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And Brailsford goes so far as to declare that mere "recognition of status", i.e. "having an Indian Government at Delhi", would suffice. "No one", he writes ("New Leader", July 18th), "is quite sure what Indians mean by Dominion Status. I think they mean the sense of equality, the startling self-respect which would come to them with the restoration of an Indian Government. The English Viceroy, might remain, many officials, even soldiers!" "If we grant that", says Brailsford, "we have a loyal and tranquil India tomorrow." Brailsford, Brockway & Co. are clearly aiming at an India "loyal" to British imperialism. The possibilities of exploiting that loyalty for specific purposes are subtly insinuated by Brailsford in the following passage:- "Why not station the main part of the British force in the North West for its Indian command and subject only to the Viceroy? But in India proper, let us have an Indian army under the Indian Government." The main British force in the North West—against whom?

The word independence, though used sometimes in resolutions, is suppressed in actual work. The I.L.P., for instance, has decided to organise an India week-end on August 23rd and 24th, in order to create a "strong public opinion", that "would force the Government to an agreement with India" (by India I mean mainly Gandhi and the two Nehrus). The propagandists of the I.L.P. are "asked to make support of Indian self-government" the theme of their speeches" during the India Week-end. The word independence is here carefully avoided, notwithstanding the resolutions of the Youth Conference and the National Administrative Council. At the same time, Brockway, Maxton and a number of other I.L.P. leaders have sent a letter to Gandhi and the other Indian National Congress leaders assuring them that the I.L.P. stood for Indian independence. For the mass meetings in Britain the word "self-government" is used, for cables to India, "independence".

But while the I.L.P. outwardly condemns the repressive measures of the MacDonald Government and criticises its Indian policy in Parliament and the press, the real role of the I.L.P. is now clearly exposed by the agreement arrived at with the Labour Party, whereby the leaders of the Labour Party and the I.L.P. have appointed as joint chief representatives to the Trades Union Congress, the Tersh and the J.P.S. 2) That the I.L.P. accepts the Labour Party Annual Conference as the supreme authority of the organised political movement of the workers, and 2) that the I.L.P. desires to remain in affiliation with the Labour Party." At the Conference, the I.L.P. National Council, headed by James Maxton, was present in full strength, and Maxton declared that "apart from the question of disarmament, there was no fundamental disagreement on basic policy and principles"

This statement by Maxton is sufficient to show that the I.L.P. accepts in fact the Indian policy of the Labour Government, and it is therefore clear that all the talk about "full self government" and "independence" is merely a bait with which to divide the Indian workers into two groups. The method of work is a method that has the full sanction and approval of the Labour Government. In that Government the Secretary of State for India is Wedgwood Benn, who orders the bombing and shooting of the Indian masses but nevertheless retains his membership of the pacifist I.L.P., while his Party comrades Brockway and Co. keep declaring that they stand for Indian self-government even to the point of "secession." The I.L.P. is in fact the left wing of British imperialism.

A. J. Cook's Transformation Tricks.

By H. Valetzky (Moscow).

The virtuous A. J. Cook has command of a many-toned instrument. According to the mood of the masses, of which his sensitive ear instantly informs him, he presses his fingers now upon this string now upon that, causing his music to remind one now of a lullaby, and now a battle-march.

The working masses are beginning to become restless. The crisis is growing and becoming more acute. The army of the unemployed is swelling; the patience of the most peacable sections of the working class is at an end; a wave of indignation is rising; fresh demands are beginning to be提出的. Arthur Cook, who, after the defeat of the heroic English miners in 1926, flung himself into the open arms of victorious capitalism and joined the company of the most odious leaders of the Amsterdam International, now considers it opportune and expedient to make a "change of front". On the occasion of the recent Congress in Stockholm of the International Federation of Trade Unions he sent per wire a declaration, in which he stated that, according to his very latest "conviction", the Amsterdam International was a yellow and treacherous organisation, that the same designation also applied to the Labour Governments, and that hitherto he had been prepared, if necessary, to place himself at the head of the growing flight of the workers against the capitalists.

The exceedingly cunning Cook obviously reckons that the workers have a very bad memory. He reckons that the workers are badly informed regarding his latest achievements in the international arena. It is therefore necessary to call to mind his utterances in connection with the last International Miners' Congress in the middle of May last.

The Congress took place at Cracow in Poland. In Poland, which represents the outpost of imperialism against the Soviet Union. In Poland, which is governed by Pilsudski's fascist "colonels". In Poland, where the most severe economic crisis prevails. In Poland, where a third of the working class is unemployed. In Poland, in whose dungeons there are no less than 6000 revolutionary workers and peasants. In Poland, where the reformist leaders, the most contemptible specimens of their kind, function as direct collaborators in the Polish Ochrania and where the social fascists, the leaders of the P.P.S., are the fiercest inciters of war against the Soviet Union.

The first Polish newspaper to which A. J. Cook granted an interview was the official organ of the fascists, "The Illustrated Daily Courier". In this interview Cook declared: "I am touched by the reception, particularly by that given by the German cabinet. I have never in my life seen such pits as those in Wieliczka. It is simply the Eighth Wonder of the World... The only way out of the severe economic period which we are now experiencing, is, in my opinion, industrial peace"...

Cook elaborated the same "thoughts" at a public meeting in Cracow, where he said:

"Our Comrade MacDonald, who has been placed at the helm of Great Britain by the will of the people, is conducting a policy of peace. But there can be no real peace without industrial peace." (Quoted from the report in the PPS, organ "Robotnik", 16th May, 1930.)

A few days afterwards Cook gave an interview to the "Robotnik" itself. The editor of the central organ of the PPS recommended Cook to his readers as a "sincere, courageous, simple man" and added: "He is accused of having Communist sympathies, but that is not true. Comrade Cook is a socialist, a member of the Plattenbund Party."

Cook himself declared:

"The Polish workers must be congratulated that they have holidays with pay. We too are demanding the same thing, and also old age pension at the age of 60."

After the Congress Cook visited the Dombrova coal basin. At the Richters pit Cook, according to the report of "Robotnik" of 27th of May, was very cordially received by the general manager of the Laura smelting works, Mr. Schuppapa, to whom Cook declared "that abroad it was very rarely that one came across a pit which was on such a high technical