of five are employed under-British imperialism to get out of ground as well as on the surface India.



With a feeling of confidence and solidarity 500 Smithfield provision workers returned to wo 16th April. Their week-old strike ended in a clear victory because of the excellent spontaneous solidarity of 3,000 meat porters, butchers and market workers.



What Has Happened to the Other Internationals

During the First World War Lenin explained that the capitalists had at their service the International of Social Democracy-the International of Labour. In opposition to the MacDonalds and Hendersons and their blood thus lift the standard of life of the whole of Europe; instead of withbrothers on the Continent of Europe, the Third International was organised to carry on the struggle for socialism. But in this war the capitalists had both "Internationals" at their disposal, the Stalinist Third International more shameless in its betrayal than the Dalton remarks cynically that the older harlot. (Continued on page 4.)

HOW THE BUDGET AFFECTS THE WORKERS

BY AJIT ROY

The first post-war Budget of the Labour Government was awaited with intense Fourth International in order to realise the economic interest and eagerness by the working class. The workers wanted to see if any real unification of the world in the United Socialist States of change would be initiated by the Labour Government. However, any illusions on this score were doomed to disappointment. Apart from a few paltry concessions to the workers, the main beneficiaries of the Budget remain, as under a Tory Budget, the capitalist class.

£500.000.0000

On War Preparations Estimated expenditure is £3,837 millions. The amount spent for ".defence "—defence of India, Indonesia, Africa and the colonies in the interests of British imperialism will amount to £1,667 millions ! The "Socialist" Governme Government

proposes to spend on armaments and the forces, i.e., in preparation already in full swing.

This enormous and wasteful ex penditure—£500,000,000 a year—i squandered in preparations for another world slaughter.

£80,000,000 To Occupy Germany

The occupation of Germany has cost Britian £80 millions. Instead of assisting the restoration of German' economy, as a genuine socialist government would do, and drawing the troops, the "socialist budget allows for millions British are paying "reparations to Germany"!

Capitalists Pleased reported :

The real nature of the Budget can best be judged by the reactions

PRODUCES A

CAPITALIST BUDGET

H. DALTON LABOUR CHANCELLOR



of the City and the Stock Market On April 15th, the Financial Times

"The behaviour of the Stock Market last week left no doubt of the City's relief at the absence of any dividend limitation tax on the budget and reflected general satisfaction with the Chancellor's proposals, specially the repeal of the Excess Profits Tax." By April 16th, the revival in Stock

Exchange was carried a stage further with both prices and colume of business making new records. So far as the working class was

concerned there was little cause for jubilation. The crushing burden of taxation imposed on them during the war has been very ittle alleviated.

What The Workers Gain

The earned income allowance has been raised from 1/10th to 1/8th. and the additional allowance to married working women increased from £80 to £100.

The purchase tax has been abolished on a limited number of goods and reduced on some others. Entertainment tax on sport has been cut down and workers' contribution to national insurance exempted from income tax. almost exhaust the limits of the

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An assurance has been given that the demands of the provision workers for 2s. a week increase and a special Negotiation Council, to be composed of rank and file delegates, will be considered immefile diately.

3/- Instead Of 5/-

The provision workers struck work on April 9th, because the Joint Industrial Council granted them 3s. a week increase instead of the 5s. granted in other areas. The workers considered that if the J.I.C. could get away with this, it would not be long before they would begin an attack upon wages, and reduce them to the lowest minimum.

Demand Rank And File

Delegates

The market workers claim, quite correctly, that the J.I.C., which is composed of employers, Governnent officials and a union official, is not in a position to consider their claims, because such a body is nothing but a stooge outfit for the bosses. Quite correctly too, they claim that the officials of the T. & G.W.U. cannot represent and fight for the market workers, be cause of the complex nature of the trade. The provision workers want a return to the pre-1941 negotia-tion machinery, when they had four

rank and file delegates upon the Conciliation Council. Only the Only the men on the job, who know the conditions, can present wage claims the uccessfully.

Troops Brought In

wore that they would remain out until the troops were withdrawn. Within a few hours of this excellent demonstration an order was issued to withdraw the troops.

"All A Mistake"

Faced with the increasing in-dignation of the workers, the War Office, in an effort to pass the buck, is conducting an investigation to establish who ordered the troops into Smithfield market. The War

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". . . They would have died in vain if we were not to make France definitely secure from a new ggression.

We cannot permit that France, thrice invaded in three-quarters of a century, should once again see her security threatened.

We must obtain reparations, and that will be no more than strict justice. Germany, who has looted our national riches, deported our man-power, taken away our cattle. must return what she has stolen. she must provide us with coal, wood, horses, give us the necessary man-power to restore the ruins slie has multiplied upon our soil. We have the right to demand the guarantees necessary on our Eastern frontier, so that the era of invasions be closed, once and for all.

all. . . ."
(Speech made at La Braconne by MAURICE THOREZ, Minister of State, 13.1.36.)
"We demand an absolute guaran-tee for our Eastern Frontier. We demand the legitimate reparations to which we are entitled. We have always distinguished between always distinguished. between On Monday, April 15th, 800 troops were brought in to seab upon the striking workers. As the military lorries rolled in, without a word, 3.000 market workers stopped work immediately, and stopped work immediately, and stopped work immediately and she must contribute to the reshe must contribute to the re-habilitation of our ruins, and provide us with map-power."

(Speech made at Nantes by M. THOREZ, Vice-President of Council of Ministers. 12.3.46.)



SONG OF THE FOURTH **INTERNATIONAL**

S.E.A.C.

Dear Comrade.

attend a gathering of the Trade Union staff of the Singapore General Labourers' Union, which was celebrating in an extremely modest way the fruits of the brain of the Singapore appeared after muttering some-thing. Our Secretary friend was told by us that our movement, has a character and the secretary friend was told by us that our movement, has to a secretary friend was Union's work since its inauguration for a separate song, from the "International"... And then our a few months ago. They had chinese friend reappeared with something to be proud of as the type-written copies of the "Inter-Union is fresh and vigorous. Also it follows out quite a militant pro-gramme and the gains made by this Trade Union have been ingramme and the gains made by this Trade Union have been instrumental in helping the workers to fight for decent wages and conditions, with many victories chalked to their credit.

We, together with a third friend, were the only British soldiers there. I was asked to make a speech and needed no second was asked to make "Imperialism" seemed to to the and needed no second Imperialism" seemed to the tained in every sentence. This evening's event certainly Thered our position and it speech urging. how the British Trade Union movewithin and utilises the movement to maintain capitalism in power. I stated that the Union must build become up a strong socialist movement in ment. up a strong socialist movement in this country, and aid, in the wide sense to achieve International Socialism, the only hope for the working class. The speech was translated into Malayan and Chinese. The Indians and Indo-nesians present understood English or Malayan.

A. CALTABIANO

We were asked by a Union Dear Comrade, A Comrade and I were asked to attend a gathering of the Trade Union the for the Singenpoint of the Trade Sing a Fourth International song. because of our general propaganda he correctly assumed that we are the only party that believes in in-ternationalism. The whole meeting stood up and sang the song of the Fourth International!

Speeches were made by all nationalities and the words 'British Imperialism " seemed to be con-International is showing the beacon light to the Labour move Trotsky has made a grea

HELP THE FIGHTING FUND SHEFFIELD MOULDERS An Appeal by the National Treasurer Angry at Wage Award

Harold Atkinson

and

Although we carried the last Fighting Fund over until the middle of April, we still did not reach the £250 target set for the end of March. This is a serious position.

Comrade reader! We must call your attention to the vital need of maintaining a regular Fighting Fund for our paper. With the restriction imposed upon the cir-culation by the paper control, each copy of *Socialist Appeal* costs cou-siderably more to produce and distribute than the 2d. you are charged for it. In addition to revenue from sales, we must raise

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HAVE YOU GIVEN A DONATION TO THE FIGHTING FUND?

A mass meeting of Sheffield held up any increase for months. Foundry workers, called by He claimed that the Scottish workers were only $1/6\frac{1}{2}d$, below the the Shop Stewards Committee of the Sheffield Branch of the N.U.F.W. was held in the

grievances against their Union Executive.

A Shop Stewards' meeting held

and it was strongly felt that the workers. Union leaders should have referred (He ac the bosses' offer back to the Branches before accepting so miserable an increase. Stewards' Committee was that they should instruct the Executive to

reopen negotiations with the em-ployers for the full 12/- differential rate; and that failing agreement, the Executive should give national notice of an embargo on all piecework and overtime.

WE MUST RAISE £120 MONTH FOR THE FIGHTING FUND! A the Executive's acceptance or the Imately 00% to 40% of the two of the wind agreement. Had they rejected the would have to refer the case to arbitration and that would have

Coliseum Cinema on Sunday, 17th March. Some 800 workers attended to air their workers 5/- differential rate.

Militant Amendment

An amendment, condemning the carlier in the week had manim- Executive for their acceptance of ously decided to reject the the miserable increase, and calling miserable differential wage increase on them to immediately reopen of 3/- which has been accepted by negotiations for the full demands;

their Union leaders. The workers contended that the leaders had been instructed to negotiate for a 10/- increase (so far as it applied to Sheffield rates), and that failing satisfaction a overtime and piece-work, was moved by a militant from the floor on behalf of the Firth-Vickers

He advocated the adoption by to the the Union of a rule making all officials subject to recall at any The general feeling of the Shop stewards' Committee was that they a repetition of the present sell-out on a bigger scale.

> Alderman Womersley gave a Aldermain womersley gave a rousing speech in support of the amendment which, he said, con-tained some of the spirit of the finest traditions of the Sheffield foundry workers.

Wallace Justifies E.C. At the mass meeting Bro. Wallace, who had signed the agree-ment with the employers on behalf of the Union attempted to justify the Executive's acceptance of the amendment Wall the without reading it, but this amendment was defeated by approx-imately 60% to 40% of those who

ENGINEERS! DEMAND YOUR 20s.

BY J. KELLY

Eight months ago the National Committee of the A.E.U. decided to present to the Engineering Employers National Federation demands for 20/- a week on the base rate of all adult workers, 40-hour week, holiday with pay, and the guaranteed week. Now the Employers have granted a 6/- per week rise on the War Bonus, payment of Bank Holiday and a guaranteed payment of 34 hours per week. Despite the mandate of the A.E.U. National Committee and the overwhelming support of the rank and file as witnessed in the London demonstration, the Executive Council has accepted this niggardly concession.

This claim on the part of the Engineering Unions has a decisive significance for the future of the workers in the industry. It was the first peace-time claim to be made, when in the words of Mr. Tanner, the President, "Bonus With children can obtain from the

Mr. Tainer, the President, "Bonus With Children can obtain from the payments have been halved in some of the country, where war contracts have been replaced by comperial work, basic and bonus time that cuts of varying amounts up to 10/-have been suffered." With Children can obtain from the dole. However, it is not simply a question of the meagreness of the results. No worker expects the employers to concede any sub-that cuts of varying amounts up to 10/-have been suffered." For this, reason the 1,500,000 workers affected by the claim anxiously awaited the outcome, in the hope that Tanner would persist in his domand for "a set isford to the "war effort" and the "front against fascism". But now

Certification of Insanity

opinions, it is monstrous that he could be certified insane on such grounds. On this basis tens of grounds. thousands of people who are opposed to the government and ruling class, could be certified. We demand that C abiano be recom-

- lale Avona Maida Vale, W.9. 13th April, 1946.

The Editor, Dear Sir,

I have at last obtained a copy of the documents relating to my certification. Here are the grounds on which Ermost Waishing on which Ernest Weightman Dunkley, medical practitioner at St. Pancras Hospital, formed his conclusion that I was a "person of unsound mind."

british police are Fascists and that Fascism originated in Britain, not in Italy; Because the police are Fascists they persecute him and put him in waterial well-being, they were un-able to understand the natural re-action of an anti-Fascist who had suffered fifteen years of persecute him and put him in persecution at the names of pascists prison every Sunday. He also of all countries. These two per-talks about 'a magistrate sons were, on the other hand, robbing Indians'. It is impo-sible to conduct a coherent hesitation that I was a "person of

We print below a letter from A. Caltabiano, well-known Italian anti-Fascist who was detained in a mental asylum recently. The grounds for his detention make almost incredible reading. Whether one agrees or not with Caltabiano's opinions, it is monstrous that he

Apparently Caltabiano is now at long last "free to leave the country". Although he is anxious to return to Italy, he is deter-mined not to leave this country until his case has been cleared once and for all. All class conscious workers will support him in this.

500 men in the East Pit mentative and enters into long rambling disconnected state-ments. He accuses the magis-G.C.G.) were rendered idle day trate of harming the Indians. He is completely lacking in insight. He resents being questioned and it is impossible to have any coherent conver-sation with him."

So, because a professional psy-So, because a professional psy-bunkley, medical practitioner at st. Pancras Hospital, formed his onclusion that I was a "person f unsound mind." "(a) He is excited in manner. He says that the British police are Fascists and that for the says that the says that the says are satisfied with material well-being, they were un-able to understand the natural reaction of an anti-Fascist who had suffered fifteen years of political

G.C.G. MINERS STRIKE In Sympathy With Pit Boys

£235 4 10

Manager Sabotages Production, but Union Takes No Action.

Stalinists Strikebreak

by the refusal of the boy deavour to break the strike. About case. "shacklers" at the pit 200 men were present. There was

by the refusal of the boy "shacklers" at the pit bottom to handle a "shackle" which had been increased in weight from 43 to 53 lbs. The ages of these boys vary between 15 and 17 years— and 15 med 15 and one of the lads himself the breakdown of negotiations. If A mass

On Tuesday, March 19th,

r and one of the lads himself only weighs 83 lbs.! Three taken their case to the Com-mittee stating that the work months previously they had was too heavy and that they were afraid (quite rightly) of permanent injury or Concert

soon be a MAJORITY. However. At the Steer ut head on Thurs-day a star get Committee Langdon—held a meeting in an en-day a star get Committee Langdon—held a meeting in an en-

nsible conversation with ia mina him. And now, what are the chances

"(b) Patrick McHugh, Superintendent Nurse, St. Pancras Hospital says that Adolpho Caltabiano is wildly of my exercising my profession of St. | sea-captain? excited at times. (He is argu-

EAST LONDON BRANCH R.C.P. Discussion Circles every Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m. Working Lads' Institute. 279, Whitechapel Road, Adjoining Whitechapel Station. All readers, invited — Special invitation to members of the C.P.

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of permanent injury General Meeting on that day. or

The stoppage continued from Tuesday, until on Sunday the G.C.G. Lodge General meeting de-cided that the East pit should resume work on Monday to allow the Pit Committee to negotiate with Rejece the East pit manager. The negotiations were unsuccessful and the East pit men again Alf Davies should remember that the present minority may very

Militant Spirit in G.C.G.

It is obvious from the events in this strike that there is a wonder-ful militant spirit in G.C.G. What is lacking is an equally militant leadership. Unless the Committee leadership. Unless the Committee realises that its job is to keep the men informed, and organised by regular meetings, there is a great

in his demand for "a satisfactory settlement.'

Engineers Dissatisfied

These hopes have been dashed. Not a single engineer can feel satisfied with the results; the base rate still remains the same, with the 6/- on the War Bonus liable danger that the unity of the Lodge will be broken. It is a serious warning that Langdon managed to (Gentioned for the complexity of the six Bank Holidays) (Continued at foot of Col. 7.) means in reality just pay for three

the war is over and Tanner, Scott The war is over and Tanner, Scott and Co. still pursue the old line. They make a lot of noise about the need for a "satisfactory settle-ment", and then proceed cap in hand to accept a settlement which no member of the Executive Council could defend as satisfactory before any meeting of rank and before any meeting of rank and file engineers.

Wage Increase Will Aid

Labour Government

What is the meaning of this? Executive Council may claim that its aim is not to embarrass the Labour Government; but this Government was elected ostensibly to provide a decent standard of life for the work people. At least, that was the text of the circulars which the Executive Council sent that was the text of the circulars which the Executive Council sent around the branches during the General Election. If that is the case, then far from embarrassing the Labour Government it should follow that full help would be forth-coming to, see that the very reasonable demand adopted by last year's National Committee would be granted. Instead an award is accepted which leaves the engineers' wages lagging far behind the real

cost of living. It must be clear to every serious member of the A.E.U. that if the Executive Council continues its war-time policy of shameful col-laboration, things will go from bad to worse. A contrast with bad to worse. A contrast with the fate of previous awards demonstrates clearly that the policy of accommodating the employers acts in all cases against the interests of the workers.

(Continued from Col. 5.) get about 100 men to agree to go back to work, when there were 1,500 men on the streets.

Sabotage

One final comment is necessary. The manager of the East pit acted in a way that can only be described as SABOTAGE. If the Minister of Mines had acted like a Socialist he would have sent this individual to jail. Why this timidity? No such kid glove tactics were displayed towards the hundreds miners who were jailed and fined during the war.

tives offered to do the boy's work at boys' wages so as to allow The other two pits which com-prised the G.C.G. Lodge-Steer and Mardy-now decided at pit

History of Wage Negotiations Here we have a table covering (

at boys' wages so as to allow negotiations to go on. The Manager refused this absolutely unprecedented offer. The other two pits which com-prised the G.C.G. Lodge—Steer and Mardy—now decided at pit bottom meetings to stop work in sympathy. A total of 1,700 men Manager's attitude. six years of wage negotiations.

The present negotiation and the unions from this body, and on the other hand, that more, if not the deceive the workers. This the whole of the original demand

	The stragge for the withdrawar of substantial results.						
Officials Negotiate	Date of National	Demand.	Date submitted to	Federation			
Three N.U.M. officials attended	Committee.		Federation.	Reply.	of Settlement.		
the special Lodge meeting called to		3d. per hour	28/8/40	5/11/40	20/1/41. 3/6 Bonus.		
discuss the dispute on Tuesday.		Restoration of pre-		the second second			
They were Will Arthur (S. Wales		1931 conditions *			있는 것에서 같은 것이 같은 것이 같이 많이 많이 했다.		
Production officer), Edgar Lewis	Taine 1941	4d. per hour	27/8/41	29/10/41	10/12/41 5/- Bonus.		
(Miners' Agent), and Phillips	June 1942	11/- increase	5/11/41	5/1/43	20/3/43. 20/- Transfer		
(Executive member). Will Arthur		Pre-1931 conditions.			from Bonus to Base		
said he considered the Manager had	A CONTRACTOR OF A	331 to time-workers.			Rate.		
committed "a daft action", but when he was asked from the floor		Kan san san san san san san san san san s			$2\frac{1}{2}\%$ increase in piece		
why steps were not taken to re-				K.A.S. D. B. S.	work guarantee.		
move the manager from the				•	6/- increase to new		
colliery, he replied that this		Sector managements and the	Sec. March States of Strang		piece workers' bonus.		
couldn't be done because of "one	· June 1943	10/- increase †	3/1/44	5/4/44	11/5/44. $4/-$ increase.		
daft action". On the understand-	T 1044	10/- increase	18/1/45	21/3/45	24/4/45. $4/6$ increase.		
ing that Will Arthur would en-		40-hour week.	10/1/10	21/0/10	24/4/40. 4/0 increase.		
deavour to settle the matter the		12 days holiday.†	V. State State State State				
following morning the men, by a	June/July	20/- increase	2/3/46	9/4/40	014140 01		
very narrow majority, decided to return to work.	1945	2016년 1917년 1월 2017년 1	2/3/40	3/4/46	3/4/46. $6/-$ on war		
	1949	40-hour week			bonus.		
The attempt at settlement failed.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	12 days holiday and	Provide States and States and		Statutory holidays		
It is reported that Reece said he		payment for statutory	State of the second second		with pay.		
"didn't care if the whole combine came out." Now really angry at		holidays.			34 hours pay per		
this sabotage by the management,	* 75	····	C. C		week,		
the men in all three pits stopped	* Fre-1931 con	ditions: This means ma	ainly: 333% guara	antee on piece	work instead of 25%;		
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time and one-third for nightwork instead of time and one-fifth.

These are the demands finally approved by the Joint Trades Movement, and are not exactly the same as those passed by the A.E.U. National Committee.

Boys' Work Anxious to avoid any hold up in production, the men's representa-



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Trotskyists Active

in Bulgaria



CP. AFFILIATION to the LABOUR PARTY

The campaign of the "Com-munist" Party for affiliation to the Labour Party raises many vital questions for the working-class-particularly the C.P. rank and file. With all the power at their dis-posal the "Communist" Party has conducted its most vigorous affiliation campaign. At one stage, because of support from sections of the union bureaucracy, it appeared "The Building of Homes will be the union bureaucracy, it appeared "The Building of Homes will be that the majority of votes would be cast in favour of affiliation. India"; "The Fight for More Now, however, the panic-stricken Wages, Food and Clothing would bureaucracy has managed to array be sharper.² the big general labour unions against the proposal—it succeeded in this, only with a tremendous **Why Do 1**

the big grant the proposal in which a tremendous anti-affiliation campaign in which no chargies were spared. It seems likely that the proposal will be defeated by not too large a margin of votes. **CD Campaigns Campaign**

In 1943 the central theme of the C.P. Affiliation campaign was: For national unity behind Churchill. The C.P. offered to do the dirty the C.P. today these same gentle-work for the Labour leaders; to smash the growing movement communists and as a Party striving against the coalition between Labour and Capital, and to sabotfor the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism and the creation of the between age the strikes of the engineers and dictatorship of the working-class! Harold Laski, chairman of the miners. At that period the Labour Party executive was able to utilise miners. At that period the Labour Party executive was able to utilise the fact that thousands of advanced workers were repelled by the Right-wing, conservative, anti-strike policy of the C.P. The Labour "Lefts", feeling the mass pressure of the werkers, were brought into collision with the reactionary policy of the C.P. leadership. Thus, the reactionary policy of the C.P. aided the bureaucrats in Transport House to reject the affiliation proposal. Harold Laski, chairman of the Labour Party, is given the task of leading the anti-affiliation cam-paign. This same Laski, who today mouths the case for Trans-port House, yesterday supported the affiliation. In 1936 he argued strongly in favour of C.P. affiliation. In 1943 he voted along with Shinwell, Sam Watson and Barbara Ayrton Gould in favour of discussions with the C.P. The Labour Party leaders, no more than the leaders of the C.P., believe that the policy of the "Com-munist" Party has anything in to reject the affiliation proposal.

Today, with the growing class antagonisms at home, and the con-flicts between Stalin and Anglocommon with the programme and policy of Lenin and the Bolsheviks. They conjure up this outworn picture only in order to hide the flicts between Stalin and Anglo-American imperialism, there has been a shift to the Left in C.P policy. This enables Pollitt and Company to exploit the organic desire of the working-class for unity. The workers see no need at all for two separate organisations, both of which are essentially based upon reformist programmes.

Campbell Admits

The policy of the C.P. on affiliation has disgusted many workers, both inside and outside its own ranks. It's whole campaign has consisted of sheer unprincipled opportunism, and has nothing in common with the affilinothing in common with the affili-ation campaign of a truly revolu-tionary party. Throughout the General and Council elections the policy of the C.P. was determined by the desire to belly-crawl before Transport House. As much has been admitted by J. R. Campbell. Writing in the first issue of *Communist Review* (published after a lapse of 15 years) Campbell has this to say about the General this to say about the General election policy of the C.P. :

"This economic programme s not a specific Labour Party ne. A very similar pro-

APPEAL TO NUREMBERG JUDGE

Issued by Leading American Intellectuals and Public Figures

A large number of American intellectuals and public figures have signed a statement addressed to the Chief Justice at the Nuremberg Trial, Sir Geoffrey Lawrence, calling attention to the indictments in the Moscow Trials against Leon Trotsky and his son Sedov.

The Statement says :---Stalinist Allegations

Against Trotsky

"It is with this in mind that we place before you, as we con-sider to be our bounden duty in the interests of historic truth and justice, the names of two who are now dead but who stand accused of plotting for war stand accused of plotting for war with those alive and in the dock today. Were these two men alive, we feel that they would have made every effort to bring their case before your Tribunal in order to establish the truth. in order to establish the truth. These two men are Leon Trotsky and his son, Leon Sedov. They were tried and con-victed in their absence during the Moscow Trials of 1936, 1937 and 1938. The official indict-ment presented by the State Prosecutor of the Government of the Soviet Union in the trial of March, 1938, speaks specifically of 'the materials in the possess-March, 1966, speaks speaks of the materials in the posses sion of the investigating authori ties in the present case' which allegedly established 'the con-

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Prof. Albert Sheppard

Prof. Meyer Schapiro

Prof. Carlton F. Wells

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'1. Did the defendants ever meet 2. If so, when and where and and his son were convicted of 3. Did the defendants ever meet 'anti-Soviet espionage, diversive and terrorist activities for the military power of the U.S.S.R., accelerating an armed attack on the U.S.S.R., assisting foreign aggressors to seize territory of the U.S.S.R. and to dismember

In 1937, an internationally In 1937, an internationally representative Commission of In-quiry into the Chargess Made Against Leon Trotsky in the Moscow Trials conducted the most thorough investigation it could of the charges against Leon Trotsky, including the grave charge of conspiring with leaders of Nazi Germany to pre-cipitate a war against the Soviet Union and to dismember it. The Commission of Inquiry, on the Commission of Inquiry, or the basis of all the evidence before it, reached the formal conclusion that the defendant, Leon Trotsky was not guilty." New York, March 26, 1946.

In face of the growing public support for an investigation into the allegations made during the Moscow Trials against Trotsky as nections between the enemy of the people Trotsky and Hess, Niedermeyer and Professor Haushofer.' On the basis of these allegations, Leon Trotsky

with anyone purporting to represent Trotsky? If so, with whom, when and where, and what was the occasion? To the defendants' knowledge, did Trotsky or his son ever have any relations with the Nazi Gestapo or with the Nazi military intelligence service? Did Trotsky or his son ever receive any money from the 5.

Seven questions are suggested to be put directly to all the defend-ants, in particular to Hess. These

7 Questions to Chief Justice

what was the occasion?

with Trotsky or with his son?

Gestapo or from the German military intelligence service, either directly or through any intermediary? 6.

Did the other defendant at the Moscow Trial, G. Pyatakov, ever receive a pass-Pyatakov, ever receive a pass-port from the Gestapo or from any official German source in order to fly to Norway to meet Trotsky? 7. To the defendants' knowledge, were there ever any docu

ments bearing on any of these questions or on their relations with any of the other Old Bolsheviks for anti-Russian purposes? If so, what were they and what has become of them?"

Albert Margolies Anne Martin

John Macdonald

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Anna Strunsky Walling

George L. K. Morris

of 85. He entered the French socialist party in 1908. Elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 1910, and serving there until 1919, he re-

Foundation Member of C.P.

In December 1920, at the Tours Congress of the Socialist Party, he was one of the leaders of the majority which voted to join the Third International and then organised the Communist Party of France.

Illness prevented him for many years from participating actively in the movement after 1924. During the whole war of 1939-1945 however, he once again raised his voice against the chauvinism which this time inundated the C.P. for this vigorous stand the aged

A letter from Bulgaria dated February, brings news Georgieff supported by the Stalin-ists, has conducted particularly vicious persecutions against the dated February, brings news vicious persecutions against the of the revival of the Trotsky-ist movement in that country. Fascist organisations are permitted to function openly and legally.

The Bulgarian I.C.P. has a record of militant struggle against the letter says the Bulgarian Fascism and against the Nazi revolutionaries stand fully oppressor. While the Bulgarian Trotskyists were carrying on the fight against the Hitlerite invader, Stalinists received the the Wehrmacht with flowers in welcoming demonstrations at the time of the Stalin-Hitler Pact. Today, the Stalinists attempt to cover up their tracks with the usual calumnies against the revolution-aries as "Hitlerites", etc.

The Bulgarian Trotskyists appeal Several of the leading members of the I.C.P. have been arrested and imprisoned, and have been to comrades and friends every-where to protest to the Bulgarian Government against the persecu-tions, and to demand the legal-isation of the Internationalist The "Fatherland Front" govern- issticor. of the ment, led by the ex-Fascist Communist Party.



Raffin - Dugens, Trotskyist militant and participant a Kienthal Conference of revolutionary internationalists headed by Lenin in 1916, died in Grenoble today at the age

ist movement in that country,

Organised into the inter-

nationalist Communist Party.

on the programme of the

Fourth International. The

party, of course, is formed to

function illegally and has not

threatened with death sentences.

mained a consistent socialist inter-nationalist throughout the world war of 1914-18 despite the wave of chauvinism which swept throughout the world at that time. In 1916, he, participated in the Kienthal Conference with Lenin as the representative of the French socialists who remained true to in-ternationalism. Carrying out its decisions, he voted with two others constantly against the war credits and prepared the ground for the organisation of the new Intor-national in France.





"We have reason to hope, in face of the capitulation of the C.P., of which we were honoured to be among the founders, the P.C.I., French section of the Fourth International, takes up the tradition of internationalism and of class strugle of Lenin, and grows every day in influence among the masses. . . It is today the only revolutionary party, the only party fighting for the proletarian dictatorship by means of the rule of Soviets."



Humbert L. Gualtieri Albert W. Hamilton Philip Heller Isidor B. Hoffman Walter L. Kirchenbau Layle Lane George R. Leighton Aaron Levenstein Albert L. Livezey

one. A very similar pro-gramme was put forward at the election by the Communist Party and by some left-wing Liberals. It should be noted, however, that the Communist Party did not regard such a programme as the first steps in the transition to a Socialist order of Society, but as a broad, democratic programme which would rally the British people against the monopolists and their representatives the Tory Party and which would provide a basis for the renewal of British economy, and the carrying out of the major social reforms to which the progressive forces were committed. Such a programme was described by the Communist Party as State capitalism."

Pollitt Offers To Do Dirty Work

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"If Shinwell had not seen the importance of sitting with Arthur Horner, the coal crisis would have been more pro-found than it is. If Cripps had not sought the assistance job he faced as president of the Board of Trade, his job would have been proved even more difficult."

(Daily Worker, 13 April, 1946)

Not only is this a clear definition of the recent role of the "Com-munist" Party, but it is also a definition of its' future role and policy—a miserable policy of social-reformism; a policy of sup-port for the treacherous labour bureaucracy.



POLLITT

event of a clash between British imperialism and the Stalinist imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracy, an affiliated C.P. imperialism and the Statinist bureaucracy, an affiliated C.P. would be able to rally the support of big sections of the Labour Party, and of the Labour movement, against the social-imperialist policies of the official leadership. Thus the C.P. would be a powerful larger for Statistic formion molicit lever for Stalin's foreign policy. The loyalty of the C.P. leadership such a judgment.

to the Stalinist bureaucracy would be a continual danger to the jobs of the labour bureaucrats. The Labour leaders have re-jected the affiliation proposals because they fear the loss of their

Stripped of its trappings this is a damning admission! It was this policy which met with the increas-ing criticism and condemnation of the militant rank and file. The whole of the recent writings of Pollitt and the leading Stalinist writers could be quoted as choice examples of this degeneration and opportunism. Again the "Com-munist" Party offers to do the the programme for the over-dirty work for the Labour leaders. HARRY POLLITT in replying to Harry Pollits: " Party proposes to assist the tabour decadent British of the C.P. policy: " **If Shinwell had not seen**

The campaign of the C.P., and the opposing campaign of the L.P. has served to disguise and abuse the meaning and significance of affiliation and unity. Every worker is for unity of the working-class. The question is: Unity for what purpose and upon what programme? Fire and water cannot be united; similarly, a revolutionary programme cannot be united with a reformist programme. Under the leadership of Lenin

and Trotsky the Communist Inter-(Continued on page 4.)

We reproduce two letters from a number received from German P.o.W.s. They indicate the in-tensive political life taking place among them. The German workers groping for a Leninist Inter-nationalist Policy. They will find t only in the Fourth International. -Ed

Dear Comrade,

From the enclosed extract we see that Hoffman (a leader of the German C.P.-Tr) speaks of the collective guilt of the German people for the war. We are indignant at this and cannot explain why the C.P. makes

Hopes in Labour

Government Dashed We put great hope also in the Labour Government, but we were

opportunity of talking with English workers and also some soldiers through our interpreter. I have apparatus at all. I mean here not confirmed that you are right with your statement that the English records a good people, and that people is a good people, and that the masses are only incited against

us. Many fellow prisoners also confirm this. The masses every-where are unfortunately unen-lightened and mentally inert. But nothing must hold us back from the fight against world capitalism,

The day will come when no-one will dare any more to proclaim propaganda for race hatred.

As regards the fraternisation of which call themselves the pro-the Allied troops with the German population, we are informed that recognised Fascism, this took place in spite of the worse, supplied raw materials for severest regulations. I am firmly the German war industry.

German Prisoners of War

convinced that both the British and the American soldiers who re-turn home will be the best proagandists against the hostility to

rmany. We see from the enclosed extract hat every Dynamo football player has received 40,000 Reichsmarks (£1,000). We are having great liscussions about this in the Camp. I would bring a few more important points to your notice :

Why German

Labour Movement Failed

The collapse of the German Labour movement was a result, on the one hand, of an under-estimation of the Fascist danger, and the lack of illegal preparations within the C.P.G. on the other. Not lack of resistance on the part and threshing machines, in ware-houses and poor law boards; in fact everywhere one found all foreign countries represented and working to Hitler's contentment. In the occupied countries (occu-pied by Germany) it was the same; people worked hard without much sabotage being carried out? Today the German people are the guilty ones.

cellently informed, the enemy succeeded in 1933 in seizing many workers who were dangerous to him. For the remainder, un him. For co-ordinated, isolated struggle which became ever more difficult alone remained. "Democracies"

Helped Fascism

him.

deology of the so-called National has any honest interest of rebuild 'Socialist Worker" Party without ing a working Socialist Germany ener any resistance! In fact, it was within a sane and united Europe.

A German P.O.W.

In addition to this there came jonly a camouflaged party of the later the pact with Russia, although this was more a political German imperialist monopoly capitalism appearing a bit too late manoeuvre to gain time on both sides, whereas the former were money transactions.... Hitler would never have been on the world market. It slyly in-tended to beat the German workers and their socialist ideals with their

performed valuable work and were even rewarded. The Russian street, thus preventing him from workers (men and women) were awakening from his sleep. If he workers (men and women) were allowed to remove their badge nevertheless defied them, surely he (East) from their breast, and to wear it on their left arm for good oon found just a free place in one of the horror comps—that in-vention of which the imperialists work. An enormous number could be seen who particularly distinguished themselves with this. may boast of !

What Did German Workers At turning lathes, planing, boring

Gain From Nazis?

What expectations for a World War II of the Nazis should the oiling masses have had? Only nigher taxes, far harder enforced labour and less wages, the doubt-ful "honour" to put the heads into bullets for such empty slogans as "Liberty", for "Justice" and as "Liberty", for "Justice" and "Defence of the Fatherland", to make a family fatherless perhaps or to become a cripple for life-time, living a life of a beggar. Nevertheless, the instigators were enjoying their profits. The war is finished long ago. The victorious allied capitalist competitors are falling upon the smashed German capitalist thie like hyenas. The German prole-tarians lose their last possession not yet taken away by the war it self. For a loaf he gives away his beloved pocket-watch only to keep himself alive! From the East the Stalinist monster is rankling to the heart robbing our last still undamaged

factory; from the West the ex ploiting Anglo-American capitalists

"With Burning Hearts"

With believing and burning hearts we are looking at you, Comrades, and taking an oath: We know the international clique which is guilty of all clique which is guilty of an misery of the world, of every-thing! We are already now shaking your hands, as we'll never have again a national capitalist socialism. There will come the day—and we are con-vinced of that—when we shall tear off their Christian or their pretended socialist mask. United we are strong enough to break their napes! We don't-fear any danger, for, Comrades we can only win!

Long live the coming Socialist World Revolution!

Long live the Fourth Inter-national!

German P.O.W. in England.



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APRIL - MAY, 1946.



To the Editor, Socialist Appeal" Dear Comrade, With great pleasure we, soldiers behind the wire, betrayed workers, have been

able to come into connection with you. We workers misled into ruin by a "Socialism" decorated with national accepted many colours

wounds and chains.

The totality of our people is now are oppressing the standard of life charged with the accusation of of our families deeper and deeper having followed such a mendacious on purpose. Nobody of the victors

the second s

We were done for, when States and

the victory of the proletarian re-volution will be certain for us.

4th International Holds MAY DAY STALIN REVERTS The Budget World Congress (Continued from page 1.)

Look, Fellow Workers, look at the world Labour movement as it is today.True, millions have joined the reformist operation and work of the German Social Democratic Labour Parties and Stalinist Parties: true, funds are pouring into these organisations as never before. The leaders of these parties are in Governments; they even control, with overwhelming support of the productive resources of Germany masses, the Governments of several countries, as in the case of Britain. But what of their programme; what of their policy? What of the international socialist message? What has happened to the slogan "Workers of the World Unite" raised by Karl Marx nearly a hundred years ago? All these have been thrown overboard by the Social Democratic and Stalinist parties.

In place of internationalism, race hatred and chauvinism have been inscribed on the banners of the mass organis- gramme capable of serving the in ations. In place of the call for unity of the workers of ations. In place of the call for unity of the workers of all lands in class struggle against their own rulers, they have inscribed the demand for an encounting and "notional unending nightmare of atom war; have inscribed the demand for co-operation and "national fascism, unemployment, starvation unity" with the "democratic" capitalists against the and insecurity. The overthrow of capitalism offers a future of capitalists and the workers of the defeated nations. Their voices are raised in unison with those of capitalist reaction, leisure and plenty for the masses howling for their mouthful from the carcase of mortally wounded Germany.

Stalinism Bartered the Comintern

In response to the needs of the working class and in take control into their own hands. reply to the treachery of the Social Reformists, the Third and a Socialist Asia. The Soviet International rose out of the ashes of a ruined Europe. Union has achieved great successes Based upon the victory of the Russian Revolution and the but these are not enough to solve its problems. Only the extension ideas of World Communist Revolution, the International of of the October Revolution to the Lenin and Trotsky carried the message of communism into rest of Europe and the world car the most backward areas of the world—the colonial East. prevent a fresh attack on the Soviet Union. The fate of the

But the degeneration of the Russian Revolution and the Soviet workers rise of the Stalinist bureaucracy led to the distortion of the Communist International and to its disbandment by Stalin in 1943. From being an instrument of class struggle Party and the Fourth International for the overthrow of world capitalism, the Comintern base themselves on the principles of Marxist internationalism. The became an instrument of Stalin's foreign policy. National R.C.P. brings the message of sections of the Comintern were bartered with sections of international solidarity 'on May sections of the Comintern were bartered with sections of the international capitalist class in return for a war alliance or other agreement.

The despicable role of the Third International in the course of the Second World War is well known to readers of the "Socialist Appeal". But even after the end of the war we can still see the situation where the French Communist Party-a Government Party-participates in the brutal suppression of the Indo-Chinese Republicans; where the leader of that Party can call for increased reparations from defeated Germany and for increased exploitation of the miners of the Ruhr to dig coal for French capitalist economy.

4th International alone Stood the Test

Both these internationals were at the service of Allied imperialism during the Second World War. The International of "Squeezed lemons"- composed of the I.L.P. and its brother organisations was shattered by the war, the national sections splitting in a dozen different directions, the majority of its adherents in Europe going over to the imperialists and supporting the Allied war aims.

War is the test for the programmes and parties that claim to stand for socialism and internationalism. It separates the internationalists from the capitulators as nothing else. Only the small Parties of the Fourth International survived the test of the Second World War. . Only our Party-the Fourth International, World Party of Socialist true to

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Germany spells ruin for all Europe. A Socialist Germany in a Socialist United States of Europe and European people to build a

new society. Instead of crippling and destroying German industry in the For A World Revolution ministries.

Against Capitalism

For a militant internationalist ocialist programme at home and That is the only pro abroad. Only private ownership and the outworn national states stand in the way. Lenin and Trotsky blazed the

path in leading the Russian workers to a victorious revolution in 1917. Had Stalin pursued the internationalist policy of Lenin and Trotsky of appealing to the German and European workers to

and peasants the fate of bound up with world working class. The Revolutionary Communist

Day. Workers of the world unite, you to lose but your

have nothing to lose but your chains, you have a world to gain ! . For the international solidarity of the workers of all countries ! Down with capitalism-imperial-Long live the Fourth International !

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TO "MINISTER"

"That is Repulsive "_Lenin

ciated with the early days of the Revolution and Civil war,

and with the atmosphere of 'revolutionary folly' which the ruling group, now accus-tomed to the sweets of abso-

lute power, have come to forget, and perhaps even to

despise. In none of the countries of Eastern Europe

have recent revolutions re-sulted in proclamations of

Soviet power or in the re-petition of the revolutionary spectacle of 1917. Land

reforms and nationalisation of

industry have been carried out by bodies bearing respect-able names of Ministries and

time has come to endow the

original Soviet Government with the paraphernalia of

not by Commissariats

ministerial respectability."

despise.

sulted

"A lighter touch was intro-duced into the session by the decision of the Supreme Soviet to abolish the title of to obliterate the last traces of the Peoples' Commissar and to revolutionary origin of the Russian transform the commissariats regime. and Councils. of the People's Commissars into "bourgeois"

Lenin's attitude towards the title of "Minister" is given in Trotsky's book "Lenin" as follows: The title of People's Commissar was asso-

"That Is Repulsive"

"The power in Petersburg was won. Therefore it was a question of forming the Government.

What name shall we use? Lenin considered aloud. 'Not Minister—that is a repulsive, worn-out designation."

'We might say Commissars,' I suggested, 'but there are too many commissars now. Per-haps Chief Commissar... No, 'chief' sounds bad. Wha about Peoples' Commissars ' What

"People's Commissars? As for me, I like it. And the Government 2s a whole?" "Council of Peoples' Commissars?

'Council of Peoples' Commissars,' Lenin repeated, 'That is splendid. That smells of revolution'." Finance.

This comment of the Economist Stalin's adoption of the title Ministers" for the members of reveals the delight with which the capitalists regard the transforma-tion taking place in the Soviet Union. Even in the smaller things, misters for the memoers of government is a perfect sym of the gulf which separates ninism from the hideous iceature Stalinism. It is a Leninism from t caricature Stalinism. hideous step by step, Stalin is destroying the heritage of the Russian Revosymbol of the rejection of "what smells of revolution" for capitalist lution. This change is symptom- smalls of revo atic of the changed outlook of the respectability.

Activities of Egyptian Trotskyists

Paris, March 21 .- According to a feature article by E. . Sablier in to-day's "Monde", the Egyptian Government has announced that those involved in mass arrests at the beginning of the year for "communist propaganda "awere Trotskyists. Furthermore, the annoucement declares the government had discovered a secret printshop of the latter in which the two illegal revolutionary communist newspapers "Truth" and Revolutionary **Opinion** were published.

The author of the article reveals that, in line with the great strides towards industrialization made by Egypt during the war, a tun fleged native workers movement is in the process of rapid develop-ment. Early in January the first **Nuremberg** Under the heading: "Leon Trotsky—NOT GUILTY! Nurem. Trial exposes Moscow frame-ups!" the London District held one of its most successful Public Meetings on April 10th Commode Com Workers' Victory

"In a new country like Egypt In a new country like Egypt progressive ideas are still the prerogative of small groups of intellectuals. Those among them who devote themselves without prejudice[®] to the study of Marx-ism find the opportunism of the official communicts today hardly the profits and dividend distribu-tion of capitalist enterprises, show that what the capitalists are de-manding is not "incentive" but "super incentive". official communists today hardly intelligible. Thus they are On April 10th, the *Financial Times* published a list of 19 firms paying E.P.T. Of these, only one onical communists today hardly intelligible. Thus they are drawn for the most part towards the undiluted Leninism which is incarnated by the Trotskyists. Moreover, while the solicitude evidenced by Soviet Russia for the Areb process is within in has paid less than 6% dividend in the previous year, while some were paying as high as 30% to 50%. On an average, these 19 firms were paying more than 20% in the way evidenced by Soviet Russia for the Arab peoples is visibly in-spired by its own strategic or diplomatic interests. Trotskyist propaganda is based on the in-terests of defending the prole-tariat. Furthermore, Trotsky and his revolutionary doctrine are feared as much if not more, by the official communists as by the reactionary circles. Thus, by applying the label Trotskyist of dividends Warning To The Workers If the capitalists can extract such great favours out of the Labour Government in a period when they have an almost limitless the reactionary circles. Thus, by applying the label Trotskyist to the people arrested the Egyptian government is seeking.

no doubt, to avoid Soviet remon-strances of the type which Ankara recently experienced during the auti-communist de-monstrations." Revolutionary

at Smithfield

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Office claims that it was "all

Workers Indignant

mistake " !!

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concessions made to the working this temporary boom begins to exhaust itself, and the inevitable slump sets in? Both the Labour and the Tory spokesmen spoke bluntly of an economic decline as something which must be taken for granted—although the press did not nush this aspect to the form

In the course of ,his 'speech Dr. Dalton boasted that after these concessions, a single worker earning less than 48/- per week would no longer be liable for income tax, nor would a married couple earn ing less than 79/- a week. Is this something to boast about? With prices as they are how can any worker live even moderately well on such wages even without income tax, especially when he is paying indirectly all the time whenever he buys a packet of cigarettes or a glass of beer?

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Yearly For Boses

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E.P.T.

No-one in the challenged this,

All the small reforms initiated by the Labour Government in this period of "prosperity" will be period of "prosperity" will be swallowed up in the crisis by re-The deficit on the budget this year will be £694 millions. If the adverse balance of trade, which is expected **Injustice Of Indirect Taxes** The main burden of indirect

not push this aspect to the fore.

Government

to amount to £750 millions is added to the internal deficit. Britain's position can be seen in all its, dismal perspective. British capitalixes falls primarily on the work-ig class. In his book "Public ing class. In his book "Public Finance" written years ago, when ism is heading towards catastrophe and bankruptcy. By acting on the theory that it is necessary to pro-vide "incentive" to the capitalist the prospect of office seemed far away, Dalton had stressed heavily the social injustice of indirect taxes. And yet today, when he has the power to remedy this in-justice, the burden of indirect taxaclass in the interest of production, Dalton is following in the footsteps of his predecessor, Phillip Snowden, who also knew no other tion remains as heavy as ever. Glenvil Hall, replying to the debate, admitted synfcally that it was against the "canons of our Labour forefathers" to do this. method of keeping the wheels of industry turning, except by re-ducing the social services and thus increasing the profits of the conviction dataset. capitalist class

What A Socialist Budget Would Do.

The modest concessions to the vorkers are matched by lavish con budget is a capitalist This to Big Business and Having reduced the to 60% in his interim budget. It will solve none of the major problems facing the working It can only class. It can only help the capitalists and prepare a disaster budget in October, the Chancellor has now gone a step forward and abolished the Excess Profits Tax for the Labour movement. way to increase production is not altogether. This amounts to a gift of £150 millions, in one year, which to give the capitalists "incentive" by increasing their profits, that is the classic policy of a capitalist government—bit by expropriating them and by expropriating is more than the estimated in-creases of the Social Services which is only £145 millions. At a period when the earnings of them, and by planning production under the control of the working the workers are being systematic-ally reduced by the employers, class. That is the policy which would enormously increase the standard of living of the common people and at the same time when the demand for higher wages figures on the agenda of almost every union in the country, this guarantee increased production. It gift of £150 millions to the capital- would abolish the prospect of

gift of £150 millions to the capital-ists is a slap in the face for the working class. There is nothing to justify it. It has been said that industry needs "incentive", and that E.P.T. was a drag on in-centive. But an examination of the profits and dividend distribuwould run along entirely different lines. It would not hesitate to abolish all indirect taxes on goods consumed by the workers. It would raise the rates on all luxury goods. Incomes below £300 would be exempt from income fax liabilities, with extra allowances for married couples and children. All incomes

couples and children. All incomes above £1,000 per annum would be deducted at the rate of 100%. All war profits would be confiscated, and steep tax on profits introduced to finance an extended scheme of social services, and a planned in-vestment policy for reconstruction. It is along these lines that they below movement has to avent itself

Labour movement has to exert itself and bring the utmost pressure or the Labour Government to intro-duce a financial policy in the when they have an almost limitless market at their disposal, when there is a shortage of goods every- the capitalists

> building plan directed by the building trades unions and tenants committees

5. A rising scale of wages to meet the increased cost of living with a guaranteed minimum and full maintenance for the unemployed; 'turnover of Government 1. Nationalisation, of the and other war plants to the pro-Bank of England, the Big Five duction of consumers' goods; a Banks and land, the mines, sliding scale of hours to absorb transport and all big industry the unemployed without wage reductions

6. Abolition of the Monarchy

18 years; and full political rights

for men and women in the

forces; the immediate repeal of

the Trade Disputes Act and all

7. Clear out the reactionary

8. Abolish conscription; for the dissolution of the standing

training of worker officers.

national communism.

Persecuted by the Nazi gangsters and by the Allied imperialists allike, their leaderships massacred by the Nazis—not once but many times—our comrades in Europe reorganised themselves anew to carry on the struggle for communism.

The capitalists failed to solve a single important problem by the Second World War. On the contrary, they have piled up even greater contradictions. Openly, blatautly, the publicists of the ruling class are already talking about the preparations for the Third World War. If capitalism remains, this is the perspective that it holds out for the workers.

In these conditions the struggle for world communism and for the unity of the workers of all countries into an International Party of socialism must become part of the moral fibre of every worker who believes in the emancipation of the working class through the Socialist Revolution. That is the message of our International Conference. All who fight for Socialism will rally to the banner of the Fourth International.

C.P. AFFILIATION

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national laid down some very clear conditions in relation to the ques-tion of affiliation of the British Communist Party to the Labour Party. For Lenin there could be no question of political com-

The programme of the so-called promise; to compromise the pro-gramme of Communism would be Communist Party is essentially the to betray the workers. The task of a revolutionary communist same as that of the Labour Party to betray the workers. The task same as that of the Labour Farty, of a revolutionary communist Party would be to maintain irre-concilable opposition to the policies should be maintained. The affilia-of the reactionary Labour Party tion of the C.P. to the L.P. would of the reactionary Labour Party leadership; to win the mass of the workers away from these traitors to the banner of Marxism, i.e., for the struggle to overthrow capital-ism. In order to carry out such tasks it would be necessary for a revolutionary communist party to bridge the gap between itself and the mass of the workers in the official organisations. It was these considerations which dictated the tactics of, affiliation and united front. The policy and motives of Fourth International--Leninism. front. The policy and motives of Fourth International-Leninism.

common with the methods and policies of Lenin and Trotsky.

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April 10th. Comrades Grant and Haston spoke in the Conway Hall to a packed and interested audi-Among those arrested in recent raids are Yousel el Mandarek and his fellow delegates to the world ence, and both of the speakers dealt most effectively with the well as the well-known socialist history and meaning of the in-famous Moscow Trials and their held incommunicado and without significance at the present time in relation to Nuremberg. formal charges being lodged against them.

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