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Stopped  
a War**  
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## THIS YOUNG COUPLE MUST NOT DIE!

**T**HE most disgraceful judicial murder of our time will be carried out on June 18—unless the voice of the Labour Movements of the world are raised today in overwhelming protest.

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg are the young parents of two fine boys. They have been accused of handing atom secrets to Russia and repeatedly condemned to death in the electric chair. The witch hunt atmosphere of their trials has prevented even a shadow of justice being done.

The principal witness against them had himself been convicted, but not sentenced, in a similar trial and was given to understand that any help he gave the prosecution would be appreciated.

In their turn, the Rosenbergs have been promised clemency if they will incriminate others—if they will "confess". Imagine the agony of mind of this young couple. If they insist on their innocence—they will burn in the electric chair and their two boys will become orphans. If they "confess"—they will incriminate their friends, relatives and even strangers and live forever a haunted shameful life.

Just as we condemned this kind of frame-up trial in Russia and Eastern Europe, so we condemn it in America.

The object of this trial is to compromise and terrorise left wing circles in the United States. To intimidate all who oppose the war plans and the witch hunting of Wall Street by threatening them with death for "espionage".

It is a political trial to discredit

and frighten all liberals and working class militants. If the Rosenbergs die, it will be a terrible blow against the anti-war and socialist movement in America. If on the other hand, mass protests can force their release it will be a blow to warmongers and witch hunters everywhere.

A protest sent NOW is not only a protest against a monstrous injustice—it is also a blow struck in defence of civil rights in the so-called "free world", a blow struck against the diabolical war plans of the imperialists.

Send your protests at once to  
**The American Ambassador, Grosvenor Square, London, W.1.**

# Don't Trust Winston To Get Real Peace

## It's Monkey Business In Bermuda

**S**IR Winston Churchill declared three weeks ago that he was so devoted to world peace that he was ready to meet Mr. Malenkov to discuss it. Mr. Malenkov agreed. The next step was obviously to fix a date and place for the meeting. But what happened? Instead of going east to discuss peace—Sir Winston has agreed to go west—to Bermuda—to discuss war!

For make no mistake, it is war that Eisenhower and Churchill will discuss in Bermuda. The "Economist"—outspoken capitalist journal that it is—makes no bones

about it. "Bermuda", it says in its issue of May 30, "is to be primarily an occasion for closing the gap between America and its allies in order to fight the cold war more effectively."

There was never any reason to think they would do otherwise. Eisenhower laid down America's "peace" terms last April and the next day Sir Winston gave them his unqualified support. They are "massive and magnificent" he said, and "truly represent" the aims of the western democracies. Do you remember what these "magnificent" aims were?

First—the immediate cessation of the struggle for freedom by the colonial peoples of Korea, Indo-China, Malaya and Egypt. Second

—no recognition of the Chinese Government of Mao Tse Tung. Third—the restoration of capitalism in the whole of Eastern Europe.

This isn't a programme for peace—it's a statement of the war aims of the capitalist world presented in the form of an ultimatum. And it is with this programme of the King Canute of the counter-revolution that Churchill

## Editorial

expressed his complete agreement.

It is well to remember this basic agreement among the capitalist powers for, right now, far too many people in the Labour Movement are trying to convince themselves and the workers that Churchill has developed "genuine differences" with Eisenhower which in some way or other it is in Labour's interests to support. This is the theme of articles not only in the "Herald" but also in the "Daily Worker". And it's very dangerous stuff. There is nothing that Churchill wants more than to be considered a "fighter for peace and national independence".

Of course there are differences among the Western Powers. They are the kind of differences which always develop among dogs when out hunting. To take advantage of these differences, however, requires that Labour should loudly proclaim IT'S OWN FOREIGN POLICY. Like this.

The common people want peace in Korea. Churchill says he wants it, too. But Churchill is a liar. If he really wanted peace he wouldn't rush off to Bermuda to patch up the differences in the war camp—he would order all British troops to cease fighting in Korea at once and come home to Britain.

The conferences have gone on long enough. It is time for action. The Chinese and the Koreans are ready to withdraw all foreign troops and let the Koreans settle their own affairs. That is absolutely correct and Labour must support it. That is the only just way to end the fighting.

Syngman Rhee wouldn't like it because he knows that once Allied troops are out of Korea—the peoples of that devastated country will deal with him like the enraged Italian people dealt with Mussolini. But why should British Labour worry about the possible fate of a gangster like Syngman Rhee.

As with Korea, so also with Malaya. That bloody war could be ended tomorrow if British troops were withdrawn and the Malayan people left to decide their own way of life.

But Churchill won't and can't take this simple course because he is committed up to the eyebrows to defend the capitalist world against the movements for national

## Coronation Report

**W**E had a special reporter on the coronation route to give our readers the low-down at first hand. This is what he sent in:

**The bunting has flown,  
Let republicans rave  
And Oliver Cromwell  
Turn round in his grave.  
C. Day is over,  
Our Liz has been crowned,  
And thousands of mugwumps  
Were flippin' near drowned.**

and social liberation. That's why he is a liar when he says he is for "peace". And that's why we say that what will go on in the SECRET TALKS at Bermuda will be . . . monkey business!

The inescapable conclusion is that we urgently need a new Labour Government with an independent foreign policy. A Government which will declare its solidarity with the colonial peoples and with the peoples who are trying to construct Socialism in Europe and Asia.

Such a Government would not fly to Bermuda to meet Eisenhower, it would instead arrange a conference of the governments of all the non-capitalist world, including Russia and China. A Conference IN THE OPEN. A Conference in which plans could be drawn up for the mutual aid of all the countries concerned. A conference which would work out a practical alternative to this nightmare of armaments and war which is all that the present Tory Government can offer.

Such a new Labour Government is entirely possible if the movement started at Morecambe is continued at the next Annual Conference. But what is required above all is a clear recognition that Churchill cannot make peace and cannot in any way help the British workers. Full independence from Toryism is the first step towards Socialism.

## C Day Reflections

"PATRIOTISM", said Dr. Johnson, "is the last resort of knaves." One wonders what the worthy doctor would have said had he been alive in the London of June 2, 1953?

All those marching bands and soldiers, sailors and airmen—lending glamour to the military preparations for World War III. The deadly imperialist purposes for which those gleaming bayonets would be used, concealed behind the pomp and ceremony.

What a display it was! Here, indeed, were the "new Elizabethans", the knights and champions of the "free" world.

There was Dr. Malan, enslaver of 12 million Africans! From Malaya, decked in all their finery, came the Nabobs, the Sultans and their Sultanas—no representatives here of the people of Malaya; they are far too busy fighting imperialism in their native jungles and swamps.

Sir Godfrey Huggins was there from Rhodesia—spokesman of the 200,000 white settlers who now want to extend the benefits of "baaskap" to the 6,000,000 Africans of Central Africa. The Africans at home boycotted the coronation celebrations. The Kikuyus of Kenya were also far too occupied with more pressing business to make the trip to London.

Still, the red, white and blue was there alright, showing the world the patriotic heart of the British people. Heart, did I say? Why one pawnbroker in South-East London even painted the traditional emblems of his trade in the national colours. Surely greater love of Queen and country had no man!

C.V.G.



'My people, resist—we're threatened with an outbreak of peace'

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# Brave Words From Mr. Deakin

But its deeds that count!

**A**CCORDING to the "Herald" of Saturday last, Mr. Arthur Deakin told an audience of dockers at Newport that he had been offered jobs under denationalisation but had refused them. The job of a trade union leader, he is reported to have said, is to protect his union members.

Now anyone reading this report couldn't really be blamed for thinking that Deakin was chiding Sir Lincoln Evans for accepting the Tory invitation to join the Steel Board. Many trade unionists did, in fact, interpret the "Herald" report in this way. One London docker rang us up. "What's up with Arthur?" he said, "has he fallen out with Evans?"

It looks as though a lot more people asked that question, because the next day Arthur made another speech in Newport at a tinplate workers' conference. He then made things a bit clearer. He attacked Mr. Robert Willis, the general secretary of the London Society of Compositors, who had publicly criticised Sir Lincoln for accepting his £5,000 a year Tory appointment. Willis had, said Mr. Deakin, "brayed like an ass" in a

shocking and disgraceful attack on Sir Lincoln.

He then went on to pour scorn on Michael Foot who had also vigorously criticised Sir Lincoln Evans. Foot, said Mr. Deakin, "is the country's greatest political adventurer", and then went on to say that "those who seek to build up a personal reputation at the price of other people's good names will not go far in the Movement".

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But it wasn't only Michael Foot and Bob Willis who criticised Evans, Naesmith, and Owen for accepting Tory appointments. They merely expressed what the whole Movement feels about these gentlemen. The Conference of the Amalgamated Union of Foundry Workers actually carried a resolution declaring that Sir Lincoln's action was incompatible with the policies of the Trade Union movement and Labour Party.

Therefore, according to Mr. Deakin, every Socialist in the country is a political adventurer who brays like an ass! The truth is, of course, that the Movement values principles and Deakin doesn't. When this man attacks his colleagues in such insulting terms he is condemned out of his own mouth for he certainly won't "get far in the Movement".

Although it's possible that he might go a long way in other movements.

The Tories want to denationalise industry, destroy the health service, undo everything progressive that the Labour Government did. They want to raise prices, lower wages, and increase working hours. They want to wage a war to regain colonies, to regain markets, to

By  
**Fred Emmett**

reclaim the exploitation of the British boss on the Egyptians, the Persians, the Indians, Malaysians, Chinese and other colonial peoples.

These things they must do in the teeth of working class resistance—and they know it. They know that a united and resolutely led Labour Movement would completely disrupt their plans. Therefore, to prevent our resistance and to weaken our unity they must disrupt our movement.

The deeds of Evans and his like are calculated to do just that.

A Trade Union leader, says

Arthur Deakin, must be concerned first and foremost with the interests of his members. We agree. But the interests of all trade unionists today demand, first and foremost, an uncompromising fight against the Tories and all they stand for.

Mr. Deakin boasts to his docker members that if there is any interference with the Dock Labour scheme, he will personally lead the "biggest strike in history". Mighty fine words Arthur! We will remember them. But your road haulage members are already being interfered with. Their industry is being denationalised.

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Those members were ready to fight. You could have led them in the "biggest strike in history" a few months back. You could have stopped transport denationalisation and brought the Tory government to its knees. But you refused to lead them. Worse still, you did everything in your power to prevent them fighting.

Its deeds that count Mr. Deakin. You acted then—and helped the Tories. Evans and Co. have acted today—and helped the Tories. Your defence of their actions helps the Tories too. And that, in our humble opinion, is the greatest disservice that a trade union leader can do to the interests of his members.

# From Prison to Prime Minister

A NEW book by George Padmore is always an event of some importance for the Labour Movement. Not only does it provide well-substantiated facts and figures in a convenient form but also serves as a weapon in the fight for the liberation of the colonial peoples from the rule of imperialism.

This present volume\* is no exception.

With their Asian empires all but lost, Britain and France, oldest and strongest of the colonial powers, are looking to Africa to refurbish their bedraggled imperial glories.

Of all the African colonial territories, the Gold Coast has advanced furthest along the path of self-government. Today there

George Padmore's "Gold Coast Revolution" reviewed by  
**Kies Viljoen**

are only nine *ex officio* members in the Legislative Assembly of 85, the rest are elected by universal suffrage. The executive has the standing of a Cabinet and is headed by a Prime Minister

But British imperialism has not completely abdicated its powers in the Gold Coast. The Governor has very real powers of veto and certification and the all-important folios of Defence and External Affairs, Finance and Justice are in the safe hands of reliable British Civil Servants.

Nevertheless, the Gold Coast enjoys a constitutional status far in advance of any other colonial territory in Africa.

In Uganda, for example, the Legislative Council consists of six *ex officio* members (all Europeans), 10 members nominated by the Governor and 16 unofficial members of whom eight are nominated by the governor to represent the European and Asian communities (comprising 0.8 per cent. of the population). The Africans (99.2 per cent.) are represented by eight unofficial members. The Executive Council is entirely official (and all-European).

In Nyasaland's Legislative Council, there are two Africans, one Asian and 16 Europeans, despite the fact that the Africans form 99.6 per cent. of the population and the Europeans only 0.2 per cent.

\*The Gold Coast Revolution by George Padmore. Dobson, 12s. 6d.

## Queer Cases For a Labour Q.C.

SIR Hartley Shawcross, Q.C.—Labour M.P. for St. Helens—has been retained by the Kenya Government to oppose the appeal of Jomo Kenyatta sentenced to seven years imprisonment for his activities on behalf of the freedom of his people.

Other highlights in Sir Hartley's legal career.

Represented the mine-owners against the victims of the terrible Gresford Colliery Disaster in 1934.

Presented the case for the Rhodesian Copper magnates before a Court of Inquiry and succeeded in reducing by half the claim for an increase in African miners' monthly wage of £3.

Defended Sir Bernard Docker—a millionaire charged with infringing the currency regulations.

Prosecuted the seven dock workers in 1951 under the hated Regulation 1305 for "conspiring to organise a strike".

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Northern Rhodesia's 40,000 white settlers elect 10 members to the Legislative Council; four members are nominated to represent the two million Africans—two of whom are Africans. The Executive Council is all white.

In Kenya, the Legislative Council is composed of 26 official members, and 28 non-officials. Of these, only six represent the Africans, who comprise 97 per cent. of the population.

Why is it then that the Gold Coast is in such a favourable position? It has nothing to do with the benevolence of the late Labour Government. If it was simply an act of altruism on the

part of Mr. Attlee and his colleagues, then why did they not grant a similar measure of self-government to the other African colonies—or to Malaya for that matter?

The plain fact is that the people of the Gold Coast fought for their present status. Especially since the end of the second world war, the national movement, under the leadership of Kwame Nkrumah and the Convention People's Party has forged ahead and become a force to be reckoned with.

In the course of this struggle, many Africans were killed by British bullets; hundreds were

thrown into gaol or exiled. But they fought on and won through and on February 12, 1951, Nkrumah stepped out of his prison cell to become his country's first Prime Minister.

For the people of the Gold Coast the fight is not yet over. The C.P.P. is pledged to struggle for "Self-Government Now", and there is no doubting that they have the great mass of the people behind them.

"Gold Coastism", has become a tremendous weapon for African people all over the continent. Once and for all it has been demonstrated that men and women with black skins are just as capable of ruling themselves as those with white skins. The myth of inherent European superiority has been finally exploded.

Today the people of Kenya are engaged in mortal combat with the armed forces of British imperialism: in the Rhodesias and Nyasaland the movement to resist Federation is gaining momentum. Nigerian nationalists have set 1956 as the date for complete independence. The Tory Government is replying to this growing national movement with terror, imprisonments and deportations, just as in 1950 a reign of terror was imposed on the Gold Coast. Less than 12 months later, Nkrumah was head of the government.

The reign of terror in Kenya and Central Africa will avail imperialism just as little. With the lesson of the Gold Coast before them, they will fight on to final victory.

## Can Black Men Rule?

WHAT have the people of the Gold Coast achieved since they took over the government of their country in 1951? In reply to questions from James Johnson, Labour M.P. for Rugby, the Colonial Secretary gave the following information:

1. The intake of primary school children in 1952, at 12,000, was more than double the 1951 intake.

2. Few, if any, children of primary age failed to find places in January, 1953.

3. Two hundred and forty-five new classrooms have already been completed in the towns, and many villages have put up their own buildings.

4. Local communities have

built and opened 24 new assisted middle schools and seven new assisted secondary schools.

5. Ten secondary schools formerly non-assisted now receive government aid.

6. Eight new teacher training colleges have been opened and the intake of four existing colleges doubled.

7. The number of teachers in training, 3,150 is almost double the number in 1951.

The answer to the question in the title is, therefore, Yes—and a damned sight better than whites.

## Labour's History

## (3) The 'Jolly George' 1920

# How Labour Stopped a War

By Tom Braddock

THE period that immediately followed the first world war is one that is of particular interest and importance to our movement today. During that time, organised labour first became the government of the day but also, of even greater importance, it took over the leadership of the people of the country, and in doing so rallied a mass movement that the government was powerless to control.

### WHAT HAPPENED

The German Armies had capitulated. Britain and France were once more all powerful in Europe, but another and even greater power had emerged from the turmoil of war. The Bolsheviks under Lenin and Trotsky had seized power in Russia and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics had been set up. Capitalism had been finished in the whole of the vast area of the U.S.S.R. just as it has been in China today following the second world war.

Then, as now, the new Workers' Republic was subjected to immediate attack by capitalist states led on that occasion by Britain and France, just as today after the second world war we are associated with the United States of America in a similar attack on the new government of China.

In those days, however, our Labour Movement had a much firmer grip on the realities of international affairs than we appear to have today.

### WORKERS' OPPOSITION

The attack on Russia was bitterly resented by the working class of this country and resolute action was taken to stop it.

At the 1919 conference of the Labour Party a resolution was moved by Robert Smillie and Herbert Morrison demanding that Allied intervention in Russia should, in Morrison's words, "be resisted with the full political and industrial power of the whole Trade Union Movement."

Following this, a "Hands off Russia" committee was established and in May, 1920 a deputation of



HERBERT MORRISON  
He moved the resolution on Industrial Action.

eleven members of the T.U.C., L.P. and I.L.P. went to Russia.

### BLOCKADE CONDEMNED

It sent back an interim report declaring it had "been profoundly impressed by the effect of the policy of intervention and blockade upon the Russian people". It said: "This policy has been pursued by various foreign Governments since 1918 and under various forms direct and indirect it is still being pursued today. It is at the root of the worst evils which are afflicting Russia at the present time... The problems of food exceeds all others in immediate importance. We were appalled by the conditions of virtual famine under which the urban population—the manual and the intellectual workers alike—are living. A particularly serious effect of the blockade policy has been the cutting off of soap and medical supplies. Epidemics of typhus fever and recurrent fever has swept the whole country."

### THE DOCKERS' ACTION

This report arrived at the time of the Polish attack on the U.S.S.R. with allied munitions. Two days after the fall of Kiev to the Poles, men on London Docks discovered that the "Jolly George" was to take munitions to Poland. They sent a deputation to Ernest Bevin and asked for back-

ing if they refused to load. "To the hilt!" he replied.

The "Jolly George" and all other munitions ships were then stopped by the London dockers.

Great demonstrations were held all over the country, but the British Government were still giving Polish armies aid on a massive scale. A joint conference of T.U.C., Parliamentary Committee, N.E.C. of Labour Party, and Parliamentary Labour Party was called. It met on August 9.

But in Russia the tide had turned. Trotsky had split the Polish army and was at the gates of Warsaw. The British Navy was immediately sent to the Baltic and an ultimatum was sent to Russia demanding cessation of hostilities.

On August 8, Lloyd George met the French President with British and French military leaders. Marshal Foch was instructed to draw up plans for large scale military intervention. Total war was on the point of starting against the U.S.S.R.

The Joint Conference mentioned above declared that such a war was "an intolerable crime against humanity". It warned the Government that the industrial power of the organised workers would be used to defeat any attack on Russia.

A Council of Action was set up. Ernest Bevin was the organiser. They waited on Lloyd George and Bonar Law, and Bevin delivered what was virtually an ultimatum.

### BEVIN'S SPEECH

"Behind the resolution of the Council of Action there lies the power of six million trade unionists who by their resolutions have passed their opinion on this matter. That opinion and that decision are based on democracy's inherent sense of fair play.

"We believe that hidden forces are at work in Europe. They have been responsible for the prolongation of this terrible conflict with Russia; of which the Polish war is but a climax, or at least we hope it is the climax, of the series of wars promoted by influences outside Russia in the form of the wars of Kolchak, Denikin, Yudenich and Wrangel. We believe that the hidden forces—these reactionary forces—have been endeavouring to manoeuvre the diplomatic situation so as to make Russia appear in the wrong, so as to find the excuse to declare war

# Socialist Union's Mystery Men

## Apologists for Imperialism

ANOTHER mystery pamphlet from the "Socialist Union". Ninepenny-worth of printing for 3s. Same author but no names given. Who is Socialist Union? Most respectable! Must be! Philip Noel-Baker writes the foreword and a social gathering of the best people set it going. Why are these productions so popular with people like Attlee, Morrison, Morgan Phillips, Jim Griffiths and Noel-Baker?

The reason is not far to seek: they are against the U.S.S.R. and China. They suck up to capitalist America, and they approve the foreign policy of the late Labour Government and that of the present Tory ditto. Same thing.

When Churchill says words in the House of Commons that look like peace talk Mr. Attlee says "Hear, hear". Labour electors in Sunderland say "Nuts" and in goes the Tory candidate.

Mr. Attlee and the Parliamentary Labour Party then discover that Sir Winston was only electioneering and that if you talk like a Socialist, Senator McCarthy says you are a Communist and you must therefore pipe down. So they pipe there.

Mr. Noel-Baker, in his foreword on foreign affairs, says "there has been a paucity of constructive thinking in recent years". Well,

whose fault is this? If the leadership of the Labour Party talk Tory on foreign affairs and refuse to endorse as parliamentary candidates people like myself who saw through the Churchill-America set up from the very start, is it surprising there is little known about Foreign Policy? If our leaders take their instructions from the U.S.A. is it strange that the rank and file are bewildered?

The argument put forward by the pamphlet is simple. In the past Socialist thought in this country was international in character, united working-class action would stop war. But was started, Socialists were mixed up in them and the bearings were lost. Now, according to Socialist Union, "the totalitarian state rather than the capitalist class has become the... mainspring of war" and "Once a country falls under Russian domination its fate is worse than that usually suffered under imperialist regimes".

This sort of argument of course fully justifies, and is intended to justify, the close association of Socialist Britain with Capitalist America. Quite naturally Attlee and Morrison are ever so pleased to find a word spinner like the author of Socialist Union pamphlets putting up a defence for them. They certainly can't do it for themselves, all they can do is to follow Sir Winston.

This pamphlet will fortunately be read by very few people, it is so wordy in its composition that it is difficult to understand. When it is understood you discover it is merely a plea to fight Communism. As we are tied up with the U.S.A. on that objective, with the full approval of Socialist Union, it looks as if this objective will soon be realised. According to Socialist Union this is a desirable objective.

It may suit Noel-Baker but it will certainly not suit the British people. Therefore, "NUTS" to Socialist Union.

T.B.

from the ranks...

### WEST LEWISHAM AND LINCOLN EVANS

THE West Lewisham Labour Party condemns the action of Sir Lincoln Evans and Messrs. Naesmith and Owen in accepting office on the Tory Denationalisation Steel Board; and considers that Sir Lincoln Evans' action is the more reprehensible as he refused to serve on the Labour Government's Steel Board.

### RICHMOND & FEDERATION

KINGS Ward of the Richmond and Barnes Divisional Labour Party has passed a resolution calling on the National Executive of the Party to disassociate itself from Mr. Attlee's

### THIS COLUMN IS YOURS

Any reports of general interest from your Labour Party, Trades Council or Trade Union Branch will be printed here if you send them in. Especially official resolutions.

statement in the Commons that now that the Federation of Central Africa has become the "law of the land", "we must all do our best to make it work". It calls upon the Party to re-affirm the Morecambe decision that there be no Federation without the full and free consent of the people of the territories concerned.

### A.E.U. AND CONSCRIPTION

THE Annual Conference of the Amalgamated Engineering Union has decided unanimously to mobilise "the whole forces of the Union" behind a nationwide publicity campaign. The object of the campaign being to reduce compulsory national service to 12 months from the age of 21, and to abolish compulsory territorial service.

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### NEXT WEEK

THE GLASGOW RENT STRIKE, 1915



# Shorten the Working Week

**T**HE A.E.U. National Committee has once again raised the demand for a 40-hour week. It is time this oft repeated demand was taken seriously. It has been the policy of the trade union movement for over a century. As long ago as 1834 there were strikes for an eight-hour day.

Although the end of World War II saw new agreements negotiated which reduced the "bare time" week to 44 hours in five days, in practice this has meant very little.

For one thing, it increased the length of the working day. For another, overtime has been so widespread that 50 and even 60 hours per week is far from uncommon. And the engineering industry is by no means the worst!

So general is overtime, that the "overtime ban" is now an accepted method of backing up negotiation demands. No longer do we down tools.

## OVERTIME HIDES REAL PAY

Overtime certainly puts up the "take home" pay. But having become widespread and regular, earnings for an ordinary week of 44 hours are forgotten. The job is looked at from the point of view of the earnings in a 50, 55 or 60 hour week. The employers are not slow to use this in negotia-

## The Problem of Hours and Wages

By **NORMAN DINNING (A.E.U.)**

tions on wage demands—with excellent results for themselves.

So long as we allow this sort of thing to continue, a demand for a 40-hour week is only a back door way of increasing pay. You work the same long hours, but another four of them are at overtime rate. And even that overtime rate is nothing to shout about.

The engineers' overtime rate sounds not too bad—time and a third for two hours a day, time and a half thereafter. But nobody on piece work gets that much. And the vast majority of engineering workers are on piece work. Here's how it works.

Your rate is, in round figures, 2s. 9d. per hour. For your piece work you earn an extra 1s. an hour (this varies but 1s. is a fair figure), making a total of 3s. 9d. per hour. But overtime is paid only on the 2s. 9d. So for an hour's overtime you get 2s. 9d. plus one third, plus 1s. piece work, making a total of 4s. 8½d. or time and a quarter! Similarly time and a half is, in reality, only about time and a third.

What is more, the faster the workman, the harder he works. The more he turns out for the boss by increased piece work, the smaller is his relative increase in pay for overtime working. No wonder the employers have long since ceased to regard overtime as an unusual occurrence to get out an unusual job. They regard it as the normal method of working—even when there is unemployment in the industry.

### WORKERS WORN OUT

It's alright for the employers. But what about the workers? These continuous long hours can only serve, quite literally, to kill

him off prematurely. This was brought home during the early nineteenth century, when the "industrial revolution" used up four generations of workers in the time of one!

The immediate aim—not the ultimate end—of our trade union agreements must be to protect our lives and well being. Many engineers have been working excessive hours at steadily increasing intensity of effort for the past 15 years. They are beginning to feel the strain. But they cannot let up.

Some families can get by because the wife as well as husband is working. But men with a family, where the wife must stay at home, are forced from sheer economic necessity to work every minute of overtime they can get. Add to this the evergrowing difficulties of travelling (in London an average travelling time of four hours a week) and you have a situation that is undermining working class health.

Thus, the demand for a 40-hour week is quite certainly a matter of life and death. But to be effective it must go hand in hand with a demand for an increase in wages which will enable a working class family to live on 40 hours pay.

The employers will, we can be quite certain, raise their hands in horror. We shall be ruined, they will cry. We cannot afford to pay you such wages. We shall be unable to make any profits.

But what does that mean in everyday language? That profits

## The Meaning of Monarchy—by Harold Laski

**T**HE Coronation Honours List, with its galaxy of "Labour Knights", makes the following extract from Harold Laski's "Democracy in Crisis" exceptionally appropriate.

"... the whole impact of the Crown and the social system it necessitates is to preserve that temper of inequality it is the purpose of a Labour Party to deny. It gives birth to a set of values which are both irrational and dangerous. It gives importance to vulgar ambitions which, stripped of the tinsel tradition confers upon them, would appeal in all their naked vulgarity. It persuades men to accept the idea of a leisure class whose standard is set by the conspicuous waste of which they are capable. It attaches romance and colour to things in themselves utterly devoid of both."

## Don't Scab on German Shipyard Workers

**T**HE Amalgamated Engineering Union has been informed by the International Metalworkers' Federation that half-completed ships have been towed away from the shipyards at Bremen and Bremerhaven where the workers are on strike after the employers had refused their claim for a wage increase of 8 pfennigs (about 1½d.) an hour.

The Metalworkers' Federation appeals on behalf of the German workers to all British workers to refuse to work on such ships if they are brought into British shipyards.

The decision to strike at Bremen and Bremerhaven was taken by ballot in which 92 per cent. voted in favour.

## From the Ranks . . .

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The T.U.C. General Council and the Labour Party will be approached for co-operation in this drive.

The A.E.U. Executive was also instructed by the Conference to seek a substantial increase in the pay of national servicemen to bring them up to the same level as "regulars".

## At the wheel with Charlie Minns A Transport Worker's Diary A Friend in Need

**I** WOULD like to draw the attention of all true trade unionists to a comrade who has helped thousands of workers in the past. He is, at this moment, in desperate need himself. I am sure every transport worker will want to help as one of the ways of saying "Thank you" for what he has done for us.

That person, man, comrade, friend and colleague, not only of mine but of every militant worker, is **Bro. Jack Lappin of Leicester**. He is out of work, with no dole, and a wife and four sons to support.

Jack was sacked from the B.R.S. several weeks ago. I will not go into the details of why and how at the moment. I intend to bring to you, at a later date, the truth about this. Let it suffice for now that his depot went on strike for his re-instatement, claiming that Jack had been "victimised" for his activities as a leading shop steward.

His fellow workers went back to work to enable the Union to take up his case at the highest level. But meanwhile Jack is having to face the horrible reality of that ugly word—"victimisation".

He badly needs financial help. A few coppers from every worker in all depots, garages and workshops will help him in this hour of great need. Not as charity. Let that be clear. It is our duty to see that our shop stewards do not suffer—and that their families do not suffer—when they are attacked for representing us. For that reason I am sure this appeal will not go unheeded.

Let me take this opportunity of reminding readers of the work he has done on our behalf in the last two or three years. During our Road Patrol Strike he organised the Midlands, travelling to London on several occasions and spoke at big meetings at the Poplar Town Hall and Beaver Hall.

During our campaign against denationalisation, he was one of those who organised the huge national protest meet at Leicester.

**Bro. Minns** is well-known among London road haulage workers for his long record of militant activity as a Shop Steward. He will write this column every week. He wants the co-operation of all transport workers—not only in London. Send him your news and views c/o "Socialist Outlook" and make this column a success.



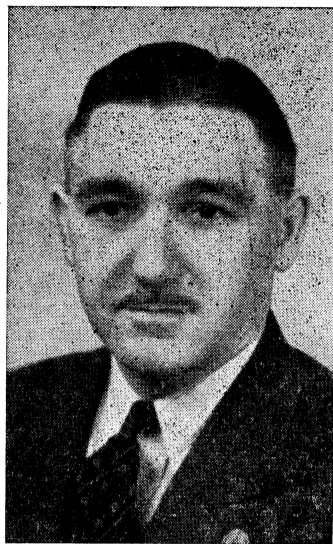
**Bro. Jack Lappin addressing a Rally of B.R.S. men against the Denationalisation Bill.**

He came to London and spoke at the conference on denationalisation at the Holborn Hall and the demonstration at Trafalgar Square.

I am one of the many who have always admired Bro. Jack Lappin for his courage, guts and untiring efforts to look after the interests of his fellow workers.

They have broken him financially, but not in heart. Jack has a wife who will stand by his side, comfort him and spur him on into the fight; for she knows he is right, and she is prepared to suffer the hardships which come with unemployment.

Now, Brothers, get busy and



are placed before the lives of the workers. No greater condemnation of private enterprise could be found. The sooner we put into practice our policy of nationalising the industry, and eliminating private profit the better for us, our wives and our children.

# Flags wave but . . . KOREA WEEPS

By **HAROLD DAVIES M.P.**

**I**N the midst of all the Coronation celebrations the stark agony of the Korean War forced itself upon us. We were told that the men of a Company of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment had been engaged in one of the bitterest and most fierce actions of the Korean War. They had done what they were called upon to do with stoicism and gallantry.

Day follows day as men talk of an armistice: day follows day as men, women and children are killed in North and South Korea!

This goes on while the world seems to be drugged into a sinister indifference. Turn up Reginald Thompson's book "Cry Korea!" and you will find this: "From the old Nakdong river line to the Yalu river, Korea North and South has become a refuse heap of humanity. Of towns and villages reduced to rubble and ashes, of roads crumbled to dust, of railways smashed, of harvests and homes burned, burned and burned again."

If this is really to be a Coronation that begins the second Elizabethan Era, let us, then have the

courage to act as independently as did the first Elizabethans. Britain must not allow her efforts to find peace in Asia to be thwarted. To satisfy the ambitions of Syngman Rhee must we sacrifice the peace of the world?

But, after all, the Tom Thumb utterances of a puppet are as nothing compared with all the double-talk and gobbledygook that emanates from the so-called high-level conferences in America. The fact is that the United States was the one great country that came out of the war with her economy stronger than ever. Western Europe cannot balance her accounts with the United States and now the "Economist" estimates that the "normal" dollar shortage for Western Europe will now lie between 5 and 8 billion dollars a year.

The truth is that capitalism has not solved the problem of the 1930's. The war in Korea and the Cold War hide the fallacies of our world economy. Big Business is whistling in the dark. Listen to Michael Hoffman in the "New York Times", April 14, 1953:

"Evidence pours in from nearly every European capital from Tokyo, Washington and S.E. Asia that the economic framework of the non-Communist world has an alarming tendency to melt in an atmosphere slightly less frigid than the Cold War. In the face of this evidence economists can only repeat earlier warnings that real relaxation of international tension will find the West in a serious perhaps fatal economic condition." (my emphasis)

It is the duty of the Socialist Movement to prove that given a sane system these Cassandra cries of: "Slump if Peace breaks out!" need not be true.

### A GOOD IDEA—SOON!

One of Syngman Rhee's henchmen, Soon Chi Yung, is reported as saying that the quicker British troops are withdrawn from Korea the better.

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**S**INCE we fixed the Fighting Fund Target at £70 a month last December we have reached that Target every month—until now.

In May we did not reach our target. And the position is even worse than appears at first glance. The donations list includes £12 16s. 2d. collected at the Annual General Meeting. This money, however, is needed to meet the expense of holding the meeting and does not help us to meet our day-to-day expenses. In reality, the target has been missed by nearly £14—20 per cent. The effort thrown into the local elections was no doubt the cause.

Those of our comrades who attended the A.G.M. will know the optimism with which the "Outlook" faces the future. The target must be raised to £100 a month if that optimism is to be justified. We have plans for extending the circulation and influence of the paper. These plans, and indeed the paper's very existence, depend entirely on you. We know we have your support. Please express it in June by making a special effort with the Fighting Fund.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged: South-west London readers £4; R. Bullock, Canada, 11s.; Leeds readers £3 15s. 5d.; W. Suttie, Angus, £1 11s.; Bermondsey readers 18s. 9d.; R. and M. £9; Bebington readers 12s. 6d.; Soldier in Germany 5s.; South Hackney readers £2 11s. 6d.; Westminster readers £3; George Padmore 10s.; Bermondsey Engineer 1s.; London Busman 5s.; Salford A.E.U. members £1 0s. 9d.; J. Wilcock 5s.; Manchester and Salford readers £1 3s. 10d.; Platts workers £1 8s. 8d.; St. Pancras and Holborn readers 19s. 9d.; Two London Printers £3; Norwood readers 17s.; Enfield Engineers £2 0s. 6d.; Tottenham readers £2 11s. 6d.; Mrs. L. G. Pond, 11s.; Birmingham readers £4 18s. 3d.; Sunderland 2s. 6d.; Owenite 2s. 6d.; E.N.V. Workers £1 4s. 6d.; D. Painting 2s. 6d.; Metro-Vickers workers, Manchester, 1s.; Nottingham readers £2; R. J. Johnston 4s.; Mr. Mitchell 1s.; Bethnal Green readers £2 10s.; Edinburgh readers £1; Islington readers £1 10s. 6d.; Leicester readers £2. Collection at Annual General Meeting £12 16s. 2d. Total £69 12s. 1d.

# Our Shareholders Meet

★ Adopt Plans For Bigger Circulation ★

**A**BOUT 100 shareholders and supporters, at the Annual General Meeting in London last Saturday of the "Socialist Outlook", adopted with enthusiasm plans for increasing the paper's circulation and influence.

This was not the usual dry and formal meeting we so often have to attend in the Labour Movement. The formal and legally necessary reports and elections were dispensed with in half an hour.

The rest of the evening was spent discussing expansion plans, and with shareholders from different areas and differing industries getting acquainted with

one another over a glass of beer. It was an experiment in meetings that will undoubtedly be repeated.

As a result of the discussion the circulation of the "Outlook" will be increased this summer. All those present undertook to start a drive in their various parts of the country to introduce the paper to new readers by means of intensive door to door canvassing. And to provide funds for organising this drive, they raised the Fighting Fund target from £70 to £100.

The following morning the drive started. In several areas keen supporters canvassed blocks of flats. And what a day to sell on. Flags and bunting—the rash of Coronation fever—spreading everywhere. And our main headline was "Coronation: A shocking waste! But the people gave a friendly reception to the canvassers, thus proving that this fever is not fatal—in working class areas at least.

Four supporters, including our Editor sold 48 copies in St. Pancras. Three more sold 29 in Tottenham. Another three, 33 in Islington and two comrades in Twickenham sold a dozen.

This is only the beginning. With canvassing teams out regularly all

over London and the Provinces—and Scotland too, the "Outlook" will progress rapidly.

How about your area? If you were at the meeting you will already be making arrangements to put the plan into operation. If you weren't we know you will want to help. Leaflets are being printed to make the canvassing easier. Write in to me for a supply, and begin to put the "Socialist Outlook" on the map in your locality.

Fred Emmett.  
Circulation Manager.

### Small Advt.

(1/- per line, minimum 3 lines.)

**MERSEYSIDE READERS ATTENTION!** John Lawrence, "Outlook" editor will address a meeting at **Coopers' Hall, 12 Shaw Street, Liverpool 6, Friday, 5th June, 7.30 p.m.** Admission Free. Visitors Welcome.

**ACCOMMODATION.** Socialist couple aged 30, child age 6, urgently require accommodation anywhere. Reply **O'Reilly, Bromdon Farm, Bromdon, Bridgnorth.**

## The Colour Bar in Britain

HAVING just read the article "The Colour Bar in Britain" by C. Van Gelderen ("Socialist Outlook" May 15), I felt that I must write and tell you that I most heartily agree and tell you of my experience of the coloured people.

I can truthfully say that I have lived all my life amongst the coloured races and I say that the black man as a whole is every bit as good as us whites and some even better than a lot of whites I know.

We have a coloured man working in our firm and he has worked there for a number of years and he is very well liked. I have not heard a bad word about him.

I do deplore the treatment that the coloured people in Britain are getting today. If you are a Pole, Frenchman, German or Jap you are accepted by people in general, but if you are a Black you are looked upon as something despicable and I say that that is definitely wrong and it is high time that us Trade Unionists did something about it.

Although I sympathise with Mr. A. Hilton and support his views about Britain owing the coloured races something, I must remind him that he is not quite correct when he says "What the Englishman forgets". He should say what some Englishmen forget.

What we should do is to try our hardest to make friends and we will not do that by treating people the way the Blacks are being treated today.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for your paper the "Socialist Outlook" and bringing this subject to light.

London, W.12. H. R. Skidmore.

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### Coronation Toast

I hope the monarchy will be judged and rewarded by the same standard of national usefulness as are the majority of the subjects of the Crown.

That M.P.'s be taught that they are elected to serve the nation's interests and not their own.

That Parliament is not a luxurious travel agency for leading politicians to see the world at the public's expense.

Walworth. E. Chappell.

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### Coronation Conversation

I would like to congratulate Councillor David Smith of Dalkeith for his straightforward denunciation of the Coronation puppet show. I am amazed and disgusted at the way so many so-called Socialists are reacting to this show.

There is a girlish excitement about the way some of them explain how they are "going to celebrate the great day". Others quietly await the appropriate time to come in with the remark that they would like to help out on June 2 but, you see, "I am actually going to the Coronation". A pause, a sigh and someone says how did you get a ticket—goodness knows "I tried hard enough!" And so it goes on . . . coronation conversations between Socialists.

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I would like to ask why only the David Smiths are opposed—why not every Socialist M.P. and Socialist Councillor in the country?

Edinburgh. H. S. Munro.

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### Tribute to Connolly

On Sunday, May 10, representatives of the Irish Labour Movement marched through the streets of Dublin to the grave of James Connolly to pay tribute to their martyred leader. A volley of shots was fired over the grave and the flag of the Citizen Army was hoisted. The deputation included I.R.A. men and several "1916" men who had fought with Connolly's famous Citizen Army.

Keighley (Yorks). M. Evans.

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### Debate with ALL

I am writing to you on behalf of the Exeter League of Youth on a subject which is very important to all Labour Party members.

Some time ago, our League branch announced that it would soon be holding a debate with the Y.C.L. We thought that we stood a good chance of defeating them, and a chance of good publicity.

We were, however, beset by councillors and officials of the Exeter C.L.P., who insisted that we should not hold the debate because—the Communist Party was proscribed, and we were not to associate with it!

However, on reading the 'League' newspaper, *Socialist Advance*, I found the Editor wholeheartedly condemning the Tories for preventing the Young Tories from taking part in democratic discussion.

Surely, we are as much allowed to debate with the Communists as with the Tories?

Alan Dare.

See Exeter L.L.O.Y.

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### Africans Defended

So I. Baker considers that my article "Youth Against Conscription" is stupid. Well, perhaps to his way of thinking it is stupid to be against imperialism and colonial oppression when it is so much easier and respectable to support it.

I. Baker pooh poohs the idea that British troops in Malaya, Kenya and Egypt are fighting to protect the interests of imperialism. He calls the Mau Mau murderers and plunderers and claims they are not fighting for liberation. What have the Mau Mau plundered? Nothing. But what have the white settlers with the aid of the Government plundered? Land, cattle and mineral wealth. And what has

the African gained? Exploitation, starvation and an average expectancy of life of 21 years. He says they have murdered people of their own race; but he doesn't say why they killed them, and that they were traitors to their own race—so-called "loyalists", loyal to the white master against their own people. Is Mr. Baker trying to justify the shooting of unarmed prisoners while allegedly trying to tackle armed police guards and whilst their hands were tied? Or the public hangings as advocated by the fat white settlers?

Mr. Baker plays much on the theme that they are murderers of their own race, but did not the resistance fighters kill quislings and collaborators who were working against them? It is so easy when you are thousands of miles from the scene and have only the capitalist press to rely upon to moralise in our comparative comfort. But can the African state his opinion by voting for representatives of his own choosing? No, if he wants freedom he must fight for it with the weapons he has and in the only way he knows how.

Shoreditch. Reg Eagles.

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### Again—In Defence of the Miners

I think that I have now heard everything regarding the evils of the N.C.B. and the miners. The miners have been called lazy, they have been blamed for dirty coal and for failing to produce sufficient coal.

Now comes the last straw. We are attacked for not helping the 'nation's religion'. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, is reported to have said (Daily Dispatch, 15/5/53). "Industry is not pulling its weight in the help it is giving to religion. Many colliery companies provided houses and stipends for the parsons in colliery villages, but in the nationalised industry this has been ruled out as though the one thing the nation could not help was the nation's religion. If a nation, or an industry, or a political party violated any of the great permanent spiritual laws, then it was bound to come to ruin."

Obviously the Primate was speaking emotionally and with little regard for fact. Take for instance, 'Many colliery companies provided houses and stipends for the parsons in colliery villages'. He should have said, 'Some colliery companies and some parsons in some colliery villages'. Also the part 'as though the one thing the nation could not help was the nation's religion'. This creates the impression that the coal industry, which does belong to the nation, is helping all other organisations with the exception of the 'nation's religion'.

I wonder what Dr. Fisher means by the 'nation's religion'. I have a sneaking feeling that he really means the Church of which he is a distinguished leader. I wonder also what would happen if the N.C.B. did agree to help the 'nation's religion'. Would Dr. Fisher agree that all parts of the Christian religion in this country i.e., Roman Catholics, Wesleyans, Methodists, etc., should have an equal share? I very much doubt it.

He ends with another gem. "The great permanent laws" he says. Does he mean that the help previously given by some colliery owners to some village parsons is one of these permanent spiritual laws?

Nothing is permanent, Dr. Fisher, and in any case the miners are already carrying too much excess weight on their backs in the shape of the parasitic ex-coal owners who are still living 'happy and glorious' at our expense.

Atherton. Price Jones.

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## The Cause and Cure of Apathy

WHY is it that, in spite of the undoubted unpopularity of the Tory Government, there is apparent apathy among Labour supporters—shown in the Sunderland bye-election and the low Labour polls in the recent local elections? There must be something wrong if Labour cannot take advantage of the anti-Toryism of the British workers.

There are some who explain it like this: "The workers are either plain dense or apathetic, they won't bother to vote or to fight for themselves." This is the sort of argument constantly used by the Right Wing of the Movement as an excuse for watering down Labour's policy. "We are really for nationalisation (in our heart of hearts)—but—the masses of the people are not interested. Labour would get no support for a strong Socialist policy." In the Wards and Constituency parties the same argument is used whenever it is proposed that the local organisation run a campaign. "I agree", says the objector, "I'm all for it, BUT you won't get any response from the workers."

How much justification is there for all this kind of talk? Precious little!

### IF LEADERS LEAD

No one will deny that Sunderland revealed apathy and abstentionism among Labour voters. No one will deny that there is no great rush of workers to join the Labour Party or to attend Labour meetings and demonstrations.

But this is due almost entirely to the fact that the average worker sees no point in attending meetings or even (regrettably) voting for a Party which on most important issues gives him no very different answers than the Tory Party gives.

But on those occasions when a body of workers have seen the need for a campaign, they do not show any apathy. The complete answer to all this irresponsible chatter about the "average workers'" lack of militancy was given by the 2,000 vehicle builders in Birmingham who, called out by their union in defence of a victimised shop steward, stuck out loyally for over 11 weeks.

They were left to fight, on their

own, the largest and most powerful combination in the motor industry in Europe. The T.U.C., the A.E.U. and the T. & G.W.U. leaderships failed to support them. The A.E.U. Executive ignored the demand of its members at Austin's to call them out. The strikers were attacked and vilified by the whole press. They suffered real financial hardship, yet, when Austins presented their ultimatum—return to work or be sacked—the overwhelming majority of these "average workers" refused to be intimidated.

### ORDINARY PEOPLE

And this is no isolated case. Last summer 1,000 workers in Stockport, at *Fairey Aviation*—again just "average workers"—struck for three months in defence of their trade union organisation. So they did at *Park Royal* and *ENV* in London. At *Rival Lamps* a handful of newly organised women have stuck out for over a year!

There are just ordinary people; they haven't got anything that other workers haven't.

### Discussion Article

The subject discussed here by Harry Ratner is of the utmost importance to the Labour Movement.

The conclusion to be drawn is that when the workers see the possibility of achieving something they will vote and FIGHT and make sacrifices. When they see the Labour Party taking a different line to the Tories; when they see Labour conducting a REAL campaign against Tory measures and not just shadow boxing in Parliament, the apparent apathy of today will vanish.

### THE FIGHT AGAINST WAR

Take the question of War and Peace. Everyone is opposed to another war. You cannot find one worker in a hundred who believes that Britain should line up with the U.S.A. in a war against the Soviet Union or China. There is no one, even among the so-called backward and non-political types who would support the sending of British troops to aid Chiang Kai Shek in his fight to return to power in China.

At the time Formosa was "de-

neutralised" there were consistent rumours that Chiang was invading the Chinese mainland. The press was full of the possibility of a general conflict breaking out any day and people were very concerned. But what could they do? You can't go around the streets shouting "Down with War" on your own. You can't, if a reservist, individually resist or avoid call-up or go on the run if you have a family. No one in the Labour Party was speaking up against the war except the "Socialist Outlook" and they couldn't do much about it. That was how the vast majority of working class people felt, so they mentally shrugged their shoulders and turned their thoughts to more pleasant things and their eyes to the sports page.

### LEADERS TO BLAME

But imagine the situation if the Labour Party with its 14 million supporters and the T.U.C. with 8 million organised members had come out publicly with a statement like this:—"The danger of war is near. Churchill and his American Big Business colleagues are preparing to drag us into another war. But we can stop it. We warn Mr. Churchill that the T.U.C. and the Labour Party will oppose any war with the U.S.A. against China. We won't have British troops dying for Chiang Kai Shek or any other Asian puppet dictator. We call on all our members and supporters to support the demonstrations and meetings we will call all over the country to show our opposition."

Think what would have happened. Local Labour Parties would have been shaken out of their frustrating routine of monthly meetings and petty discussions and acted on the appeal to organise meetings and a campaign with the knowledge that this was no local effort, no flash in the pan, but part of a nation wide campaign backed with the whole of the movement's national resources and that the Labour M.P.'s speeches in Parliament would be backed in the country.

The great mass of working people in the wards and in the towns would have seen that we can do something and it up to us to support this campaign, to turn up at the demonstrations and give Labour the backing they ask because they mean business and the defeat of Churchill's war moves is a practical possibility if we all put our shoulders to the wheel.

Harry Ratner

## Newcastle Boycott of Akihito Gets Jap Workers' Support

THE action of the Labour Group on the Newcastle City Council which led to the cancellation of the civic reception to Crown Prince Akihito of Japan has brought support from many quarters—not least from the working class of Japan itself.

Councillor Dan Smith, who moved the resolution to boycott the reception on the Council, has received letters from Japanese workers, congratulating him on his action. We reprint them exactly as received.

From a T.B. sanatorium in Japan, Tatsuro Yabashi writes:

"I have read that your Party's members have opposed to join the welcome party of Japanese Prince Akihito. I wish to express my hearty agree to your announcement saying that (he is) a member of the class who had driven world's peoples to the hell . . . Emperor Hirohito ordered to his soldiers 'Fight to death' . . . 2,000,000 of my friends . . . Japanese youths . . . served their life for him.

"In Japan wherever and whenever you can see white (clothed) crippled old soldiers standing on the corner of main street in city and asking help for passing peoples . . . many sicked old Japanese soldiers living on the bed of sanatorium and their humble homes. For the war crippled soldiers beggar is the only job given for them and for sicked, death is only the favour of God given for them . . . Some exhausted their health on daily struggle of life, someone hanged, someone dived into water and someone lied their body on the railway.

"I am also dismissed from my job two months ago, owing to sick which I have been sicked at the front. And also I must go back to my home from this sanatorium owing to the economical reason.

"Lastly hereby I should like to express my regret and respect over the soldiers who have died in World War II as an old Japanese soldier fought with you at South Asia. Also I hope your Party's development."

Another Japanese worker, Yasyji Omatsu, writes:

"I was very pleased to learn in the newspaper that you are going to boycott a reception planned for the Japanese Crown Prince.

"Before the end of the war the Emperor . . . had the supreme power . . . liberty of speech was taken away from us people by Hirohito's Army and police . . . We were forced to worship him in school and other places.

"After the war was over some Japanese war criminals were executed but Hirohito was excepted from it . . .

"Judging from the past history

. . . without removing Hirohito and his successors from the country, democracy will never be brought up here . . . Imperial system and democracy will never be coexisted.

"I praise your action and am thankful for it (some other Japanese people with good sense will feel the same way after learning your deed)."

It is clear from these letters that the working men and women of Japan do not consider Crown Prince Akihito as representing them. The imperial family in Japan, like the royal family here, form the focal point for the reactionary elements, who have been restored to power by the Americans and who are doing their level best to crush the growing forces of the Japanese Labour Movement. It is right and proper that British Labour should have nothing to do with any receptions to this emissary of Japanese imperialism and thus demonstrate its solidarity with the workers and peasants of Japan.

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