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FOR SOCIALIST PLANNING

Workers Must Supervise and Control

DURING THE LAST FEW FEW WEEKS, THE LEADERS OF THE ENGINEERING, MINERS, AND OTHER UNIONS, MET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THE URGENT NEED OF PRIORITY PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC GENERATORS AND MINING EQUIPMENT. HERE IS A SITUATION WHICH CALLS FOR THE PARTICIPATION, THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION BY THE WORKERS IN THE FACTORIES.

There have been many complaints about the production of luxury and non-essential goods in the engineering factories because the profits on these goods are higher. But the workers are not consulted and under the present "planning" of the Labour Government, profits continue to come first.

While factories producing household needs were closed during the crisis, Royal Ordnance Factories—under Government ownership!—continued to produce tanks and guns.

CRIPPS INSULTS WORKERS - THEN PRODUCES NO PLAN

Sir Stafford Cripps put forward the "plan" of the Labour Leaders in the debate on the "Economic Survey of 1947" in Parliament on March 12th. He proclaimed:

'The foundations of economic planning would be the full-time planning staff in each Government department concerned with industry or trade.

A joint planning staff would be

under a full-time executive head selected for his special quali-fications and attainments."

dustries to work out. This has nothing in common with democratic Socialist planning, as the Labour

and fuel restrictions. Such is the long heralded plan! At the same of long heralded pl

off this as a Socialist plan.

Only the participation of the masses can make a plan possible, which will be democratically con-trolled, and move Britain in the direction of Socialism.

The only solution which the Labour and Trade Union leaders can offer to the crisis of production is a further intensification of labour and speed-up by working harder. This will result in in-creasing the profits of the capitalist class while leaving the working class relatively worse off than they were before.

The economic factor of the present boom and a shortage of labour —a favourable position for the workers to improve their wages and conditions—disguises the fact that in reality there is no real planning of the resources of Britain at all.
Attlee proposed that plans must worked out in consultation

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Hotel Workers' Militant Stand

Steward Victimised

1,000 Hotel workers of the Savoy Group showed splendid solidarity when they stopped work in defence of a shop steward who was victimised. The spirit of the strikers was excellent, and many non-unionists were enrolled into the union. Workers of all nationalities were involved, including Jamaicans, Africans, Burmese, Indians, French, and so on.

The workers went back after a week of struggle against these hotel owners who must be regarded as among the most reactionary employers in the catering line, and the spearhead of all attacks against the workers in this trade.

Fresh from the victory of last October when the hotel workers won the right to organise as trade won the right to organise as trade unionists, the employees of the Savoy Group, comprising the Savoy, Berkeley, Simpson's and Claridges, have discovered that the management ignored the recent agreement by continuing their old policy of intimidation on anti-trade-

A few bureaucrats determine priorities, which are then left to the individual employers, and bureaucrats in the nationalised industries to work out. This has T.U.s Boycott

terests of the workers!

Yet the same Cripps had the insolence to assert that the workers were not sufficiently developed to control and run industry. His contempt for the working class is indicated by the attempt to palm off this as a Socialist plan.

All these 8 Unions are either directly or indirectly connected with the loading and unloading of French ships. Among them are the Singapore Dockers' Union, the Charcoal Workers' Union, the Rice Transport Workers' Union Charcoal Workers' Union, the Rice Transport Workers' Union, the Godown Workers' Union, and the Lightermen's Union.

This magnificent solidarity with the struggle for freedom by the Indo-Chinese sets an example to the workers of the West. It is the duty of the working class of the the working class of the they made the high profit of the duty of the working class of the they made the high profit of the duty of the working class of the they made the high profit of the duty of the working class of the they made the high profit of the working class of the they made the high profit of the working class of the duty of the working class of all countries to boycott the sending \$\frac{1}{4}94.231\$, which is an increase of goods to the imperialists \$\frac{1}{2}8.559\$ over last year. The goods to the imperialists attempting to drown in blood the ordinary shareholder gets a 12% fight for independence on the part dividend. of the colonial peoples

Shop Steward Refuses To Blackleg

The strike started at the Savoy Hotel when Frank Piazza, a shop steward of the Grill Room was sacked for defending trade union principles. In the plate room a stoppage had taken place because the workers resented the replace-ment of a popular foreman. During the rush hour, dirty plates had accumulated to such an extent that: the management tried to manoeuvre the apprentice waiters to wash the apprentice waiters to wash crockery. Mention was even made of waiters manning the washing machine. This attempt was, of course, to break the dispute in the plate room, and naturally, Frank Piazza was right to intervene, and instruct his section to refuse such blackleg work.

the Trade Unions, the Savoy group has gone out of its way to hold down the workers in victorian fashion. The Savoy Hotel management has so far refused to re-cognise the housing committee of the shop stewards. A shop steward's request for permission to Other resolutions passed were

(1) That a letter of protest be sent to the French Consul in Singapore.

Singapore

steward's request for permission to put up a notice board has met with restrictions and pin pricking methods are adopted to silence the workers and discourage the growth

(2) That a telegram be sent to the Viet Nam Government supporting its struggle.

On the Viet Nam Government supporting of trade unionism.

In Simpson's, for instance, the workers had been promised payment of 10% for working Christman. workers had been promised payment of 10/- for working Christmas day and Boxing day. Having agreed to this, the proprietors tried to palm off 7/6 instead, which the employees rightly refused to accept even to this day. The manager, according to one picket, said he is

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FOR A COMMUNIST **GERMANY**

Allied Victors Plan Treaty of Revenge BY E. GRANT

THE VICTORS ARE MEETING IN MOSCOW TO DETERMINE THE FATE OF GERMANY FOR THE NEXT DECADES. IN THESE DISCUSSIONS THE REAL AIMS OF THE ALLIED RULERS ARE REVEALED. BEHIND THE PHRASES ABOUT PEACE AND DEMOCRACY, EACH ATTEMPTS TO UTILISE GERMANY AS A POINT OF SUPPORT AGAINST THE OTHERS. THE LAST THING THAT CONCERNS THEM IS THE FATE OF THE GERMAN OR EUROPEAN WORKERS, OR A FUTURE OF REAL PEACE AND DEMOCRACY.

Russia the strongest power in Europe. Despite the bombings the greatest part of her industry remains intact. The German workers are highly skilled and trained. In a few years, Germany could be restored as an important could be restored as an important productive factor in the economy of productive factor in the economy of the world. She could produce a flood of goods for the benefit of the peoples of Germany, Europe, and even of the entire world. A restoration of industry on these lines could raise the standard of living of the peoples of Europe and the backward territories of the world to higher levels. world to higher levels.

European peoples is the last thing with which they are concerned. The re-birth of German industrial she can play off the reactionary might could very easily upset the present balance of forces between the Great Powers. Britain and America wish to prop up Germany as a possible base for the future attack against Russia. The Stalinist bureaucrats wish to ex-ploit Germany for their benefit.

All the Powers are forced to abandon the plans of the de-industrialization of Germany put forward at Potsdam, which would have restricted Germany's production of steel to the maximum of 5 million tons and thus reduced the related for industrial extrat the whole of her industrial output to extremely low levels.

But the Anglo-American Imperialists were faced with the duction restricted to such low levels, the only first class industrial power on the Continent of Europe parations for themselves, apart would be the Soviet Union. Morewould be the Soviet Union. Moreover, the ruin of Germany would
mean the ruin of Western Europe
as a whole. German industry and
industrial products are necessary
for the economy of the other
countries within the Western

where German factories into the
some German factories into the

at all any change of heart, that the policy of Britain and America directly used as the property of s undergone this change in re-

Despite the chaos and misery which reigns, Germany at the present time is potentially still one of the Great Powers: Next to Russia the strongest power in Europe. Despite the bombings the greatest part of her industry remains intact. The German many in a pre-way year. It would many in a pre-war year. It would place an intolerable burden on the shoulders of the German working

Simultaneously with the dis-cussions on reparations goes the discussion on the Constitution which the victors are to impose upon the German masses. Here the Allies regard the problem purely from the point of view of the best method of manoeuvring Germany in the interests of the competing Powers. Thus the Russian bureaucracy favours a But this is not the aim of the "democratic" victors. The standards of the German and standards of the Jeruthing the left thing she can play off the reactionary and backward states, especially those such as Bavaria which are mainly Catholic, against any darger of social revolution in the other States. The French Immainly other States. The French Imperialists wish to Balkanise Germany, with the Ruhr under the control of the Big Four Powers, though nominally a part of Germany.

Bevin announces that the "nationalisation of key industries" should not be under the central German Government, but puts forward the fantastic scheme that this should be under the Regional States. At the same time the Anglo-American Imperialists object to the demands of the Russians for reparations because they do not wish to strengthen Russia and reohere.

It is for these reasons, and not Soviet system." i.e., that these

the Russian state. lation to Germany. Under the phrases of "democratization" proceeds the most sordid calculations of the interests of Western and threatening each other on the international field, clashing in Europe, Asia and Africa, and depositions of the control Africa, and denouncing However the policies of the Stalinist bureaucracy proceed from no higher motives. They wish to

for internment in Cyprus they resisted desperately. British soldiers were forced to transfer them one at a time. It is the duty of the world working class to prevent tragedies of this nature which are now taking place. The working class must demand that all countries open their gates to these oppressed victims of Nazism. To support their immigration to Palestine against the wishes of the Arabs who are fighting for their own freedom from the shackles of British imperialism would only doom them to further tragedy. They would become a tool of reaction. The Canadian Government has announced that they will allow the immigration of some of these unfortunate people to Canada. Britain and other countries of the world must follow suit. Open the gates of all countries!

Towards the end of last year the 400 ton ship "Four

Freedoms" arrived in Haifa with 200 immigrants aboard.

They were seeking refuge after the nightmare of fascist

oppression in Europe during the war. And when British troops

were instructed to transfer them to the ship "Empire Heywood

BRITISH SOLDIER

ESCORTS JEWISH REFUGEE ON SHIP

FOR CYPRUS

Ministers Vote for Indo-Chinese War

The Stalinist weekly "WORLD NEWS AND VIEWS" publishes a table showing the "strength of communism" in terms of members, M.P.'s, and Cabinet Ministers belonging to the Communist Parties throughout the world.

Those who believe that ministers in a capitalist parliament constitutes a strength for communism, might look at the behaviour of the French C.P. Ministers over the question of Indo-China.

China policy. True, they bear as much responsibility as anyone for this policy, since they have formed part of the various Governments since France began this colonial war in 1941. When the French Trackelviets organised meetings and Trackelviets organised meetings and advantage." demonstrations to protest against the massacre of Indo-Chinese workers and received to the fact that the Indo-Chinese violently resisted the Indo-Chinese violently resisted that the Indo-Chinese violently resisted that the Indo-Chinese violently resisted the Indo-Chinese violently resisted the Indo-Chinese violently resisted that the Indo-Chinese violently resisted the Indo-Chinese violently resisted that the Indo-Chinese violently resisted the the massacre of Indo-Chinese workers and peasants by French imperialism, and the police violently broke them up, the "Communist" Party remained dead silent. But at last they spoke. "L'Humanite," French Stalinist paper, wrote: "The Continued on Page 4.) Stalinist paper, wrote:

A Cabinet crisis threatened because they refused to vote confidence in the Government's Indo-China policy. True, they bear as the confidence of the confidence in the Government's Indo-China policy.

violently resisted, that made these "communists" oppose the war.

Ex-DailyWorkerEditorConfesses Stalin's Guilt in Trotsky Murder

Budenz Discloses Details of 1940 Murder Preparations Implicates leaders of Communist Party in G.P.U. Conspiracy Stalinist "Daily Worker" and member of the National Committee of BY JOHN G. WRIGHT

Sinister and secret details connected with the assassination of Leon Trotsky by Stalin's killer in Mexico, August 1940, have been

disclosed by Louis F. Budenz, former Managing Editor of the American As an eyewitness and direct participant, Budenz, who served the Kremlin loyally for ten years, now supplies conclusive evidence that top operators of Stalin's secret Trotsky was at that time aboard that top operators of Stalin's secret are aboard to the secret of the secret operators of Stalin's secret of the secret operators of Stalin's secret of the secret operators of Stalin's secret operators operator

police worked for years on American soil to prepare for the murder of Trotsky. American Stalinists, including land. Budenz himself, helped pave the way for the assassin "Frank

to worm his way into Trotsky's home. Involved in the preparation for this crime were the then highest placed leaders of American Stalinism, in particular, Earl Browder and Jack Stachel.

Began In 1936 Budenz's confession places the beginning of these preparations in Because of his previous, even if beginning of these preparations in brief, contacts with Trotskyists, Richards" by name, was arranged the monstrous false charges con-

a Norwegian oil tanker en route to Mexico. The GPU was busy before he had even set his foot on

required specific information.
Since the American Trotskyists
were at the time members of the
Socialist Party, additional information about left wing Socialists
Bu was likewise required.

In his disclosures Budenz confirms the charge repeatedly made by Trotsky in his lifetime that at land.

To penetrate the Trotskyist organization and to establish connections for the killer, the GPU sits within the Central Committee of every national stallnist section and exercises required specific information unbounded authority. The selection of Budenz was approved by figure.

These revelations are made by Budenz in his book "This Is My

Story" which will be shortly released to the public by Whittlesey

the American Communist (Stalinist) Party.

Assisted G.P.U.

Budenz conferred with "Richards" and accepted the assignment, which included collecting unded authority. The selection of Budenz was approved by semi-public, semi-private at bitter enemy of Trotskyists. Always a bitter enemy of Trotskyism, Budenz does not hide even today that he was eager to assist the GPU in Budenz's meeting with the GPU chieftain in charge of "Auti-Trotskyist" activities, "friend the menutrous false charges con-

—"Roberts" for instance, replaced "Richards"—But Budenz's work continued unabated. He was shown photographs for purposes of identification. He checked on addresses and individuals. He was consulted on the selection of spies to penetrate the Trotskyist ranks.

Throughout this period he was at the beck and call of the GPU,

dropping all other assignments to gather the required information. By his own admission he con-

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YOUR HELP!

Dear Comrades,

position of the "Socialist Appeal" we have been compelled to mis the Mid-March issue. Our paper runs at a specific at the Union, to be held on May 19.16th 1947 This massive centers of the last year and the provisional resolutions pro-capitalist policy of the Labour Government have largely shattered these illusions. The General-Secretary, Mr. Geddes, said, in his Annual Report...

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Industrial Notes

BY S. NOLAN



Post Office Workers Demand Control

State Ownership is not Socialism

In its issue of March 8th and the Labour Party, created considerable illusions that there would be a new order, and a policy That these demands will not be control and supervision by the

We ask every comrade who crease in the volume and complexity of the work. The new scheme was designed to extract more work for proportionately less pay; and was introduced by a "Nationalised no matter how small, we assure you every penny helps. Our funds are made up from the pennies and shillings of the revolutionary workers and supporters of the Fourth International. Please show your active solidarity with the ideas of Trotskyism by

In May 1946, in negotiations with Dalton, the Union was granted a meagre Consolidation Bonus to bring wages into line with other industries but were told bluntly that under the wage-freeze policy of the Government, any further increases would be detrimental to the

The coming to power of Labour Government, and the Repeal of the Trade Disputes Act, which enabled the Post Office

Owing to the financial Post-Office Workers contains in support of the workers. The events of the last year and the

hopes we entertained that a Postmaster - General Labour would bring new ideas and a greater regard to the workers point of view have proved utterly unfounded. . . . No one at Union Headquarters believes that there has been any difference whatever in the approach to our problems since Lord Listowel became Postmaster-General: on the contrary, we believe if there has been any change it has been in the direction of placing the permanent officials more firmly in the saddle than ever before."

Struggle For A Living Wage

The price increases of the past year have eaten into the small pay increases of 1946, and the pressure of the rank and file on the executive for wage increases and better conditions has reached tremendous proportions.

Resolution 19 says sharply:

"Conference views with alarm the inflationary tendency in the present economic situation and instructs the E.C. to press through all possible channels for the rigid control of prices and limitation of profits."

Over 100 branches support a which enabled the Post Office resolution calling for a £5 minimum workers to affiliate to the T.U.C. wage from 21; a rise of wage inresolution calling for a £5 minimum

granted willingly by the Government in the present economic "The Year has been bitterly leading by some 80,000 disappointing in that the high workers. There is already a commission sitting to introduce mechanisation and eliminate redundant labour, and the Government is determined to reduce the staffs by the indirect "democratic" method of making conditions unbearable. Geddes remarks in this connection:

"I have no doubt the Postmaster-General, or his represent-atives will find these White Papers very useful in the immediate future. I have no doubt the Postmaster-General will feel quite justified in rejecting any claim submitted by the Union; turning these flimsy sheets into impenetrable armour behind which he will stand with digni-

fied self-satisfaction."

But the Post Office workers want action not talk. Resolution 20, supported by seven branches states bluntly:

"Conference instructs that the membership of the Union be balloted in regard to the Union's strike policy being reinstated."

The Demand For Workers' Control

If their past economic struggles changes of government make absolutely no difference, and that without control by the workers themselves, the slavery of the workers is intensified if anything when the State, the Capitalist State takes over an industry. The millions of revenue obtained from Post Office surpluses are never used ployer in a similar way. Having

That these demands will not be control and supervision by the workers can their interests be pro-

> The Post Office workers however realise that Joint Consultative Committees in which the Union is the prisoner can satisfy nobody except the Treasury.

Whilst the Executive of the Union demands that the Government ...

... "set up Joint Administrative Boards for socialised industries, on which trade union representatives elected by and responsible to their membership shall sit in equal status with the management; and further instructs the Capacal Council to devise with tea that tasted as if it had with the manager had been supported by the consistency of the consistency of

(Resolution 137)—

self from the view expressed by the General Secretary on the the complete re-organisation of had been informed. the Post Office Board on a We lay out in

out if committees elected by the have been frustrated by the bureaucratic stranglehold of the and direct the operation of the bureaucratic strangenoid of the State, this has only served to Post Office with the "experts' as consultants. The Post Office changes of government make abso- workers here show that they Post Office surpluses are never used to better the conditions of the workers but grabbed to satisfy the Office workers are giving a lead to avaricious appetite of the Im-perialist State. The slogan of industries which will now be Workers Cutrol is the number nationalised.



Soldier "Mutineer" Describes Conditions

We print here a statement from on of the 350 soldiers who walked off the troopship H.T. Rajula, sailing from Japan to Singapore.

British Commonwealth Occupation Force, JAPAN.

KURE, JAPAN-

"Here is an account of our trip from Japan to Singapore, and anything I have omitted will be seen n the press here.

We embarked on the troopship on the 15th February, 1947, and approximately 5 p.m

The trouble first started after we had had our first meal on

much further. They state: that was the last straw. The walklution 137)— off began about 10 p.m., roughly Conference disassociates it- 350 troops participated in some.

After being made wild promises on the quayside about conditions on board, they returned on board, but Post Office Board at Annual board, they returned on board, but Conference 1946, and demands found no hot tea as the newspapers

the Post Office Board on a socialistic basis, insists on the removal of those permanent officials who have so long been defined by the carly morning of 17th February, while publicising the wonderful same in the shipment of livestock.

Note: There were 29 wash basins

It was impossible to have a shower as showers ran off the same pipe line, and one was liable to shower other lads who were wash-ing. Result: one had to be con-

tent with a wash down in a basin.
On arrival in Hong Kong, and the weather getting warmer, we had hope of a few hours shore leave, even if it only meant having a bath, as the crowded quarters and heat were beginning to smell. Unfortunately, we were disappointed, without any explanation being given to anyone. The stop in Hong-

Kong was 26 hours.
Of the promises made in Kure, similar joint administration at workshop level." (Resolution 17).

Later, we waited for an issue of blankets and hammocks. After filled. Arriving in Singapore, our seeing the livestock on the blankets, story was told to the press there."

Dozens of such letters are received from workers in the forces, expressing their bitter resentment at their treatment in troopships. British workers in uniform, being used for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of imperialism all over the globe, are treated with less officials who have so long been used to working on the Tory basis of exploitation and instructs the Executive Council to press this matter with the Labour Government."

This demand can only be carried at if committees elected by the rorkers in the Post Office control and direct the operation of the rost Office with the "experts" applied more sort of drinking water. While publicising the wonderful 'reforms" in Montgomery's new

Squatters Fight:

Letter from East Twickenham Defence Assoc.

Socialist Appeal" Dear Comrade,

On November 2nd last, squatters occupied No. 1 Montpelier Row, East Twickenham, an aristocratic 18th century building which had

20, Napoleon Road,
Twickenham,
Middlesex.

Appeal "

long been empty. Their action drew public attention to the scandalous failure of the Tory controlled local council to requisition unoccupied buildings in this dis-trict, and it was possible for this association, which was formed in November, to collect 220 signatures to a petition demanding that the Council take over unoccupied dwellings and built on vacant land.

> been evicted from their former homes on the day they decided to occupy the house and had only entered it after being refused ANY alternative form of accommodation by both the local council and the relieving officer. Throughout this bitter winter, without either gas or electricity, with leaky pipes and windows from which glass had long since disappeared, five families have lived in this house. Among them were three expectant mothers and ten young children.

> The house itself has 14 rooms, and according to estimates in the possession of Twickenham Council, could be converted into three flats for approximately £700 There are a number of similar dwellings in the area. The estimated cost of conversion is, incidentally, lower than that for erecting an equal number of pre fabricated bungalows. The usual argument of shortage of labour and materials is, of course, brought out by the local authority when challenged, but during the past year quite unnecessary luxury building has been carried out in full view of local residents.

The squatters have now been informed by the Middlesex County Council, the present owners of the house, that they intend to demand possession in the near future. This association will, however, continue to fight for some alternative accommodation from the greatest and formed the contraction.

modation for the squatters, and for the requisitioning of the house. We are writing to you and to other working class newspapers in order to give the widest possible publicity to this further damnable example of large houses standing in wealthy neighbourhoods, whilst the families of the poor are thrown into

> Yours fraternally, E. J. EUSTACE, East Twickenham Tenants' Defence Association.

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EW SERVICE

A Bet. Lyai of Labour Workers BY T. REILLY

The new call-up plan of the Government enforces military conscription for many years to come. 67 Labour M.P.'s have decided to oppose the National Service Bill. The opposition, like that on foreign policy, was of a very mixed and muddled nature. Mainly it rested on the mis-use of manpower in face of the needs of industry; to a lesser extent on criticism of the Government's foreign policy; and a few M.P.'s opposed on pacifist grounds. Those who opposed on grounds that it wasted manpower, had no difference in principle. Major Wyatt, who moved the amendment emphasised that very few of its supporters were against conscription, and argued that 750,000 men in the forces would be indispensable, but a million

On the other hand, the pacifist opposition was principled, but totally unrealistic. The capitalists have shown that they are prepared to massacre half the world to protect their class interests. If the workers are to achieve their emancipation from capitalism, they must be prepared to fight for it. The question is: for what purposes are these forces required?

the part of the Labour leaders to Cover up a policy of betrayal!

Let no one be bluffed by the Government's statement on the Government's statement on

Government's statement on the limited nature of conscription. The Bill states:

"Full direction of young men between the ages of 18 and 26, for 18 months compulsory full time service, followed by five and a half years part-time service with the Reserve."

The number of persons effected

The number of persons affected will be: 204,000 in 1949; 210,000 will be: 204,000 in 1949; 210,000 in 1950; 200,000 in 1951; and ...210,000 in each of the two following years. The equivalent of 60 days will have to be devoted to training over the period of five and a half years. A study of consense a half years. A study of conscription in the 1914-18 war will show

says the Government, must not be raised as it will cause inflation, yet millions of pounds are squandered on weapons of destruction. The Glasgow Forward. pointed out last year: the cost to build the H.M.S. "Vanguard" was £11,000,000 and its annual upkeep will be £650,000, yet at its trial potwers the leading capitalist countries, mainly America and Britain, are being narrowed down, militarily, towards such a course. Revolutionary workers oppose

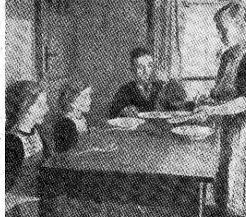
the freetion of 11,000 municipal to the 1914-18 war will show how subtle methods were used over a long period of months in gradually introducing the principle in stages. After all the country was kidded in June 1939, by the "Military Training Act'. Conscription was only supposed to operate for 3 years. It is still with us today after nearly 8 years. Despite all the phrases about the need of manpower for industry, Britain's conscript army, eighteen months after the war (Dec. 1946) is twice as large as the force existing during the same period after the first world war. According to Mr. Bellenger the army has now 700,000 more men than in 1939. The British Army also absorbs more of the population, relatively speaking, than other large capitalist powers.

The crection of 11,000 municipal the erection of 11,000 municipal the country without the documental outset. After an expensive campaign to the same stages. After an expensive campaign to the the republican parliament. In the same sense, the existence of an armed force in this country out the dictates of a capitalist policy, as at the present time, constitutes a menace to working class progress. The Labour Government must be forced to end such a position. Are not the workers more capable of challenging reaction than this military caste? As long as the current army exists it is necessary to abolish this school of blimps and its military law and to institute in its place work previously performed by girls work previously performed by girls work previously performed by girls and 16. The estimates were doing the creation of the military mand their control of the military mand to admit the republican parliament. In the same sense, the existence of an armed force in this country the defiators of a capitalist policy, as at the present time, constitutes a menace to working elass progress. The Labour Government must be forced to end such a more capable of challenging re

The text of this Bill was published on Wednesday, March 13th. Instead of using the word conscript in future, the term "National Serviceman" will be applied under the Government's "National Service Bill." What a futile effort on the part of the Labour leaders to the part of the Labour leaders to being laid for a possible line up of the imperialist powers against the Soviet Union. between the The contradictions leading capitalist

will be £650,000, yet at its trial run on the Clyde it was declared to be already obsolete. (The Royal Family are using this luxury ship.) Emrys Hughes, Labour M.P., further points out that in Clydebank where the ship was built, as a result of the blitz, this area has about the worst housing problem in Scotland. Assuming the cost of one of the new municipal houses to be £1,000 it means that this battleship costs as much as the erection of 11,000 municipal houses.

After an expensive campaign to Revolutionary workers oppose conscription and the existence of



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WHAT THE EXPORTS BRING IN

THE slogan "Fill the ships we'll fill the shops" screams at the workers from factory walls and hoardings. But they might well ask "fill the shops and with what?" For while the struggle to what?" For while the struggle to procure the essentials of a worker's life looms large, we read in the "News Chronicle" that in Mayfair "Sold over the counter as ordinary shopping items" are to be found:

"Caviare, ten guineas a pound; Paté de foie gras, 35 shilings a tin: Marrons glacés, £1 for a box of

16 (total weight 1 lb. 2 oz.); Truffles 26s. 6d. a pint." Nobody would claim, of course,

that this is the general position. But it does show that the wealthy capitalists can get what they want within the framework of the Labour Government's economic policy, and the workers can't.

rank', he is reported to have commented to an escorting British officer.

This is the treatment of the

tion, shows how remote are the policies of the Labour Government rom Socialist planning.

"AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN"?

CLASS interests, like water, find their own level. Von Rundstedt, one-time Commanderin-Chief of Hitler's army, was recently taken to Germany as a witness at the trial of some of his fellow officers. He was taken to Herford by special plane, and at Herford was awaited by a staff car and received a salute from a field officer!

"'The British at least know how to treat a soldier of my rank', he is reported to have com-

FOREIGNERS BANNED

and "aliens" were prohibited by decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R.

According to the "Manchester Guardian" only 27 marriages between Russian women and British soldiers have taken place. Of these brides, only twelve have so far been allowed to leave the Soviet Union and join their husbands and it is stated that Bevin is to intervene with the Russian authorities on behalf of the other fefters. the other fifteen.

Such an edict is unprecedented in modern history. Even the arch-racialist, Hitler, never went so far. But had he done so, it would have been expected and understood, and forthrightly condemned by the

The existence of such expensive luxuries which have been exchanged for exported products or sterling, side by side with the shortages of essentials for the elementary needs of the masses elementary needs of the masses of the work of t Coming from the Kremlin this monstrous ukase, will cause much soul-searching in the ranks of the loyal Stalinophiles. But surely

TUCKED away in an obscure corner of the back page of the Daily Worker" on 22nd March, was the laconic announcement that Marriages between Soviet citizens

to Speakers

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Editorial

PROFITS & WAGES

Reports of nearly all the big capitalist companies reveal that profits continue to rise steadily. To take a few examples at random for the recent period, the British Aluminium Company reports £1,368,095 for 1946 compared with £1,019,440 in 1945. Guest, Keen, Baldwins Iron and Steel Co., rose from £255,524 to £326,431. An increase in the ordinary dividend from 72% to 10% has been announced. Cammell Lairds, whose directors have been to the fore in opposing higher wages or lower hours, have increased profits from £220,595 to £374,077. They are paying a dividend of 12½% as well as giving a tax-free bonus of 3%. Lewis's Department Stores, with its subsidiaries, increased profits from £1,542,485 to £1,822,179.

Simultaneously with this general rise in profits, the employers are putting forward propaganda for the freezing of wages. The reason? Because "the country couldn't afford increases."

Meanwhile, it is indicated that the Government is preparing to cut the subsidies on food and necessities by £50,000,000, which, together with the rise in prices of these necessities abroad, will inevitably mean an increase in the cost of living.

However, under the pressure of the Labour movement the phoney cost of living index which is decades out of date, is to be scrapped by the Government. This is a step forward. But the workers must demand that committees elected from the unions and factories, together with committees elected by the housewives in the districts, shall draw up a genuine cost of living index based on the needs of the working class.

The workers must demand a guaranteed minimum wage for all, which will ensure at least a decent standard of life for the mass of the population. Together with this, the employers must be compelled automatically to increase wages in proportion with the rise in the cost of living.

For a Sliding Scale of Wages with a Guaranteed minimum based on a genuine Cost of Living Index.

Punishments and Fines in U.S.S.R.

BY T. CLIFF

To strengthen labour discipline, the bureaucracy was not satisfied merely with the economic pressure of socialist emulation" but used also extra-economic coercion.

stitute of Investigation. The meeting's decision was transferred

to the Molotov Raykom (the pro-vincial committee) without clarify-

The provincial prosecutor, Com-rade Mirushinichenko, was advised

not to begin any investigations.
"When Comrade Sergeyev,

Secretary of the party organisation

of the workers' supply administra-tion tried to protest, Kurygin, Secretary of the Raykom, said: 'Mind your own business! You'll

lose your head!'."
"The Raykom did not change its attitude when tens of thousands of

roubles were stolen. The only

result of the protest was that the

nain complainants were dismissed.

nnumerable in the daily papers.

Powers To Evict

the Director as the control over the food supply, is the Director's

right to evict a worker from his

Labour 26/11/1932). This factor cannot be over emphasized, as the

On 26th June, 1940, a new law was promulgated according to which no worker was allowed to quit his job unless either he was

physically unfit to work, or he was

accepted into institutions of learn-

ing, or was given special permission by higher authorities. Any

satisfactory excuse, even for a day, made the culprit liable to six months' correctual labour—which

meant a cut of 25 per cent. in his

earnings during all that time. For

punished by imprisonment from two to six months. Any leniency towards such "crimes" on the part of the Director makes him liable to severe punishment.

It is interesting to note that a few months after the promulestion

few months after the promulgation

of this law, a few women wrote a

letter to Izvestia, suggesting that

domestic servants should also be

subject to this law. Izvestia, in its comment on this question (Dec.

with this suggestion, was not in any way astonished by such a suggestion in the period of the

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1940), although disagreeing

from work without

his dismissal. Commissarat of

in Russia is

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housing shortage in extreme. (See below).

Another weapon as important to

Such stories as the above are

(Pravda).

lodgings

(Decree

extreme.

First among these methods are Dobovoy and Anushkin, and to the Labour Books. If from 1931, bring the others before the Inworker was allowed to leave Leningrad without special permission ,and a system of passports was established in Leningrad, and if in 1932 this system was taken if in 1932 this system was taken over in all parts of Russia, so that no one could travel freely, on 15th justified and dismissed the motter. January, 1939, a new means of binding the workers was inventedthe Labour Books. Every worker must give his Labour Book to the Director when he is accepted in a job, and the Director can write into it whatever remarks he finds necessary on the worker's leaving the job. No worker can be accepted at a job without showing his Labour Book.

Another weapon to subjugate the workers was put into the hands of the Directors on 4th December, 1932, when a decree was issued putting the plant supplies of food and other necessities under the control of the Directors "in order to strengthen the powers of Directors of enterprises." (Pravda)

The excesses to which this can give rise, is clear from numerous letters of protest appearing in the Russian Press. The excesses were so extreme, that Stalin and his close collaborators found it necessary, to give vent to the indignation of the workers and not compromise themselves too much, to find a scapegoat. little incident published in Pravda, written by a correspondent from

Omsk, shows this up clearly.
"In September last," writes the correspondent, "in one of the big enterprises of Omsk, a meeting of the party members was held. meeting was very stormy. In the discussions some Communists very severely criticized the administra tion looking after workers' supplies. In order to investigate the working of the administration a special committee was constituted.

"The committee was made up or nine Communists. After three weeks, it uncovered glaring facts of theft, wastage and illegal distribu tion of industrial products and food supplies. The organiser and patrons of all these shameful deeds and were found out: the acting Director of workers' supplies, Don, his deputy, Dobovoy, the Director of the plant's auxiliary farm, Amushkin, the supervisor of the department of commerce of the workers' supply administration, Katchura, and others. After hearing the report of the Committee, the party meeting decided: to expel from the party Don, 1.L.P.'s S.U.S.E. Campaign

Only Revolutionary Socialist Europe

The I.L.P. launched its campaign for a Socialist United States of Europe at an International Conference in London on February 22-23rd. Represented there were the P.O.U.M. (Spanish I.L.P.), the Common Wealth the I.L.P. There were representatives of the Hamburg Social Democratic Party, and a number of other groups and sects. Marceau Pivert, of the French Socialist Party attended in a personal capacity. The presence of members of the French pacifists and the League against Racism illustrated the mixed and heterogenous character of the assembly.

The Revolutionary Communist Party sent two delegates to put the point of view of the Party.

to work unceasingly for the attain-ment of the Socialist United ing amendment:— States of Europe. The resolution committed the delegates to nothing. It explained neither how the Socialist United States of Europe was to be achieved, or who was to achieve it. There was endless iscussion around its advantages ut this discussion was far indeed rom the conceptions of revolucion ary socialism. Most of the contributions centred on what organisational forms the "federation" of states would take. One delegate declared that we had to be "realists" and accept even Churchill's United Europe as a step forward! step forward!

The P.O.U.M. delegate moved an amendment, which the platform agreed to regard with serious con-sideration, that the word "State" e struck out, and the word Federation" used in its place in order to bring the Anarchists and Syndicalists into this all-embracing Committee, which already included non-Socialists and humanitarians.

It was characteristic of the Conference, that the most Left wing speech came from a young delegate of the middle class Common Wealth, who moved an amendmen to the organisational resolution de manding the preparation of a programme calling for a New International. However, under pressure from the platform they withdraw their amendment.

A resolution was presented by The Revolutionary Communist the I.L.P. pledging the conference Party delegates, Comrades Ajit Roy and Ted Grant, moved the follow

R.C.P. AMENDMENT

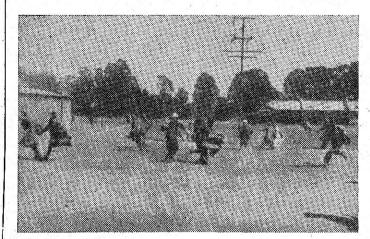
"If the second world war ended not in the victory of the European working class and the establishment of a United Socialist State of Europe but in the re-establishment of Capital ism, then the main responsibility must rest on the leaderships of European Social-Democracy and Stalinism. They sacrificed the socialist interests of the masses in carrying out the policies of Anglo-American Imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracy. struggle for a Socialist Europe can be carried out successfully only on the basis of the prin-ciples and programme of revolutionary Marxism as laid down in the first four Congresses of the Third International and de-veloped in the programme of the

Fourth International.
"Therefore the immediate task confronting us is that of build-ing a new International of the European and World proletariat on the basis of the above principles as the only means of uniting the struggles of the European proletariat for a Socialist Europe and a Socialist

world."
This was rejected by the Conerence. To have laid down a (Continued on Page 4.)

WHAT THE ROYAL Policy Can Lead to FAMILY DID NOT SEE

We read in the daily press of the Royal Tour in South Africa of the 200 dresses worn by women at the Garden Party at Government House; of so-called Nationalists and Republicans fawning on the royal visitors; of the King shaking hands with the fascist, anti-Semitic, anti-Negro leader of the "Ossewa Brandwag". Marsh; and of the costly ensembles worn by the Queen and her two " General " daughters—(where did the coupons come from?)



POLICE ATTACK SOUTH AFRICAN WORKERS OUTSIDE JOHANNESBURG



AFTER THE BATTLE: THE POLICE GET A TASTE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

But there seems to be a great deal of South Africa which the King is destined never to see!

Langa Location

Not many miles from where the Royal Family landed in Cape Town Docks, is Langa Location, a compulsory place of residence for the great majority of Africans who earn their living in Cape Town. Here they live in ill-ventilated houses with concrete floors and roofs, inadequate sanitation and no say at all in the running of their own affairs. They come under the jurisdiction of the Cape Town City Council, but have no voice in electing that Council. There is no of the King's visit to

As the Royal Train steamed on its way from Port Elizabeth to Grahamstown, it passed through the Transkei, one of the Union's "Native Reserves". At Grahams-town the King was greeted as "Sizizwe" (Father of Nations) by the assembled Native Chiefs. But did he stop to enquire into the conditions under which "his children" live? If he had done this instead of spending most of his time at year another Garden Party, he would have learned a thing or two.

The 16,400 square miles of the Transkei comprises 1/29th part of the Union and here live 14 million people or an eighth of the country's entire population. There are seventy-five persons to the square mile as compared to nine for the whole of the Cape Province. Thirty per cent. of the adult males are recruited for work on the mines and a further thirty per cent, have to seek other work in the cities. The so-called Reserves are in fact reserves of cheap labour for the British-owned Gold and Diamond mines, the urban industries, and the big white farmers.

A report published in 1943, revealed the terrible conditions under which the inhabitants of the Transkoi eko out all existence. By studying this report, the King would learn more about "his people" than by the carefully conducted tour arranged for him by the Smuts Government. But then, studying statistical reports is not nearly as entertaining as attending State Balls or Garden Parties!

Life In A "Reserve"

He would have learned that the cows in the Transkei are so poor that they yield no milk. The maize crop is not sufficient to meet the needs of the people and maize has to be imported from other areas at the artificially high prices fixed for European-grown maize in the Union.

"Disease is rife. Scarcely a single family exists in which at least one member is not suffering Hospital services are so inadequate that incurable tuberculosis and other cases are sent home to die—and to spread the infection. In some areas a single doctor has to attend to the needs of 40,000 people. (How many doctors accompany the Royal Family? C.v.G.). The natives must pay for medical treatment. There is no provision for pauper patients. About 65 per cent. of native children die before reaching two

"About two-thirds of the people are landless-which means in effect that they are paupers, only kept alive by the traditional native custom of the more well-to-do sharing their worldly goods with their poorer relatives. The land of the Transkei is exceedingly poor, not because it is inherently so, but because it has been reduced to a pitiable condition by soil erosion, which in turn is caused too many people, without facilities for intensive cultivation, trying to live off it." ("Empire Africa", by Alexander Campbell.)

Such is the Transkei, generally regarded as a model of what a Native Reserve should be. But not a word of this appears in the daily press reports of the Royal tour.

But these are not the things bout which Royalty concerns itself. Itself wholly parasitic, the Royal Family will feel perfectly at home in the parasitic environment in which the greater part of white South Africa lives. All the more disgrace, therefore, that a Labour Prime Minister gave his official blessing to this tour, which can only serve to strengthen the hold of the white exploiters over their black slaves.

Let the world see that the British workingclass stands four-square on the side of the African workers and peasants against the white Slave regime. Demand the immediate release of the Communist Party leaders and the recognition of the right of native workers to organise in Unions and political organisations on equal terms with their white

COMMUNISM and the COLO

LEAFLET ISSUED BY THE COLON, IL MARXIST LEAGUE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY TO THE C.P. EMPIRE CONFERENCE MEETING HELD IN LONDON IN FEBRUARY.

Comrades:

The peoples of the colonial countries are participating in mass uprisings for national liberation from the chains of imperialism. In these struggles the working class is in the a part of Greater Holland forefront. The heroism and selfsacrifice of the colonial peoples, their determination to end the centuries old foreign domination and exploitation, is compelling the imperialists to retreat. The mighty millioned alliance with their class brothers in the Metropolitan centres, could readily break the shackles of imperialism.

Do the Stalinist "Commun-Parties forge the international unity of the workers of the West and the toilers of the East in the struggle against imperialism? What are the Communist Parties Metropolitan centres doing today in support of the struggles for liberation? Are they assisting the colonial people by struggling against the imperialists at home?

In France, the "Communist" Party leaders, with a "communist" Minister of Defence, sit in the Government which is shooting down and attempting to drown in blood the Indo-Chinese people in their struggle for independence. The British C.P. attempts to conceal this betrayal. Palme Dutt in the "Labour Monthly" pretends that the French C.P. is actively attempting to assist the Indo-Assembly of 10th December, communist" 1946, the puties voted for a resolution expressing ". . . to our French combatants in Indo - China, their affectionate sympathy and saluting their efforts to maintain in the Far East the civilising and pacific presence of France." In an interview with the "Evening Standard", of 15th September, 1946, Duclos Secretary of the French C.P. declared:

"The natives in the majority of these colonies are backward people and it is France's responsibility to give them a helping hand."

What he meant was put in plain words by M. Thorez, leader of the French C.P., in a

speech given this year, when he "France needs her said:

The Dutch Communist Party has the same policy as the French. Indonesia must remain

What about the policies of the Communist Parties in the colonies? Is their policy a consistent revolutionary anti-imperialist one which is dethe masses, or does it change Stalin's foreign policy?

During the war, the Stalinist colonial peoples taking advantage of the difficulties of their oppressors to achieve their liberation. The Indian Communist Party, for example, sabotaged the attempted uprising in August 1942. While the Trotskyists, Congress Socialists, and even bourgeois nationalists, were being imprisoned, the "communist" eaders were released and made legal in order to aid British Imperialism in its struggle against the Indian people. At that time they were staunch supporters of 'Pakistan' to-

Dr. Adhikari! Remember your Pakistan thesis, known as the Adhikari Thesis "!

when long ago, cordial" relations existed beween Stalin and Churchill, the C.P.'s in the colonies tried their Chinese people against French best not to embarrass British imperialism. This is a lie. At imperialism. Perhaps Touma the session of the French can tell us what his paper said about Churchill's voyage to de- Greece during the brutal suppression of the Greek working class. The paper he edits, Al-Ittihad", organ of the Arab "communists", said on 31st December 1944:

> ".. we consider . . . that the (in Greece) is not free from ists. short-sightedness and it will stand to reason that he will insist on the suppression of

circles.

gether with the Muslim League. The Arab C.P. participates in Front with the reactionary Zionists, For the White Paper." dealing!

In Iraq also, there is more than one Communist Party. The Kurds have a separate organisation from the Arabs. Their central slogan is the building of an Independent Greater Kurdistan. The Arab Communists" declare that the slogan of Kurdistan is inspired British Govennment will by the reactionary machinations understand that its behaviour of the feudalists and imperial-

change it . . as Mr. Churchill between Stalinist Russia and is a man who did a lot for British imperialism, the C.P. democracy, and it does not leaders suddenly remembered the reactionary character of immeaning of Mr. Churchill's at the hands of the imperialists,

whose efforts are directed to elsewhere. The Indian Bolthe solution of the Greek shevik Leninist Party (Trotskyquestion, to Greece, made a ist) is campaigning against good impression on all these arrests. Dr. Adhikari!

The colonial revolution needs united internationalist parties prisoned by British imperialism, that do not distinguish between peoples and communities. But member !

Both parties propagate hostile policies against one another. just as do the French against German C.P.'s, and the Yugoslav against the Italian. Thus, the Palestine Jewish C.P. demonstrated on "V-Day" under the Zionist flag, their slogans being "Free Immigration, Extension of Colonisation, Development of the Jewish National Home. Down with the White Paper." Ask the delegate to the Empire Conference of the C.P., Mikunis, from the Jewish C.P. to explain this! the so-called Arab National feudal and capitalist parties. Its demands are: "Against Zionist Immigration, Against Transfer of Land to the Ask the Arab delegate Touma about this shameful double-

With the cooling of relations

Do you remember when the Bolshevik-Leninists were im-

you did not protest! With these policies, it is clear the Communist Parties are not that the Stalinist Communist internationalist. Thus, for example, in Palestine there are of the colonial peoples. They pendent only on the interests of two "Communist" Parties, one merely use these struggles when 100% Jewish and the other it suits the ends of Stalin's masses of the colonial peoples, only according to the needs of 100% Arab. It is even written foreign policy. Never is their in the Constitution of the Arab policy a consistent one which organisation—the Arab League unites the workers and peasants of National Liberation, that of East and West on a common Parties were opposed to the nobody but an Arab can be a platform of struggle against the common enemy.
In Britain, Holland, France,

the parties of the Fourth International have endeavoured to assist the struggling colonial peoples by all means in their power. On December 6th, 1946, thousands of Indo - Chinese. Algerians and French toilers lemonstrated against atrocities of French imperialism n Paris under the banner of he "Internationalist Communist Party" (French Section of the Fourth International). Ten were beaten by the police and 17 were arrested. The French Stalinists were absent. " communist " The ministers did not move a finger to protest against the arrests. The Executive Committee of

the Fourth International issued a Manifesto to the workers of all lands calling upon them to take action against the imperialists, in the shipment of arms and supplies against the colonial peoples fighting for their liber-The Communist Interation. national was dissolved, and with it went the last pretence of organising the peoples of the colonies and the world under the banner of Leninism, for the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment of the World Socialist Federation of the Peoples.

Colonial Workers British Workers ! Students: Back to the internationalist policy of Leninism. The policy of the Fourth International is a consistent one in East and West, in war and peace; an perialism. The result is that in internationalist communist the Greeks. That is the many cases they are suffering policy fighting for the national and social liberation of the and Mr. Eden's voyage to the same fate that is the lot of colonial peoples together with Greece. . . . The visit of Mr. other opposition parties. Hence the socialist revolution in the Churchill and Mr. Eden, the arrests in India, Africa and West, of which it forms a part.

For a Communist Government Plan: Germany

assiduously attempt to cultivate the legend that it was only "Prussian militarism" which has caused the wars of the last few decades. Thus the Allies have gone through the representative of French Imperialism is that Germans should be allowed to emigrate from Germany! wars of the last few decades. Thus the Allies have gone through the solemn farce of dissolving Prussia and dividing it into states with

In imposing their terms on defeated Germany the victors have announced the need to eliminate "all war potential" by the end of 1948. But it is virtually impossible to separate so-called war production from peace production.

The same steel equipment can be used for producing tanks or tractors. The same chemical inor tractors. The same chemical industry can be used for producing fertiliser or poison gas. The same shippards can produce submarines or merchant shipping. Thus, although the Allies have been forced to abandon the cruel limitations proposed on the production of steel, for instance, to the level of 5,800,000 tons, the highest suggestions now put forward are in the region of 10 to 12 million tons. Yet before the present war shipping and the five perform this such a directive as the first sissued such a directive as the first poraging of the people. The huge numbers movement from the top directed against the needs and interests of the masses.

French Imperialism.

After preparing to perform this susued such a directive as the first poraging on the living body of Germany, the Allies vie with one defend free speech, free elections another in proclaiming the need to defend free speech, free elections and all the outward trappings of capitalist democracy! Of course, the centralisation of the resources of the nation in the hands of the state through nationalisation is an absolute necessity. For a socialist. That is why there is absolute necessity. For a socialist talk of the need for the stabilisation of wages. But it means more than the region of 10 to 12 million conceptions. Yet before the present war Socialism.

world, from the point of view of a socialist, it is a crime to limit the potential German production. Steel can be used for the purpose of erecting houses, making cars, leader, Otto Grotewohl, has the besses will conference of the purpose of erecting houses, making cars, leader, Otto Grotewohl, has the limit they will not be prepared to sacrifices and exertions from the workers, but the bosses will continue to pile up new fortunes. of erecting houses, making cars, Party gramophones, refrigerators, type-replied gramophones, refrigerators, type-writers, vacuum cleaners and a thousand and one other articles which can be of use and enjoyment for the masses. But under the which can be of use and enjoyment for the masses. But under the system of capitalism-imperialism. Germany's industrial capacity and wonderful technical knowledge is a the legal. burden and a curse to the workers of Germany and of the world. The Allies can offer no solution to this problem beyond the barbarous one problem beyond the barbarous one of limiting Germany's productive possibilities, using the danger of new "aggression" — inevitable under capitalism from one or other of the Great Powers—as a confict between the capitalist powers. The worse Versailles under capitalism from one or other of the Great Powers—as a convenient pretext.

Meanwhile the flower of the

German youth, nearly two years after the end of the war, are used as forced labour as prisoners of war. 435,000 held in Britain, 631,000 by France, and millions by If America has a misery and war. negligible amount, it is not because her "moral" attitude is better, but because of her resources and misery and war.

The workers in the Allied countries must call for the unconditional withdrawal of the occumentower these presences and manpower these prisoners are not pation troops from Germany.

At the sen, the Germany has of comradeship based on lost approximately one-third of her and Internationalism territor with the sense of the Stalinist bureaucracy and apportioned between Poland and Russia in direct violation of all the teachings of Leninism. To this truncated Germany millions of Germans have been sent from the East. On the territory of an impoverished Germany, the density of population will be three times that of Poland and France, and the

All the Allies are agreed on the question of control and supervision of Germany, i.e., rendering her in-dependence fictitious. If French Imperialism demands the allocation of coal exports regardless of the immediate needs of German reconstruction; if she demands "the immediate integration of the Saar in the economic and monetary sphere of France" that is a re-flection of the rapacious needs of French Imperialism.

the region of the present war forms. Yet before the present war Germany produced 20,000,000 tons. From the point of view of the working class in Germany and the working class in Germany and the world, from the point of view of a Democratic leaders have threatened that they will not be prepared to

in Germany. They are sowing the seeds of new wars, and new powers. which is in preparation cannot have any better prospects. It will not mean the dawn of a new era of peace and democracy.

The vicious policies of the Great Powers dooms the workers of Germany and Europe to poverty,

necessary to her economy. Thus, they can hypocritically raise the question of the return of these prisoners of war back to their homes.

At the sen, the Germany has are not necessary to her economy. Thus, peace without indemnities and annexations must be the demand of the working class. In struggling for this, the European working class will extend the hand of comradeship based on Socialism and Internationalism to the

peace and plenty lies in the struggle to overthrow the capitalist class and the establishment of a Socialist United States of Europe.

CAPITALISM TO REMAIN STALIN'S (Continued from Page 1.) She sat

ball-bearings was 66 weeks behind requirements, 18 months behind

Sessing to coal mining.

The first step towards a Socialist plan would be the control over the bosses by the shop stewards' committees. If the Labour leaders were serious in their talk about the separate of their talk about the sabotage of Big Business, they would have

plan the nationalisation without

tinue to pile up new fortunes.

The capitalist press and the
Labour leaders echoing them con-Party that refuses to sign the treaty shall be allowed to be legal.

By the Treaty which the Allies wish to impose on the German people they make inevitable a new rise of nationalism and militarism are sufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to pour out an impose on the German resufficient to get a development in of the trade of the world, after the American loan has been British people we used up. This is clearly impossible.

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Market Workers Contacted

great initiative in contacting the workers of Smithfield and Covent Garden with the request that they

ban supplies of meat, fruit, and vegetables. The strike pickets also stopped the supply of oil and coal. Messengers went around to the

employment agencies and told them

employment agencies and told them not to send labour, as the union would blacklist such practices, A leaflet was also issued to the general public explaining the strikers' case, in an effort to

the Strike Committee to the Editor that a deputation be received to make a protest. The editor was asked: "Do you want a demon-stration of workers at the front

counteract the capitalist press.

filthy article

The Strike Committee showed

requirements, 18 months behind for the production of heavy electrical motors, and 5 months behind for rubber belting, all essential to coal mining. million are producing munitions for them. This force could be used on productive work if it were not for productive work if it were not for the needs and interests of British Socialism: it is "Planning" for Imperialism.

Really planned production at home, would mean a monopoly of

of wages. But it means more than that. A capitalist Britain is completely at the mercy of the world market, perhaps more than any other country in the world. The present feverish drive for produc-tion is an attempt to take advanttion is an attempt to take advantage of the economic upswing and the temporary sellers market. But drawing in the colonial countries, nection between "Frank Jacson," for Britain to live on a capitalist basis, even on the present standard

"with both sides". But the principle of the bosses is each man for himself. That is why there can be no real planning under capitalism. Thus, even a Tory M.P. pointed out that the production of ball-bearings was 66 weeks behind requirements. 18 ments quantity of goods for the masses and rapidly raise the present standards of living, while at the same time re-equipping British industry with the most modern machinery. The existence of capitalism, and the immense burden of the parasite capitalist class predictions of the workers. Even today behind the scenes, the Tory bankers and capitalists are sighbankers and capitalists are sighing for a "good dose of unemployment" to bring the workers to their senses. In the Bank Journals and in the "Economist" they have been cynical enough to blurt this out openly.

catastrophe.

Workers! Demand the scrapping of this tinkering with capitalism. No-one can plan in your interests, except representatives factories and plants will be dis-cussed and approved by the workers.

The capacity for sacrifice was shown during the fuel crisis by the fell upon Sylvia Ageloff, an dockers, miners, transport and other workers who strained themselves in the effort to get industry working again. With a Socialist plan, controlled by themselves, all the enthusiasm and initiative of the working class could be harnessed for an effort which would transform the situation nationally which produce the raw materials. By offering to assist their industrial development in exchange, the standards of the colonial and British people would rise to undreamed of heights. The night-mare of slump and unemployment due to "overproduction" would

HOTE STEIKE I.L.P.'s CAMPAIGN (Continued from Page 3.)

dozen different sections, separating duce Ageloff to "Jacson. out the non-socialists, humanitarians, pacifists, centrists and re-formists from the revolutionary socialists.

two months awaiting such a court of inquiry, and will most probably be delayed for many more months.

For A Militant

Having refused to consider the formulation of a principled policy, the participants proceeded to set up an International Committee to prepare for a new Conference in Having refused to consider the prepare for a new Conference in the summer. This organisation has The Trade Union leaders did not serve the interests of the men when they prevented is workers of other hotels and recommendation and its refusal to work out a process and recommendation of the parties comprising it, and its refusal to work out a process and recommendation of the parties of the men when the process of the distribution of the parties of the men when they prevented the workers of other hotels, and results from coming out at the regretation of the stewards. As it is, the orkers have gone back with no guarantees. It will require further determined battles to bring this reactionary group of employers to heel. The solid ranks of the strikers showed that they possess the necessary qualities and coursege to achieve this end. Above can lead to the conquest of power to achieve this and its refusal, to work out a revolutionary internationalist policy another of its participants, it will fall to pieces. Without a genuine international socialist programme the achievement of a Socialist United States of Europe is a utopia. Only the Fourth International carries the banner which converge to achieve this would aften to me or another of its participants, it will fall to pieces. Without a genuine international socialist programme to achieve the convergence of the convergence

her arrival in Paris, another GPU once a week. No piece of inform-stion was deemed too mimportant vailed upon her to pretend she was ation was deemed too unimportant. a friend of "Jacson." This evidence fits in perfectly

with the facts uncovered by the Mexican police during their investigation of the murder of

Trotsky. In her deposition, Sylvia Ageloff testified that "Jacson

under the name of Jacques Mornard," was introduced to her

"in Paris in the early part of July 1938 by Ruby Weil." The assassin himself, whose

hazy about the date—she came to this country, ill with tuberculosis,

and got in touch with Budenz to tell him the whole story.

Budenz says that he could not

bring himself to believe her at

the time. In any case, he has known the truth for at least six

whom he and the other Stalinist leaders had blindly obeyed, had

laid all the preliminary ground-

work in the United States in 1937

ternal evidence is now corroborated

In addition, the methods and instumentalities through which

the missing threads in the fabric

of evidence that places the responsibility for the murder of Leon Trotsky on the shoulders of

French C.P.

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The "Times" of March 20th, reports Duclos, Stalinist M.P.'s contribution to the debate in the

by irrefutable facts.

Joseph Stalin.

the time.

Victim In Plot

When in the summer of 1937 Budenz went to Chicago to serve as ¶editor of the "Midwest Daily Record", his undercover work for the GPU nevertheless continued. He used to travel on weekends to New York to keep his appointments with the GPU agent, and whenever it was urgent the latter travelled to Chicago. Budent makes it clear that the C.P. leaders, especially Browder and Stachel, were not only aware of his activity. ments with the GPU agent, and were not only aware of his activities on behalf of the GPU, but Sylvia Ageloff "through Ruby's sister."

Stalin's murder machine was particularly eager to collect every interests, except representatives under your own guidance and direct control, where all plans in the factories and plants will be discussed and approved by the dividual whom they could enmesh in Europe in their murder plot.

The choice, as is well known,

accepted friend in Trotsky's house- Known Truth For Six Years hold. Budenz acknowledges that in 1937, GPU agent "Roberts, in charge at the time, showed him her photograph and made

In weaving their web around years. Today he confirms that the tylvia Ageloff, the GPU found "Roberts," one of the GPU agents Sylvia Ageloff, the GPU found nection between "Frank Jacson," the killer, and Sylvia Ageloff was another Trotsky in Mexico in 1940. established through woman, who was a friend of an, who was a friend of many the refers to her as "Miss But her identity was long ago established by overwhelming in-Budenz. He refers to her as "Miss established.

Her real name is Ruby Weil. Budenz knew her from the days of his association with the Conference For Progressive Labour the GPU operates, especially the Action to which she also belonged. Action to which she also belonged. She together with other followers of Budenz joined the Stalinist party, but had nevertheless kept the stalinist party but had nevertheless kept the stalinist party but had nevertheless kept the stalinist party of the stalinist party. up friendly relations with Sylvia The Savoy management want the issue to go to an Industrial Court. This is just another effort to prolong proceedings. The wise acquainted. The GPU had fixed upon her as the most likely

In dealing with this key aspect of the GPU plot, Budenz avows that he was astonished when 'Roberts" in 1937 requested him to draw Ruby Weil into the undercover work, or, as Budenz puts it, to "introduce" her to "Roberts." Budenz complied, as he did in everything else.

Real Assignment

Ruby Weil was persuaded by Roberts" to cultivate Sylvia intimate and travelled early in 1938. It was It was there that Ruby Weil carried out her real assignment—to bring "Jacson" is a and her friend together. in this way that "Jacson" later able to worm his way into Trotsky's house. From Budenz's it appears that Ruby Weil had no advance knowledge of her real function.

French Parliament on Indo-China: "The gist of his (Duclos') remarks was that the change of

persons in Indo-China—a reference to the displacement of Admiral d'Argenlieu by M.
Bollaert—'did not give the impression of prefacing in any way a change of policy.' While the Communists desired that France should gentium of the continuation o should continue her civilizing mission in Indo-China, as the departure of the French 'would certainly entail the arrival of other Powers', he thought that this could be done only by negotiating with those who re-presented the majority of the Annamese people — in other Annamese people — in other words, with the Viet Minh."

However, no doubt because of pressure from the rank and file, the C.P. Ministers abstained on a vote of confidence. confidence; the C.P. Ministers voted for the Government; and the C.P. remained within the Coalition. And the war in Indo-China will

continue.
These parliamentarians are prepared to sell out the French working class and the colonial peoples in of Britain and America are not in a frame of mind to be led into another war having just gone through the agonies of a war for "freedom and democracy". The Western capitalist politicians can find no support whatsoever amongst the broad masses for war against Russia.

The importance of U.N.O. to French Socialist. Millerand, into a The impotence of U.N.O. to French Socialist, Millerand, into a aintain a "durable peace" is capitalist Cabinet as a betrayal of socialism?

agreement, the trade union leaders, steeped in conventionalism, asked the workers to go back to work because the 21 days' strike notice had not been given! Surely it is a fantastic situation that workers are refused strike pay from their own funds, built up by their weekly subscriptions. The opinion of the Yugoslavian Communist Party, and then for many years sent by Stalin to prison and desperation in Siberia the number of their class as the management fought for capitalism, the

(Continued from Page 3.) transition from Socialism Communism

To add to the "freedom" of the workers, not only are they not allowed to go on strike, out strikers are liable to be sentenced to death for such an offence. (Item 13 from article 58 of Labour Law,

Hard Labour — At Least Ten Millions

Different sorts of "criminals make up the inmates of the hard labour camps. These play a great part in the economic life of the country. They built the Moscow-Canal, the fortifications on the Western Front, and in Siberia. they constitute the main source of labour in lumber work, etc.

The Stalinist statisticians, of

course, never give any data of the numbers deported to labour camps. their conditions of living, their death rate, etc. During the war years many people, especially Jews. from Eastern Poland, the Baltic States, Bessarabia, etc., passed through Siberia and came abroad. According to the reports from these people, there are tremendous labour camps, running into many millions of people, in which conditions of living are hellish, where large numbers die daily from malnutrition, overwork, epidemics, etc. *Tzvestia* in its issue of 20/12/37, throws quite a clear light on the conditions of living in these camps, by implication. when writing about the construc-tion of a railway line by deportees

in Siberia, it stated:
"Till today it was thought that in these regions the season of construction is not more than a hundred days a year. The winter is very severe, 50 degrees below zero. But the builders have proved that even under these conditions it is possible to work the whole year through without interruption. C. Bettelheim, who quotes this

"It is astonishing that the rumour was widespread in the U.S.S.R. that of the 500,000 deportees employed in this work, only a few dozen thousand have survived." (" La Sovietique" Paris, 1945).

According to A. Ciliga

of deportees is 15 to 20 millions.
Another calculation having a solid basis, is that of S. Schwarz in "Sotsialisticheskoe Vestnik"—
A Few Statistics". His method of calculation is as follows: "In 1939 the number of inhabitants of the U.S.S.R. was 170-5 millions.

this population the spot.
Shop stewards of the other London hotels, very realistically saw that the battle over Frank Piazza was their own fight—a struggle for trade union principles. They wanted to strike in sympathy, but Arthur Lewis, M.P., District Organiser of the Catering Branch and Municipal portation in Siberia, the number should have increased by at least three millions a year, which means that in seven years it would have increased by 21 millions. In the regions annexed to Russia were, before the war, 24.5 million, If not for the war, the number of inhabitants in these regions should have reached 25.5 millions. All the population of the U.S.S.R. in its present boundaries should have been, if not for the war, 217 millions at the beginning of 1946. from the census of population in came to the conclusion that F1 1939 we learn that people aged 18 Piazza violated the agreement and above made up 58.4 per cent. asmuch of the population. Let us assume that the percentage in the annexed regions was the same. This means that the adult population would at allowed to vote amounted to only

against Germany amounted to 7 the war amounted to 7 millions above the normal death rate taken

101.7, i.e., 25 millions less than there should have been. The war brought with it a great loss of life and a sharp decrease in the birthrate. The birthrate is not important for the calculation, as it does not affect the number of adults today. What were the war losses? A short time ago, in an interview with the correspondent of "Pravda", Stalin said that the number of deaths in the war number of adults who died during

of your building or receive a deputation?" He agreed to the econd proposal. T.U. Leaders Capitulate While the management broke the agreement, the trade union leaders,

agement fought for capitalism, the

Organiser of the Catering Branch of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, advised them to take no action. At a meeting he take no action. At a meeting he said that such a step would not there be fair to progressive employers! His audience of strikers did not agree to go back and only 4 votes were cast for the motion.

14 Days Suspension

The Court of Inquiry consisting of officials from the Hotels and Restaurants Association and Now all the people of 18 years and above, except those in concentra- Municipal Workers, which met to tion camps, have the vote. Now, receive evidence from both sides. came to the conclusion that Frank asmuch as he was not the accredited representative with powers to deal with the dispute."
To any honest and impartial observer, it was obvious in the the beginning of 1946 amounted to first place that the agreement was 126.7 milions. But the number scrapped by the Savy Group in scrapped by the Savoy Group in not working with the shop stewards on the job. The verdict recom-mended that Frank Piazza be suspended for 14 days, to end on the Tuesday. On the basis of this Tuesday. On the basis of this report, the Strike Committee, asked the workers to return to work.

Management Stalls

This verdict, was too much for the Savoy owners, and they immediately stated in public that they refused to recognise the course taken. All the returning workers It seems that the natural deaths in Russia were not included in this figure. If we assume that the refused to do so. Mr. Arthur Lewis later stated that the management only require the signatures to see how many come back to work. Do the clocking-in cards according to former years, and we add 1 million—an exaggerated number—for Russians who did not that this trick of the management that this trick of the management that this trick of the management that the trick of the clocking-in cards not give information?

to prolong proceedings. The workers know what happened to the last staff-manager who worked with the stewards. He was victimised, according to the workers, and the case has lain in abeyance for

T.U. Leadership

possess the necessary quanties and courage to achieve this end. Above all, what is needed is a firm and militant top line leadership to lead such future struggles.

national carries the bander when the conquest of power and the working class and the establishment of a Socialist Europe and World.

N BACKS GREEK R

Unable to keep large military forces any longer in Greece, and weakened by great economic difficulties, Britain has reluctantly been forced to allow America to take over military and economic control. The great "democrat" Truman, as representative of Government crisis began. How could the C.P. remain in the Government when it refused to support the proposal for a floor million loan to the arch. military and economic control. The great "democrat" Truman, as represented to support it on a vital question? A day of frantic discussion passed, reactionary Greek Government.

With March 31st as the deadline Northern Greek peasants, Attlee a Third World War, a war of which emerged a "magnificent" compromise: the C.P. Deputies abstained on the vote of C.P. Ministers and are

date for British commitments to end, Truman, in great haste, has filled the breech. Panicked by the unstable internal situation on the one hand, and the external shadow one hand, and the external shadow of Russia on the other, the American capitalist class have completely exposed their alleged "disinterest" in Greece and the Middle East. Fearing the very near presence of Russian dominated countries on the borders of Turkey and Greece, and understanding the incapacity of British imperialism to bear the main weight of propping up capitalism and reaction in Greece, America assumes the role of guardian to Greek reaction and prepares to ensure the domination of the dollar over the entire globe. She means to make this the American century as Britain dominated the world in the 19th.

Britain, Junior Partner

British capitalism, under the guidance and care of the Labour Government is attempting to put on the best possible face, to the obvious junior role it is playing to obvious junior role it is playing to America. Bearing in mind the "near disaster" of December 1944 during the E.A.M. uprisings, Churchill, as butcher of the Greek revolution broke out in Greece the forces, enthusiastically welcomes the unbridled surge forward of American capitalism, he said, at the recent Conservative Conference, "No step that I have seen taken lately became a second taken lately has more increased the chances of of maintenance of

world peace and world freedom. Freedom, interpreted by Churchill to mean freedom of private enter-prise and capitalist property rights for a handful of privileged parasites. Thus Greece which was a semi-colony of Britain for a century now falls within the orbit of American importalizes. of American imperialism.

Labour Support For Reaction

Bevin and Attlee, having installed the reactionary King George back on the Greek throne,

With March 31st as the deadline late for British commitments to and, Truman, in great haste, has alled the breech. Panicked by the instable internal situation on the last of the breech late for British commitments to further burdens the British super destructive intensity. These are the first preliminaries and are relearned to the greater shocks to come. So intent is she on maintaining the greater shocks to come. the reaction in this strategic part of the Mediterranean that Britain, under the Anglo-Greek military agreement has undertaken to train and equip 100.000 regular soldiers. Added to this, the Labour Government has given General Napoleon Zervas, Spitfires and reconnaisance

Meaning Of Manoeuvres

The question arises as to what exactly is the meaning of all these diplomatic measures and political nanoeuvres? What is all this psyhological warfare leading up Why is America so interested in so a country as thousands of miles from its shores? Why does the British Labour Government continue the Churchill foreign policy?

The answer to these questions lies in the fact that Greece and the Middle East are in a central strategic position on the route to Imperialists rightly fear with the present uneasy relation of forces that it would precipitate revolution in Italy, France and Spain. And that with all Europe ablaze Asia would soon follow suit. Thus America comes forward as the defender of capitalism and the main counter-revolutionary force desperately trying to shore up the shaky structure of capitalism wherever a crack appears. For either the working class, or

the Stalinist bureaucracy to take possession of these countries would spell disaster to the British and American capitalists. The prize of practically inexhaustable oil supplies in the Middle East, the resources and markets of Europe King and Asia is too great to be lost.

Hence the resorting to any measure, make sure that the regime of no matter how reactionary, in safe-

the greater shocks to come. Strategic positions are being taken up by America long in advance for the struggle to the death. For the time being the war weary masses of Britain and America are not in

maintain a "durable peace" is being exposed day by day. While attempting to deceive the world's masses by pious phrases on dis armament, peace-talks and paper pacts, the behind the scenes dramas foretell a more realistic story. The story of capitalist expansionist diplomacy by America and its now very junior partner,

U.N.O. Will Not Solve Problem

As its predecessor, the League of Nations, failed hopelessly to prevent World War II, so will U.N.O. fail just as miserably. Pacts on paper mean nothing where capitalist monopolies need markets and resources. When it comes to fundamental questions the Imperialists unceremoniously ignore the long drawn out farce of appeals to U.N.O. A U.N.O. which is even incapable of action against the Suuts Government in South Africa when Smuts openly flouted them on the question of South West Africa. U.N.O. is merely a convenient means of bluffing the peoples of the world that the Great Powers sincerely desire peace.

It is the duty of the workers of Britain and America to demand the complete withdrawal of outside military help and administration from Greece. The Greek workers and peasants must themselves be given the opportunity to determine this work, housand have Planification D45).

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