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THE GOVERNMENT'S FOLLY IN SOUTHERN ARABIA

Our Tory rulers still haven't an inkling of how the world has changed since the days of gunboats incidents. In some circles it was obviously thought that a wave of jingoism, whipped up on the basis of a tale of atrocities to British soldiers, would sweep over the country and give them a blank cheque to behave in the old imperialist manner in Southern Arabia. But times have changed. The folly of the Government has been pointed out by such serious organs of capitalist thought as The Times, The Economist and the Financial Times, all of which have stated that the Tory Government is mishandling the situation. To cap it all, the Americans let the Tories down and denied the atrocity story.

Of course there are a complex of factors at work in Southern Arabia, and the atrocity story was perhaps directed just as much against the Americans as the Egyptians (to put pressure upon them to stop aid to Egypt). But the whole affair has wide implications for all aspects of British politics: The fear expressed by some capitalist circles that Britain may get bogged down in a 'South Vietnam-like' situation is a real one; the fact that Home is talking about taking troops from Germany to send them to Southern Arabia will intensify the tensions in NATO and raises again the question of conscription; CNDers may find that one of the main arguments against in the coming months is the need for Britain to have The Bomb to stop Nasser using his nuclear weapons.

The Labour Party must make a stand now against this country being further involved, decisive action will have a wide effect in view of the differences in the capitalist class on the question. But more important, the coming Labour Government must be pledged to clear all British troops out of Southern Arabia so that the principle of self-determination can be applied.

THE WORKERS CONTROL SCHOOL

The workers control school held in Nottingham the weekend of April 24/25 was a big success. All in all nearly 100 people participated from very wide circles in the Labour and academic fields. There was plenty of lively discussion and even controversy, especially on the incomes policy question. It would be impossible to do justice to the discussion, etc., in the normal sized article in The Week. We will therefore be publishing an extensive report in the form of a supplement. This may prove useful to comrades who are trying to start local discussion groups on workers' control.

We would ask our readers two things: firstly, to send in any comments on the school which they think should be covered in the supplement, these to arrive in Nottingham not later than next Monday. Secondly, if they think they can use any extra copies of the supplement to let us know by the same day. A small charge will have to be made but this will be only a matter of pence.

BOYCOTTERS BEWARE

Everyone who supports the boycott campaign must be on their guard: the South African Parliament is now, according to Reuter, considering a bill which provides for fruit to be exported without brand labels. It will be up to the boycott movement to keep one step ahead and use all means, including legal technicalities, to prevent this manoeuvre by the South African racists from being a success.

HULL DOCKERS' VICTORY

from a Hull correspondent

On April 27th 11 Hull Dockers discharged packaged timber at 8d each per standard. This price represented a victory in the fight by the Hull dockers against the speed-up in the docks (see Week no. 14 for details of this struggle). It was only achieved after the docks had been brought to a standstill no less than 3 times in early February. Throughout all the negotiations, the dockers held out for a team of eleven men and a price of 8d per standard. The employers would not accept this and made a counter-offer which they described as being final.

The dockers retaliated by imposing an unofficial overtime ban - night work, too, was stopped. Meetings were held each Saturday morning to endorse these moves. These meetings lasted until late in March and were attended by 200-300 dockers each time. The break in the employers' front came when the Norwegian motor vessel Older, which was being unloaded at London was sent to Hull, where in accordance with an instruction from the National Joint Council it was staffed with 11 men. It is estimated that packaged timber (timber grouped according to length and bound with wire) can be discharged twice the speed of loose timber.

GLASGOW SHEET METAL WORKERS' STRIKE NOW IN 12th WEEK

The official strike of sheet metal workers employed by Craig-Nicol Ltd., at Polmadic, near Glasgow, is now in its 12th week. The dispute started over the refusal of the management to negotiate with the metal workers' shop steward and committee as had been the custom for over 12 years. An appeal issued by the strike committee calls upon all trade unionists to refuse to work for the firm. The boilermakers union and the A.E.U. have, according to the appeal, instructed their members along these lines. However, the leaflet is critical of the A.S.W. (woodworkers' union) for not carrying out this policy.

The strike committee, consisting of brothers Logan, McKenna and Cluney, are appealing to all trade unionists to support them morally and financially in this fight for trade union principles. Donations, messages of support, etc. should be sent to: Glasgow National Union of Sheet Metal Workers and Copper-Smiths, W. Reid, 5, Burnbank Gardens, Glasgow W.1.

PROJECTILE WORKERS STOP WORK AND LOBBY M.P.S

On May 4th several hundred workers from the Projectile and Engineering Company factory, Battersea, stopped work at 3.30 and marched to the House of Commons. Led by a pipe band they were joined by workers from the Woolwich Arsenal. Both sets of workers were protesting against the threatened closure of their work places. The closure of the Projectile factory will result in 1,100 workers getting the sack, and is due to take place next year. A take over bid has been reported for nearly a £1½ million for its site. In the evening a meeting was held in Central Hall, Westminster, which was attended by hundreds of factory workers. Three Labour M.P.s spoke and they promised that the Labour Government would review the whole position. Also on the platform were a large number of union officials. Attention was drawn to the fact that whilst fantastic profits were being made by Ferranti's, Government factories were being closed down through lack of contracts.

THE AFTERMATH OF THE WIGAN RENT STRIKE

from Raymond Challinor

After a week's rent strike Wigan's 7,000 council house tenants have decided to pay the proposed rent increases, varying from 2s 6d to 7s 6d a house. This follows detailed negotiations between tenants, councillors and council officials. The Treasurer's Department produced wads of figures to overawe and overwhelm the tenants. It also sent a circular - very much like a Conservative Party handout - to every house, which purported to show why the increases were necessary.

Feelings among the tenants are mixed. Some say they will never vote Labour again; others are taking a more active part in the Labour Party. The Communist Party, relatively strong in Wigan, plan to put forward more candidates in the Municipal elections, while the Conservatives, who usually never fight Labour-held seats, intend to see whether ^{they} can cash in on the present discontent with the Council.

So the rent strike has achieved one thing: Wigan, a town that is solidly and sleepily Labour, is even going to have local elections this May.

WALTHAMSTOWE C.N.D. ACTIVE

from Mike Shrapnell

On Saturday, April 25th, a deputation from Walthamstowe C.N.D. met Mrs. Wilson, who had come to open a Labour women's fete here and we gave her a letter to be passed on to Mr. Wilson. The letter read: "Walthamstowe CND are anxious to know your attitude to (a) Polaris bases in this country, and (b) whether you intend to introduce conscription for the armed forces. The bases we feel should be scrapped in accordance with the decision of Labour Party Annual Conference. Conscription on a nationalistic or NATO cold-war basis we feel should not be considered by a potential Labour Government. We welcome your wife to Walthamstowe, and wish you the best of luck; we also hope we will not have to oppose your policies when you get into power."

A fortnight ago, Walthamstowe CND wrote to three Labour Councillors standing in the Greater London elections. They were councillors Lowry, Collins and Webster. Only one of these had the courage or decency to reply, and she said she supported conscription in certain circumstances. Since she did not state what circumstances, then it is obvious that the gate is left open.

CONNOLLY COMMEMORATION SOCIAL

from Jerry Lawless

There will be a Connolly Commemoration Social in the Pindar of Wakefield Gray Inn Rd., London W.C. 1. (near King's Cross tube station) on Saturday, 9th of May: 7.30 to 11.00 p.m. There will be Music, Dancing and Singing. Dominic Behan will be the guest artiste and the M.C. will be Liam Dalton. Admission will 2/6. There will be a Connolly Commemoration Meeting on Tuesday May 12th, beginning at 8.00 p.m. in the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, near Holborn tube station. Speakers from Ireland will be present. This will be the first time for many years that the anniversary of Connolly's execution on May 12th, 1916, has been commemorated in Britain. We therefore hope that these activities are a great success.

LOUGHBOROUGH CO-OP COLLEGE STUDENTS SUPPORT ABERDEEN BOYCOTT: The student body at Co-op College, Loughborough, have sent a message to Aberdeen City Council congratulating it on its stand on the boycott issue. This move is especially welcome in view of the Co-op movement's vacillation on the question.



Trade union week

FINANCIAL TIMES WORRIED BY LEFT SUCCESS IN THE A.E.U.

The Financial Times devoted its second editorial to that A.E.U. the day that union's national committee opened in Worthing (April 27th). It first noted what it called the "alarmingly swift recovery" of the Communists. Pointing out that Reg Birch did much better in the latest contest for the presidency than in the previous election it concluded however; "There is no real danger of a Communist take-over of the A.E.U. at this stage." But, it went on, "...there are two dangers in the current situation. There is a strong possibility that a militant (but non-Communist) left winger, Mr. Ernie Roberts, may win the election for general secretary....and there is also the possibility that Mr. Percy Hanley, a right-wing member of the union's executive may lose his seat...." This would, the paper continued, significantly alter the balance between left and right.

The editorial, not being designed for 'popular' consumption does not paint a scare picture. It tries, from the point of big business, to soberly assess the position. It, therefore, concludes that the biggest danger from these developments is that the union's leaders will attempt to 'appease the militants.' In this light it speculates that South Wales steel strike and the Raleigh strike might have been handled differently, had it not been for the current crop of elections. But the sting is in the tail. The last sentences of this very revealing piece run: "But two lessons emerge. First, the price of liberty in the unions is eternal vigilance. Secondly, so long as the A.E.U. retains its present constitution one must expect outbursts of militancy and policy vacillation in election years."

C.S.C.A. LEADER SAYS CASTE SYSTEM GETTING WORSE from a special correspondent

In his presidential address to the Civil Service Clerical Association conference which is being held in Margate this week, Mr. J. Bryce, said that the caste system in the Civil Service was getting worse. "Over the years the divisions between the classes have tended to harden," he declared. "...Practical experience and the ability to do the job are of less importance than the school you attended and the academic certificates that you hold." Mr. Bryce went on to say that the antiquated caste system should be campaigned against by the union. His remarks on the move of the Post Office Savings Bank to Glasgow have been widely reported in the press. On the first day of the conference there were 3 main policy decisions: the executive's acceptance of a 10% increase over 3 years was overwhelmingly approved; the proposals on machine grades pay were kicked out (this means that the executive will have to renegotiate these); and conference passed, against the advice of the executive, a resolution calling for minimum overtime rates of time-and-a-half with double time for Sundays and Bank holidays.

SIR ROBINSON CALLS FOR 'ANTI-BOYCOTT' CAMPAIGN from Alec Bagley

Speaking at Durban Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, Sir Albert Robinson, former Central African Federation High Commissioner in London, called for a campaign against the boycott movement. He suggested that an anti-boycott fund be established and be administered by a joint committee of the English and Afrikaans' Chamber of Commerce and other South African business interests. It was, he added, essential that such a campaign be directed against the radical group in Britain which was dedicated to the idea of majority rule in South Africa.

WEST BRIDGFORD LABOUR PARTY CALLS FOR MUNICIPAL BOYCOTT

At its April meeting, the West Bridgford Labour Party passed a resolution, with only one vote against, calling upon the West Bridgford Urban District Council not to buy South African goods. When some members asked whether or not the boycott would hurt the African population, it was pointed out that it was precisely these people who had asked for the boycott.

NATIONALISTS AND UNITED PARTY SUPPORTERS AID TORTURERS

The Guardian of May 1st carried a report from its Bloemfontein correspondent on the aftermath of the trial of four policemen and the clerk of the Bultfontein court on charges of torturing prisoners. All five were convicted and sent to prison, but the white population of Bultfontein seems to have far more sympathy for them than the unfortunate African they tortured to death. More than £2,400 has been collected to pay their legal costs. The fund was established under the auspices of an eight-man committee, whose chairman is a nationalist M.P., Mr. C. Sadie. There is a well-known member of the United Party on the committee. Many of the United Party (the so-called opposition party in South Africa which is mainly supported by the English speaking whites) in Bultfontein subscribed to the fund.

The report adds: "Mrs. S.L. Ras, the owner of the shop where Izak Magaise, who died at the police station, worked, says that she has lost hundreds of pounds' worth of business since the trial." Apparently, she committed the crime of paying Magaise's funeral expenses, and helps to support his widow. Phiteoon Makhetla, who was the principal witness and who was also beaten up at the police station, is also being victimised. He has been ordered to leave the farm where he and his family live.

SCOTTISH T.U.C. BACKS ABERDEEN'S BOYCOTT from an Aberdeen reader

Delegates at the Scottish T.U.C., meeting at Perth, applauded, cheered and drummed their feet when William McLean, spokesman for the General Council, announced that the Council was to congratulate Aberdeen Town Council on its decision to boycott South African goods. The demonstration took place during the discussion on a resolution - passed unanimously - calling on the Government to associate itself with UNO's appeal for the reprieve of the four members of the South African T.U.C. sentenced to death. A similar demonstration took place when Councillor Lamond of Aberdeen, representing D.A.T.A., spoke to the resolution. He was cheered as he explained Aberdeen Town Council's motive in bringing forward the boycott. He ended his speech by calling upon all delegates to try to get their local authorities to follow Aberdeen's example.

CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE IN C.N.D. EXECUTIVE by a special correspondent

Canon Collins' statement on his resignation as Chairman of CND earlier this month showed that there has been something amiss at CND headquarters for some time. On April 23rd, George Clark resigned from the Executive and his reasons point again to internal wrangles and fundamental differences of opinion, interpretation of policy and methods of working.

He speaks of "a fundamental cleavage in approach between myself and that body" (the Executive)...."the policy of the Campaign must be clear and unequivocal, and this policy must be represented in the strongest possible way by the Executive and our administrative staff....It is now being suggested that we should discuss alternative policies which involve the acceptance of 'minimum deterrence' within the general framework of a phased withdrawal from the alliances. This I cannot accept.....the basic tenets of our policy are minimum conditions.....we have a principled opposition to the whole notion of deterrence as such.....Our Executive and staff are meant to 'serve' not to dictate....."

"We are spending money at the rate of over £1,000 per month and have for some time been carrying a debt load running at between £300-£400 per month. Our commitments are now in the order of £3,500Despite the arguments about policy we are told that we cannot produce a leaflet which states our policy.....We have the capacity within the Campaign to wipe off our debts and to raise sufficient money to fight a general election campaign. This could be done if there were a strong lead from the Council and Executive and if assurances were given that disproportionate sums were not being spent on administration....."

"At the Annual Conference the working group and planning group were agreed method of working.....we find ourselves bogged down in a morass of committees which call themselves planning groups.....the existing groups are devices whereby alternative ideas are talked out of existence.....part of the machinery whereby the General Secretary and administrative staff block initiatives."

To combat the present financial crisis George Clark suggests "that every local group be asked to contribute a once and for all sum of £10 which should be sent to the Treasurer marked 'debt repayment'. That our administration should be overhauled in direct relation to the service given and changes made which are appropriate to our income.....We need some fresh air at headquarters. Let twelve disinterested campaigners have a close look at the method of working and let these findings be put to the National Council without fear or favour. Above all let us act quickly before the Campaign dies of committee strangulation."

CONTROVERSIAL C.N.D. PAMPHLET DROPPED Based upon Peace News report

The discussion pamphlet by John Gittings and Richard Gott, Nato's Final Decade, commissioned earlier this year by the C.N.D. Literature Committee, will not now be published by the national office of C.N.D. The April meeting of the C.N.D. Executive decided that the conclusions of the pamphlet were "too controversial for publication at a time when C.N.D. policy is already being widely misrepresented." However, London C.N.D. are now considering publication of the pamphlet.

THE PEACE-MOVEMENT, THE COLD WAR, AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS: COMMENTS ON THE ORIGINS OF THE SITUATION

by Robert Gray

As Dave Windsor aptly points out, it is useless for C.N.D. to condemn the cold war's effects without attacking its causes. These are, however, somewhat more complex than the wickedness of imperialism. A long-term, world-historical perspective may well see the basic conflict as being between the developing nations' aspirations towards "social progress" and the "rich" nations' entrenched international power. But a striking feature of the cold war is the immediacy of the threat: witness all those funny, and not-so-funny jokes about the four-minute warning.

Once a squabble reaches a "you-started-it" level, an agreed solution is extremely difficult. Regardless of who "started" the cold war - and it is arguable that Stalin was as guilty of provocative imperialism as any Western leader - the urgent task is to stop it. Then we can fight our political battles for socialism in a saner, more constructive atmosphere. In the words of Ernst Fischer, the distinguished Austrian Marxist, "Human consciousness has lagged far behind technical progress.....Even if there were life after an atomic war, this life,....., would have nothing whatever to do with the vision of a socialist world....To prevent war is therefore the duty of all reasonable men under all social systems." 'The Necessity of Art, p. 215.)'

Whatever leaders' motives in forming alliances, once these exist, they become motivating factors in their own right, operating with their own inner machine-logic. 1914 was a grim warning: political choice abdicated to the military machines. If this happens again, there will be no return from the trenches, no chance to build a better world. Unless popular protest can change the whole pattern into which world affairs are frozen, no amount of condemnation of imperialism will help the world's under-privileged masses. The removal of the constricting threat of nuclear war - which emanates from the Soviet bloc, as well as from the West - will liberate human energies, to be more fully applied to the tasks of building a socialist world.

NEW FABIAN PAMPHLET ON TORY DETERRENT POLICY

Bombs and Votes is the title of a new Fabian pamphlet by Wayland Young. Mr. Young, who has specialised in defence questions, is a journalist and a member of the House of Lords. He accuses the Prime Minister of placing Party above country by making defence an election issue. He examines various aspects of Tory defence policy, he questions the Government's claim that nuclear defence spending is under 10% of the defence budget. He does not accept this figure and goes on to show, anyway, that the percentage is bound to increase as new weapons are devised. Bombs and Votes is obtainable from the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth St., London S.W. 1. costing 2/3 p.p.

NOTTINGHAM C.N.D. TO DISCUSS SOVIET NUCLEAR POLICY

Barnaby Martin, who works at the Peace Action Centre, Frodsham, Cheshire, will talk on the Soviet Union's attitude to nuclear weapons and its probable reaction to British unilateral disarmament at a meeting on Monday 11th May commencing at 8.00. The meeting will also hear of the work of the Peace Action Centre. Non-C.N.D. members are invited. The meeting will be at the usual venue - the Friends' Meeting House

CHINESE JOURNALISTS ILLEGALLY HELD IN BRAZIL

We have received the following appeal from Richard Gibson of the editorial board of Revolution:

"Speaking both personally and on behalf of the director, J.M. Verges, and the other members of Revolution's Editorial Board, I would like to call your attention to an act of injustice, committed by Brazilian authorities responsible for the recent rightwing coup d'Etat. Mr. Wang Wei-Chen, correspondent of the Chinese Hsinhua News Agency in Brazil, and his collaborator, Mr. Kiu King-Tong, were arrested by the authors of the coup d'Etat on April 3rd and are still being held in a Rio de Janeiro prison.

The two Hsinhua newsmen have valid residence permits from the Brazilian Government and had worked legally in Brazil as journalists for more than 2 years. No charges have been placed against them. Not only have the authorities not released them, but they have not issued the slightest statement concerning the conditions in which they are held at present - which in itself is a violation of international custom, ordinary human rights and the principle of freedom of the press. Now there is even talk in Brazil of deporting the two Chinese journalists to Taiwan where they would become new victims of the reactionary Chiang Kai-Shek regime on that island.

We feel sure that you will agree with us that everything should be done to protest against this flagrant injustice. We are asking you to protest against the arrest of the two Chinese newsmen to the Brazilian Embassy or Consulates in your country, to demand that associations of journalists in your country join in the protest, and to call on all others who have any consideration for justice and fair play to swell the growing number of protests against the arbitrary and unjust arrest of Wang Wei-Chen and Kiu King-Tong.....

ED. NOTE: The editors have already protested against all political arrests to the Brazilian Embassy in Britain. We would ask all our readers to support this cause, and to let us know of any action they take. The address of the Brazilian Embassy is: 34, Mount St., London W.1.

BEJA TRIAL RESUMES

from Alvaro de Miranda

The Beja trial began again on April 23rd. On the first day, Manuel Serra, one of the main accused, said he had been severely beaten up and kept awake for 12 days and nights. The judge told him to shut up, that he was not tolerating political polemics in court. Captain Varela Gomes took full responsibility for planning the attack. Further, in a Lisbon criminal court 6 press photographers were sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from 12 to 15 months for subversion. The Beja trial is due to last several months and over 1,000 witnesses are due to give evidence. There are 86 accused.

CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER GETS 13 MONTHS IN NEW YORK

It is not only in the deep south that Civil Rights fighters receive savage sentences; on April 27th Arnold Goldwag, community relations director of Brooklyn CORE was sentenced to 13-months imprisonment in a trespassing case. It was claimed that he had broken a parole and thus incurred a 12-month suspended sentence. It is common knowledge that the real reason for the vicious sentence is Goldwag espousal of the 'stall-in' campaign.

MISSISSIPPI DICTATES: "JAIL OR STERILISATION" FOR NATURAL PARENTS by B. Gregory

"HB 180" is the name by which a new piece of legislation passed in the Mississippi House of Representatives has become known. Passed on March 11th 1964, this Act is clearly destined to drive negroes out of the State of Mississippi, in view of the social composition of most of the State's natural parents. It can now be said that parenthood for those who for historical and cultural reasons do not conform to the doubtful mores of the Mississippi racialists is now an offence. We quote the following from House Bill 180:

"Section 1. If any person who shall have previously become the natural parent of an illegitimate child within or without this State by coition within or without this State, shall again become the natural parent of an illegitimate child born within this State, he or she shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by the State penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than three years. A subsequent conviction hereunder shall be punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than three years nor more than five years."

Perhaps however the real nature of the legislation is best brought out in the sentence which reads: "...Any parent convicted hereunder may submit to sterilisation in lieu of imprisonment."

Thus the Mississippi House of Representatives has made it clear that HB180 is directed against the Mississippi negroes; that it is an attempt to reduce the number of negroes in Mississippi, either by destroying their capacity to reproduce or by driving them from the State to avoid prosecution. Furthermore, only the type of bastardy which is socially unfortunate, i.e., where the parents desert the child, is bound to increase (as is infanticide). Clearly this legislation is a step along the path of genocide. In Article 2 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on Dec. 9th 1948, we read in para (d) that one definition of genocide is "Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group."

Whether or not HB180 reaches its final passage in the Senate during the current session, the fact that a substantial majority of the elected representatives in the Mississippi House favours such a measure is an ominous portent for the future of the State, and of the negroes who make up 40% of its population..

NEW SOVIET FAMILY LAW WILL IMPROVE LOT OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

The draft of new family laws have recently been published in the Soviet Union. These will make some much needed improvements in the field of divorce but perhaps most significant are the changes in relation to those children born out of wedlock. Until 1944 men in the Soviet Union had to pay for the support of their illegitimate children. Laws brought in that year nullified unregistered (common law) marriages and relieved men of responsibility for their illegitimate children (except in the case where it could be proved that at one time the men had maintained the child). State grants to unmarried mothers can hardly be called adequate, being monthly grants of 5, 7 and 10 roubles for the first, second and third children respectively. (A rouble is roughly equal to 7/-). Under the new laws the illegitimate children will have the same right to support from the father as a child of divorced parents, i.e., 25% of his salary. As the average wage is about 90 roubles per month this will represent a big increase.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG SOCIALISTS

Once again the National Association of Labour Student Organisations and New Left Review are holding a week's school for Young Socialists and students. It will be held at the Woodlands Holiday Camp, Sevenoaks, Kent, from September 12 - 18.

The list of speakers is not fully finalised but the high standard of previous years seems certain to be reached. Speakers so far include Andre Gorz, of the PSU, France, on Contemporary Capitalism; a representative of the recently formed PSIUP, Italy, to speak on Socialism and the Common Market countries; Robin Blackburn and Perry Anderson of New Left Review on "The Origins of the Crisis"; Richard Fletcher, co-editor of Union Voice on "Science and Democracy"; Jim Mortimer of DATA on "Trade Unions and Planning"; Ralph Miliband, author of 'Parliamentary Socialism' on "The Lessons of 45 - 51"; Tony Topham, joint author of the recent Fabian pamphlet on workers' control in Yugoslavia, on "Perspectives for Workers' Control".

Ernest Mandel, editor of Belgium's La Gauche, will speak on "Marxist Economics", while the editor of International Socialism, Alisdair Macintyre, will give a talk entitled "What is Marxism?". Ernie Roberts, assistant general secretary of the AEU, will deal with the trade unions. Geoff Carlsson, an AEU shop steward, will talk on the role of the steward. The final contribution will be from Ken Coates of International Socialist Journal and The Week, on "The State". The list is not yet complete.

For relaxation there will be a heated swimming pool, facilities for other sports, two pubs within strolling distance etc. The camp is within easy reach of London by London Transport Green Line bus or train (cheap conference train fares are being arranged). As previously contingents of Young Socialists from several European countries are expected. The cancellation of the Young Socialist rally might give YS members a chance to attend with financial help from their Labour Parties or trade unions. Places can be reserved by filling in the form below and enclosing a deposit of £1. The full cost is £7 7s for the week, or £2 12s 6d for the weekend.

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OSWALD PHOTOGRAPH A FAKE

from Sylvia Riley

On March 19th a Paris socialist documentary service "Analyses et Documents", declared that the photo of Lee Oswald brandishing a rifle, a pistol and a newspaper was a fake. They say that this photo was amongst the proofs promised by the Dallas police after the arrest of Oswald, but was not produced until three months afterwards, when photos appeared in "Life" and "The Detroit Free Press". The photo which appeared in "Life" was bought for 5,000 dollars from the FBI agent charged with guarding Oswald's wife, and shows the rifle, with a short stock, equipped with a telescopic sight; the other photo, bought by G. Roberts of "The Detroit Free Press", shows the rifle, with a long stock, and no telescopic sight. Moreover, according to the police, the photograph was taken in the spring of 1963, while the sight was fitted, according to the same police, on November 6th, 1963.

"Le Monde" has corroborated this evidence, and the Paris weekly, "L'Express" (which has recently featured a series of articles on this by Thomas Buchanan) asked the "Life" office in Paris which was the true photograph. "No Comment" was the official reply.

LESS PRODUCTION JOBS IN U.S.

from Bill Vester

The remarkable fact that in recent years almost all the new jobs provided in the USA have been in the public non-profit sectors of the economy, is highlighted in the 1964 Manpower Report of the President's Department of Labour Section. The report states "The private sector produced some new-job growth in 1963, after generating no increase in full-time jobs from 1957 to 1962.

"From 1957 to 1963 non-farm employment increased 4.3m. Growth in public employment accounted for 2m. Jobs financed by government procurement provided another 800,000. Of the employment increase. Employment in non-profit institutions grew by 700,000. The remaining growth of 900,000 was accounted for by private demand. But only 300,000 of this rise (all achieved in 1963) were full-time jobs; the other 600,000 job growth was part-time employment."

ANOTHER CHARGE AGAINST HOFFA

Reuter reports that James Hoffa, president of the Teamsters (lorry drivers) Union, went on trial in Chicago on April 27th with seven others on charges of illegally obtaining 20m. dollars (about £7m.) in loans from the Teamsters' pension fund. Hoffa was convicted last month in Nashville, Tennessee, on a charge of tampering with a jury. He is appealing. One of co-defendants in Nashville, Harry Bell, was sentenced to 5 years in gaol and a 5,000 dollar fine. He is also appealing. Hoffa now faces losing the union's defence fund to pay his legal bills, as the union's general counsel has advised that continued payment of his defence costs is illegal. (!!!)

STOP PRESS: MOVE AGAINST GOLDWAG. (see page 8)

Frame-up victim Arnold Goldwag has been sent to Bellevue Hospital's psychiatric ward and reportedly declared 'paranoid'. Dwayne Dey, who is acting as his substitute, said "We know he is not crazy and are behind him 100%".

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