

FEBRUARY, 1946.

TWOPENCE

DISPUTES ACT BE REPEAL

THE INFAMOUS AND VICIOUS TRADES DISPUTES Keith Park in official despatches from ACT (1927) IS TO BE REPEALED.

movement will welcome this really important blow at Tory reaction. There are few measures that the Labour Government takes to which we Trotskyists can give wholehearted support. The Repeal of the Trade Disputes Act is one of them.

We are 100% behind the Labour Government in this step.

Introduced by the Tory reaction as revenge for the General Strike of 1926, the Trade Disputes Act was a tremendous blow at the democratic rights of organised Labour. Its principal aim was to illegalise political strikes and thus hamstring the workers from sympathetic strikes of widespread character, which could be said to coerce the Government.

The Act sought to split the organised working class by denying the Civil Servants the right to affiliate to the Trade Union Congress, the Labour Party or any other political body. It restricted the right to picket and undermined the enforce-

ment of the political levy.

For 18 years this Act has dangled as a sword over the head of the working class.

TROTSKYISTS PROSECUTED UNDER ACT

We Trotskyists were the first, and the only section of the Labour movement to be prosecuted under this infamous Act. Comrades Ann Keen, Heaton Lee, Roy Tearse and Jock Haston, members of the R.C.P. were arrested in connection with the strike of apprentices that began on the Tyneside and spread to the Clyde and neveral other industrial areas. This strike was aimed against the unpopular Bevin Ballot conscription for pit labour.

Our comrades were charged under the Trade Disputes Act with "inciting, aiding and abetting", and "act-

DAIMLER WORKERS.

STATEMENT OF THE

DAIMLER COMPANY

STRIKE COMMITTEE

For several months we have been

faced with subtle attempts by the

Management to undermine the conditions we obtained both before the

introduction of the National Arbitra-tion Award No. 326 and also on

Agreements we have reached since

Rate fixers have repeatedly induced

men to carry on with a job with promises of a final settlement and on

the completion of the job given various hourly rates from 1/9d, to 3/- per

fusion in addition to extra work or.

into the Base Rate in the belief that

we could then reach a standard basis for fixing prices and also obtain a standard figure for any type of job

It may be asked why we have not

taken this matter through the

channels of procedure with such a

strong case in our possession and this leads up to our second claim. It is

well-known that the Daimler have

acquired a short term lease on the

Browns Lane Government Establish-

ment and all speed is being put on to

get the Bus work from the Parent

Firm to this factory. Again it must

be obvious that the time taken through procedure would re-act

against us and enable the Manage-

We, therefore, decided to ask for the consolidation of the 20/- make up

the part of the Shop Stewards.

done on a daywork system.

This obviously caused con-

that time.

23rd January, 1946.

BY BILL HUNTER

2/6 per week per worker in support of the Daimler workers.

the Main Works.

Every section of the working class | ing in furtherance of an illegal same story that was trotted out strike" and tried in the now historic against the coal miners, engineers the courtroom to expose the reaction- aim to arouse popular hostility to ary character of this Act, to expose these sections of the working class in the hopeless muddle in the coal-mining war time, it will fail even more industry demanding nationalisation miserably to do so against the uni without compensation and the oper- formed workers now that the war is ation of the pits under workers con- over. For there is an almost trol as the solution to the coal crisis universal feeling that the lads should instead of Bevin's Ballot Scheme.

They were found guilty of only one of the charges levelled against them men conducted themselves in a calm that of "acting in furtherance of an illegal strike". After spending almost three months in jail, awaiting demob demonstrations at Aden, on trial and serving sentence they were Sept 9th last year, I have personal released when the Court of Criminal Appeal quashed the conviction against them on the grounds that the Judge protest. had misdirected the Jury on the legal interpretation of "furtherance of an

This was one of the few but really important legal victories in working class history defining the precise usage of the terms associated with numerous anti-Labour Laws.

The Tories will try their utmost to keep this law on the Statute books, to amend the Act of Repeal and keep as much as they can. But it does not seem that they can succeed. The tog great for the Government to capitulate on this question.

REPEAL OTHER ANTI-LABOUR LAWS

In wescoming the end of the Trade ment formulated by the most class conscious capitalist politicians and was aimed to destroy working class democratic rights. There are still plenty of equally reactionary laws, such as the Seditions Act, on the These also must be re-Statutes.

15,000 AIRMEN IN PROTEST STRIKE

triais.

the Moscow trials.

the light of day.

The alleged evidence upon which

the cream of Lenin's Political Bureau

were convicted and slaughtered by

Stalin was that these old Bolsheviks

made a deal with Hitler and the

Say "Ships for Blighty, Not for Java"

BY A. MAXEY (Ex R.A.F. Sgt.)

15,000 AIRMEN, INVOLVING AT LEAST 12 R.A.F. STATIONS IN THE MIDDLE AND FAR EAST HAVE STAGED A MAGNIFICENT DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE SLOW RATE OF DEMOBILISATION.

Although this is the main issue, the demonstrations are a culmination of grievances on the part of servicemen arising from the conditions in which they are forced to live. Among these grievances are shortage of rations, clothing, and discomforts in some places consequent on overcrowding, unbearable climatic conditions—all this added to the general irritation of overseas service.

by some of the strikers: "SHIPS mongering. FOR BLIGHTY-NOT FOR JAVA!" British servicemen don't want to be considered to be a brainless marching used as S.S. in the colonies.

To blame these strikes onto "misguided minorities" and "strike promoters" as intimated by A.V.M. Sir South East Asia has that old and familiar hackneyed ring. It was the Newcastle trial". Here they used and dockers. But if it failed in its be brought back home.

> demob demonstrations at Aden, on experience of the orderly manner in which the service-men conduct their

> The "Daily Express", 29.1.46, how-

Added to these complaints which strike-breakers with the object of arise out of their daily life the R.A.F. exposing the strikers as a vicious and

> In the days when a serviceman was and fighting machine, strikes of the present character would have been put down with a real Tory viciousness. But those days are gone—at least for the present. An entire transforma-tion of outlook has taken place among the mass of the workers and middle and former opponent of the Bolshe-

> With a Labour Government in a very good living in the Russia of power and subject to popular pressure the Colonel Bimps who would like to deal with the strikers in the tough old way, are forced to grind their teeth and let an extra glass of whisky muffle their threats.

The alarm of the Labour leaders at the spread of these strikes and the pressure from the officer caste has finally forced the Cabinet to declare animously recalled that Vishinsky The press reports show that the air that strikes in the R.A.F. or any other service must be regarded as

But any attempt at old-fashioned repressions and savage sentences would meet with immediate and widespread public protest and to sympathetic (and therefore more dangerous-for the Government), strikes.

lot to say on the Moscow trials as

British troops in the colonial areas, has been sufficiently discredited in the This is clear from the entirely political and anti-imperialist slogan raised by some of the strikers: "SHIPS mongering the strikers of this anti-Labour sensation mongering the strikers of the strikers of the strikers of this anti-Labour sensation mongering the strikers of the strikers of the strikers of this anti-Labour sensation mongering the strikers of the strik

LIST OF STATIONS AFFECTED SELETA, Singapore

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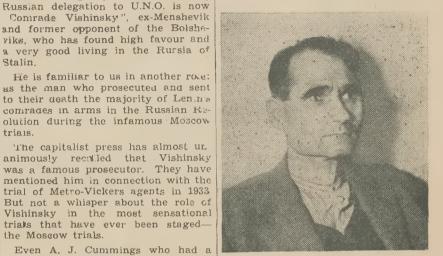
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LYDDA, Palestine

PALAM, India

POONA, India ALLAHABAD, India

KANSHRAPARA, India



DEMAND THE EVIDENCE

"The principles of this agreement. Trotsky related, were finally elaborated and adopted during Trotky's meeting with Hitler's deputy, Hess." — VERBATIM REPORT. MOSCOW TREALS.

from Comrade Haston to Major

Attlee and his reply.

Here we will conclude by asking Vishinsky who will read this issue of the "Socialist Appeal", why don't you complete your task of 1936-1937 and the Soviet Union together with the 1938 when you sent to their death the Now, it is possible to test the truth Old Bolsheviks, and prove at Nuremgoing on: the economic and political factors fusing, as it were, into one factors fusing the f at Nuremberg. All the Nazi con-spiracies it is claimed by the British, Moscow will not stand the slightest

And to the Editor of the 'Daily Worker" we ask the questions: Why Every National daily and Political don't you, who were so eager weekly received copies of the letters slander the Trotskyists as Hitler's from the Secretary of the R.C.P., agents, answer our letter on the Comrade Jock Haston, to the Prime Moscow-Nuremberg trials? Why are Minister; to Hartley Shawcrosc—the you so silent about the alleged linkst.most entirely compose the Constituent Assembly. At the same time the berg and to the Russian prosecutor, present moment? Why don't you derecalling the confessions made in the mand, together with the Trotskyists, Moscow trials and demanding that that for the sake of justice and histo the second question whether the these confessions be verified or retorical truth, a special committee of Constituent Assembly should be fully futed by the evidence now in the working class representatives be set covereign or whether the Prime hands of the Allied intelligence at up, to investigate in public during the Minister (elected by the Assembly) Nuremberg. But our letters were met trial at Nuremberg, the alleged connection which you were writing about On page 4 we publish the letter only a few years ago

For that reason it is unlikely that we (Continued on Back Page.) had a conveniently blank memory on ever, features the beating up of a few this occasion. Was it because of the embarrassing questions that would immediately spring to the mind of his readers if he dared to mention the Moscow trials?

WHAT LIES BEHIND GENERAL DE GAULLE'S pressure from the Trade Unions is RESIGNATION? IS IT TRUE THAT HE IS TIRED OF THE Nazis. That they were plotting against CONTINUOUS POLITICAL BICKERING AND IS RETIRING FROM POLITICS ALTOGETHER.

We can say straight away: this decision was not a personal whim at the General's...As France's "national saviour" he has been too valuable 'o Disputes Act the workers must the French ruling class, one of the remember that it was a legal enactfew means left to them to gain popular support. They would never have allowed him to resign if it had not suited their interests. It is, then, a manoeuvre by the

French capitalist class. To understand why they had recourse to such a dramatic step it is necessary te look a little at the background and recent history of the crisis. THE BACKGROUND -

BREAD RIOTS AND STRIKES

One thing dominates, and in the last analysis determines the French political crisis, and that is the terrible economic chaos and disruption. One of the most important elements in this is the lack of coal. Although OVER 2,000 DAIMLER WORKERS IN COVENTRY CAME French coal production is now practically at its pre-war level, there is OUT ON STRIKE ON JANUARY 21st AGAINST THE great deficit million tons which France used to MANAGEMENT'S ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE EXISTING import annually. Only a tiny fraction AGREEMENTS. THE CONVENOR HAS BEEN AUTHORISED is imported now. The position aggravated because reconstruction TO GET IN TOUCH WITH CONVENORS OF OTHER requires much greater imports (some FACTORIES IN THE CITY OF COVENTRY, TO ASK THEM estimate 100 million tons annually). As a result, the factories now work TO CALL A TOKEN STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF THE only a 3-day week. Lack of industrial production, and lack of transport have aggravated the already grave food Armstrong Siddeley and Morris workers are levying themselves position. The peasants sell to the black market, i.e. to the rich. The workers and small employers go ment to put the transfer programme into full effect and thus leave us

without. The result is bread riots, and wideweakened or possibly non-existent at spread strikes. It is entirely appropriate that the latest governmental We have, therefore, requested that crisis should have coincided with a when jobs or machines are trans- printers strike that made it impossible for the population to know what was Only a Government prepared to take

heroic measures could face up to such American, French and Russian Gov- independent investigation? situation. But the elections in ernments, are being brought out into October prepared all the conditions for a state of permanent political The three great parties, the M.R.P. (Catholic "Radicess") and the Socialist and Communist Parties, each of approximately equal strength. plebiscite placed great authority in the hands of deGaulle; since the reply should have sertain powers of legis- with a conspiracy of silence. lation independent of the Assembly, was overwhelmingly in favour of the latter. The Assembly has a life of 7 months in which it must draft a Cou stitution, then there will be a general

THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT AND DE GAULLE

The formation of the first Government in November, was accompanied by a crisis which showed up the roles of the three parties and deGaulle.

The General was elected Premier, and assumed the task of forming a Government. The three parties all supported a mild reformist programme, drawn up by the National Councy, of Resistance during the war, which did not go beyond the confines of capitalism. But the formation of three-party Government, theoretically easy, was in practice very difficult. The M.R.P. fearful of the Communist Party's influence, wanted (Continued on Back Page.)

THE CASE OF CALTABIANO

BY D. JAMES

"Mr. FOOT (Plymouth, Devonport, certified insane. (Laugher.) Lab.) asked the Home Secretary for Mr. FOOT gave notice that he what purpose the rooms of Adolfo would raise the matter on the adjourn-Caltabiano, of Nassington Road, ment." N.W.3, were lately raided by the police.

Mr. EDE.—My information is that

(Laughter.) -No, I have made inquiries. The recent times. police called at this gentleman's Adolfo Caltabiano is an old militant address in October, 1945, to make en- anti-Fascist, a Sicilian. After years quaries about a ferocious dog. of persecution by Mussolini's police, (Laughter.) A summons was issued after fighting as a Captain in before the court, but unfortunately war against Franco, and wandering

aware that the landlady, who has certainly not been certified as insane, war. After his release he continued alleges that some political literature political activity, which frequently was taken away, and that this gentle prought him into collision with the man now being carried off to some authorities. He has demanded to be mental home is, in fact, a highly allowed to return to Italy ever since highly respectable creed of anarch- been consistently refused. (Laughter.) Will the Home Secretary make further inquiries to against "all forms of Government" ensure that his department does carry he has denounced at the hypocrisy of out the principles of tolerance to the ruling classes. which he has pald tribute? Mr. EDE.—I have made the most careful inquiries from the moment that my hon, friend's question appeared on the I gave is correct, and I regret to say

reported in the "Times", that a great many very respectable people are, in fact, from time to time

CHUTER EDE'S "JOKE"

Leaving aside the question of there has been no such raid, taste-jokes about mental disorders are in these enlightened days, Mr. Foot.-If there was no raid frowned upon in any respectable there must have been a burglary, and music hall-it may come as a surprise will the Home Secretary undertake to many people to learn that the self-an inquiry into this case to ensure satisfied humour of these "workers" that both in the case of the alleged representatives" was in fact a cynical raid and the burglary there has been no political victimization? Mr. EDE cases of political persecution in

and the matter would have come the Spanish Republican Navy in the the gentleman was certified insane. through Europe as a political refugee, (Lond and prolonged laughter.) the came to this country in 1940. He Mr. FOOT.—Is the Home Secretary was interned—as an anti-Fascistrespectable person who advocates the the invasion of Sicily, but this has

As a consistent Anarchist, fighting

ARRESTED AT HYDE PARK

Recently he has been arrested no less than five times in the course of Paper. I am satisfied that the answer police raids on the sellers of political (Continued on Back Page.)

(Continued on Back Page.) U.S. WORKERS' PICKET LINE -- 1946 MODEL



Part of the giant barricade of autos, trucks and buses which the workers of Windsor, Ontario, established last week to successfully block the use of police forces to smash mass picket lines which the 10,000 striking Automobile workers (C.I.O.) have maintained for more than 2 months around Ford plants. This blockade on Riverside Avenue is over a mile long. (See back page).

Demo

Glasgow and the surrounding Lanark-

shire districts were stopped, and

despite intensely cold weather more

little more than approximately 3,500

industry in Glasgow)

occurred

BEN

workers are engaged in the building

The importance of this demonstra-

immediately after

tion lies largely in the fact that it

announcement of the recent wage in

crease of 31d. per hour (4d. for

The mood of the demonstrators was

unmistakeably clear, and when this is considered side by side with the

magnificent spirit shown by the

MINES

TRANSPORT

ELECTRICITY

"AFTER NATIONALISALION WE'LL USE THE

OTHER TAP"



BATAVIA

The letter printed below in part is the reaction of a non-political soldier who is being compelled to wage war by the British Labour Government that people back home don't seem to than 1,500 workers marched through against the Indonesian people on be aware of our predicament and you the streets of Glasgow to a final rallybehalf of Dutch Imperialism.

the bitterness of the Indonesian people who have broken the chains of Dutch colonial slavery. Ill-armed and illequipped, they have resorted to desperate measures of guerilla war against the policy of reprisals and razing of entire villages a la Hitler, by the British authorities. They prefer to die in unequal combat rather than accept submission to foreign imperialist yoke.

Here we see the beginnings of the Government. Labour workers! Demand the withdrawal of the troops people decide their own fate! - Ed.

Dear B. . . . Now that I have heard from you never know just when my game is So write to me straight away B . you B. . . . I have never prayed so often in my life as I am doing now. You have no idea just how the silly British Government were fooled into this mess. We came here to disarm the Japs and while we were here the yellow Dutch asked us to protect their women and kids as they were being

murdered by gangs of hooligans. But we weren't long here until we learned the bitter truth, that instead of having to fight hooligans we were up against a well organised party of uncivilised people who had been downtrodden by the Dutch for years. So we have been well and truly left holding the baby.

I suppose in a way we were lucky in being sent to Batavia instead of any of the central towns as the Indian troops and Artillery in these

READ The Death Agony of Capitalism By Leon-Trotoky THE PRODRAFBIE OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONS

have had to come through HELL and have lost a big number

But what gets me B. . can rest assured that the Government won't enlighten them any. In a way, "Daily Express" that at the moment Of course, he does not understand of course, I am glad as my wife would worry herself to death if she really knew just how much danger I am really in. She is bad enough now with what little news is in the Blighty papers and keeps on telling me to take care of myself (as if she needs

I have just got to tell her lies English workers). And there can be every time I write to her, so I wish to no doubt that from the point of view God we were out of the whole thing of the organisers of the demonstraas I will be a nervous wreck if it tion it was a success, as the recent lasts much longer. I am afraid to increase would have the effect of at nights in case we are dampening the militancy to a certain sleep attacked. We have lost a few men | extent. ourselves since we came here. In fact B . . . the night I received your disillusionment with the Labour letter one of our Corporals went out and has never been seen since. I tried my best to keep him in that Java! Let the Indonesian night as he was H . . . of a drunk, but he wouldn't listen to me and now he has gone for ever. And he isn't December, 1945. the first to go out like that B. . .

So you can see for yourself just how lucky you were in not being I am glad to see that you are O.K. sent to the Seaforths. I will close I am O.K. myself so far, but the way now B . . . so when you pray put in these uncivilised people carry on I a word for me as I certainly need it. going to be ended. I am not kidding and let me know how things are with (lucky) you

Your old pal, в.

CORRECTION

Newcastle-on-Tyne 21.1.40.

To the "Socialist Appeal". Dear Comrade.

I wish to draw your attention to faulty proofing in the January issue of the "Socialist Appeal". article of D James, on page 4, there appears a lengthy quotation from Karl Marx's work "The Critique of the Gotha Programme".

The quote begins in Column 3 with a comment by Marx from the Gotha Programme itself, and ends on Column 2, line 2. Because of the faulty proofing this is not clear and it can even be deduced (falsely) that Comrade James thinks Marx not only wrote "The Critique of the Gotha Programmel", but also the Programme

Ted Phillips.

Comrade Phillips is correct, and we pologise to our readers for the faulty

FOR THE NOW

London, W.2.

DEAR COMRADES

The Finance Committee is proud of the response to the £500 Expansion Campaign Fund, which exceeded the target by £171 17s, 9d. Indeed, the self sacrifice of our members and sympathisers is a demonstration that Fund, and should any Branch have our movement will grow and expand its forces in the teeth of all difficulties glad if they would inform us without and obstacles.

Our chief task now, is to stabilise the finances of our Party and its Press around a regular source of income which will enable us to retain the achievements of the Expansion Campaign Fund. In other words, we require the systematic collection of money for the upkeep of the Party; the main burden of which should be shared with our sympathisers who pay in normal contributions to the Party Funds. The keynote is, therefore, a continuation of the Expansion Fund Since the Expansion Fund concluded, the flow of money to the centre has fallen drastically. It is not enough to have periodic bursts, but sustained effort is necessary.

For this purpose we are aiming at building a regular Fighting Fund of £150 a month. As a start, we propose setting the target of £250 to be collected over a period of two months. The closing date will be April 6th. The backbone of the collections will be through the medium of "Special Subscribers' Cards" for the "Socialist Apeal" These cards will be designed for recording the Tegular donations from friends of the Party and the "Socialist Appeal" Local Branches will be made responsible for distributing the cards and collecting the money. All monies collected by each Branch will naturally go to its particular target figure.

Here is an opportunity for our friends and sympathisers to render

being members of the R.C.P. want to reach the target on the basis of these Subscribers Cards if possible That will be a real demonstration of

apport among our readers, We have set the target for each Branch in line with the experience derived from the Expansion Campaign queries or objections, we should be

With all best wishes.

H. ATKENSON, National Treasurer. G. HEALY, Campaign Organiser.

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that they will not be allowed to trifle building rank and file.

Clyde Builders

BY R. TEARSE

FOLLOWING UPON THE MASS MEETING CALLED BY THE GLASGOW BUILDING

WORKERS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, AND HELD ON JANUARY 6th (REPORTED IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE "SOCIALIST APPEAL") a HALF-DAY TOKEN STRIKE

Demand Workers

Control

MILETANT SLOGANS AND BANNERS

Emulating their London Brothers, the demonstrators headed the proceswords "The only Contented Building Worker". This was followed by banners carying slogans, taken from their policy adopted at the mass meet-

Some of the most outstanding "3/6 per hour for Tradesmen, 2/61 for Labourers and the Guaranteed Week of 44 hours", "Nationalisation without Compensation",
"Workers Control", "End the Indusisation trial Truce", "Payment by Results for T.U. Officials Only", "We Want a National Rank and File Committee", "One Union for All Building

Workers", etc. etd. Three deputations were sent from London workers in recent months, it the demonstration to the Secretary of constitutes a warning to the Building the Employers Federation, (Scotland)

All the important building sites in employers and the Union leadership who refused to deal with "unofficial" bodies; the Glasgow Corporation much longer with the demands of the Housing Convener, whom they failed to contact; and McTaggart, the Secretary of the N.F.B.T.O. (Scotland). attitude of the latter was interesting. The deputation reported a friendly re ception, no doubt due to a recognition of the determined mood of the workers and an unhealthy recollection sion with a coffin, inscribed with the of the manner in which Coppock was forced to climb down in London,

OFFICIALS FEAR MILITANCY tion to the demonstration, McTaggart though the best argument to present to any body of employers is not the solid backing of the rank and file.

The truth is that these "leaders undoubtedly feel more at home in the company of the employers than the rank and file of their own Unions, are reluctant to face the rank and file, especially when in such a determined Any fighting Union leader would have come to the rank and file, taken up their demands, and said to the employers, "grant them, or else" Who could doubt that they would receive the overwhelming support of the building workers, and, indeed, the

It was significant that the local and national newspapers played down this demonstration, after having given great publicity a few days earlier to a tirade by McTaggart against this rank and file movement.

But the rank and file have not yet said the last word. The spokesman of the Campaign Committee, Bro. McGuinness, pointed out, amid tremendous acclamation, that this was only the beginning and that now, after having made their position clear, their immediate task was to get down to the organisation of a solid rank and file movement. Thus, they could transform the present ad hoc body into a really representative committee, covering every building worker in Glasgow and district, linking themselves up with the building workers in other districts and thus equip themselves thoroughly for a determined, united, struggle against their abominable

AND DEMONSTRATION WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th.

Invited to come and state his posirefused to do so. His reason was that he would thereby jeopardise pending negotiations with the employers! As

other sections of the working class

Revolutionary Communist **Programme**

1. Nationalisation, of the Bank of England, the Big Five Banks and land, the mines, transport and all big industry without compensation; and the operation of these enterprises under the control of workers' committees.

Confiscation of all war profits; all company books to be open to inspection by trade unions and workers' committees to counter the financial and economic sabotage of Big Business.

Distribution of food, clothes, fuel and other consumers' goods in short supply under the control of committees elected from the co-ops, distributive trades, facelected from the housewives and small tories, shop-keepers.

The control and allocation of existing housing space in the hands of tenants' committees; a state financed national house building plan directed by the building trades unions and tenants committees.

A rising scale of wages to meet the increased cost of living with a guaranteed minimum and full maintenance for the unemployed; turnover of Government other war plants to the production of consumers' goods; a sliding scale of hours to absorb the unemployed without wage reductions.

Abolition of the Monarchy and the House of Lords; full electoral rights from the age of 18 years; and full political rights for men and women in the forces; the immediate repeal of the Trade Disputes Act and all other strike breaking and anti-labour laws.

Clear out the reactionary antilabour officer caste from the armed forces; for the election of officers from the ranks.

Abolish conscription; for the dis solution of the standing army and its substitution by a workers' militia organised under control of workers' committees; for the establishment of military schools by the Trade Unions at the expense of the State for the training of worker officers. Unconditional defence of the

Soviet Union against all imperialist powers; full economic cooperation, credit grants and other aid for the reconstruction of Soviet economy. Full and immediate freedom for India and the other colonies to

choose their own form of government; the immediate withdrawal of British troops from all colonial countries. Against secret diplomacy and a peace of vengeance and plunder; against race hatred-anti-semitism, Vansittartism and the colour

bar; for the withdrawal of British troops from Europe and Asia and for a peace based upon self-determination of peoples of Europe, Asia and the World. 12. Full support and active cooperation with the workers for the overthrow of

capitalism and the establishment of the United Socialist States of Europe; unity with the workers and exploited masses of all lands the struggle for World Socialism.

used by the Labour Government. Foreseeing an increase in miners' strikes against low weges and filthy conditions, Mr. Shinwell, in his Glasgow speech stated: "I consider that unofficial disputes should sop. I am contemplating as a last resort demand is that compensation drastic action."

The present Nationalisation Bill of and conditions of the miners were the Government bonds. Not a thing is to the Labour Government in no way differs from the measures taken in burden, the whole cost of reorgan other capitalist countries—including Germany. It is a measure dictated by the needs of capitalism and has nothing in common with socialism.

Only the operation of this industry under workers' control and the abolition of compensation can solve the problems of the coal industry and better the conditions of the miners and the working class.

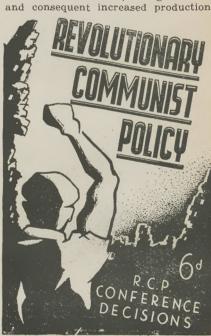
SHINWELL'S IDEA OF NATIONALISATION

"Nationalisation is not intended primarily to benefit the miner. There is the coal consumer to be considered, the interests of the nation, our export trade, and all that." So spoke Mr. Shinwell, "Socialist" Minister of Fuel and Power, in Glasgow on January 17th.

means that the coal industry is not being nationalised in the interest of the miners and workers who placed the Labour Government in power, but in the interest of the capitalists and industrialists. By the "coal consumer" is not meant the workerconsumer, but the big industrial consumers who will sit on the Consumer's Council and have a directing influence upon the administration of the mines.

Speaking a few days later to the American Chamber of Commerce in London Mr. Shinwell placed his finger on the issue. He said: "We have to cheapen the cost of production because this industry ministers to the needs of the basic element of production.' Shinwell thus makes it clear that the Nationalisation Bill is a stateasure, dictated by the talist economy.

alisation, reorganisation, nt increased production,



In simple language this statement will mean cheaper coal. The export fications." The mines will not only industries, particularly the steel and minister to the needs of capitalist inauxiliary industries, will buy coal at dustry but it will remain in the cona cheaper price and will therefore be trolling hands of capitalist managers able to reduce the price of export com- and technicians. modities and compete more efficiently on the world capitalist market. This have accepted the Government's the purpose of the Nationalisation Bill! "primarily" Nationalisation Bill.

Lest there be doubt that the needs should be paid in cash and not last consideration in the Nationalisation Bill, Mr. Shinwell again stated his speech to the American Chamber of Commerce:

'But there must be a proviso that such cheapening must be consistent, so far as practicable, with decent and human standards of living for those employed in the industry.

COAL-OWNERS COMPENSATED

If one considers that the cost of the nationalisation scheme, to be paid from public taxes, will be in the region of £20 millions a year, and that £150 millions will be loaned to the Coal Board from the proceeds of the industry. To pay these fabulous sums and at the same time reduce the price of coal for industries and export can only mean increased sweat for the miners.

Precisely here is the role of the traitorous union leaderships. The leadership of the Mineworkers' Union has undertaken the production drive on behalf of the Government. Horner, a "Communist", is the Dr. Ley! The miners are to be exhorted to increase their already inhuman sweating-for the benefit of capitalist industry and the coal owners who are guaranteed a profit of £92 millions a year in the form of compensation.

CAPITALIST MANAGERS

TO STAY

The entire administration is, according to Mr. Shinwell, "to be in the hands of a business corporation, administering this great national industry for the public well-being."
"This is to be a fair field for men of business capacity and other quali-

miners and the workers as a wholet "UNOFFICIAL DISPUTES TO STOP" - SHINWELL

be changed—except that the whole

isation and the production of cheaper

coal is placed on the shoulders of the

Small wonder that the coal-owners

Their

All the disciplinary measures necessary to drive the miners will be (Continued in next Column.)

"BECOME A MINER."

The following is a translation of | to enjoy a comfortable standard of a letter from a Belgian miner to living. But the majority of the "La Lutte Ouvriere", Belgian Trotskyist paper. It seems to be an echo of the antics of the Will Lawthers of this country:

"Become a Miner" -A Super Cynical Film Comrades,

At the instigation of the Stalinist party the Van Acker government has released a film entitled be forced onto disablement pension 'Become a Miner". On December at an early age, at rates that still 5th, this film was shown at the would not enable them to have Trianon" cinema at Charleroi, necessary attention. But the film and provoked hootings and pro- showed nothing of all this! testations from the audience.

this film "illustrates" in effect the Ministry of Labour, dressed as tice the workers to the mines it get-up will shows the miners' families living expenses very happily in pretty little villas, emptied. and earning wages that enable them

spectators were, like myself miners. Far often than not they live in hovels, or in shanties dating from the other war. Their children are puny, as a result of the privations imposed on them by the system of exploitation under which the miners are forced to work.

Though still young, the greater part of the miner-audience would

The show finished with some With the most complete cynicism | songs rendered by employees of the prosperity of the miner". To en- mine workers de luxe. But this be part of their because the hall

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U.N.O. THIEVES

The first assembly of the so-called "united Nations Organisation", now meeting in London was designed to inspire the peoples of the "victorious" nations that their rulers are seriously and genuinely bent on solving the problems of the world participated in all the dicussions of the Congress. and achieving world peace.

Tories and Liberals, Labourites and Stalinists — all vie with each other in proclaiming the new future for mankind that opened up with the creation of the United Nations Organisation.

But from the first few days it has become clear — even to the self-blinded — that the "United Nations" are not so the self-blinded — that the "United Nations" are not so the party an opportunity to present to united after all. Indeed, that they are disunited over quite a its members and sympathizers, as well number of problems. The hopes of the masses are being replaced as to the entire working class of the by scepticism.

Lenin called the League of Nations, forerunner of U.N.O., a Fifty issues of "Lo Voie de Lenine "Thieves Kitchen". The same can be readily said of U.N.O. (Lenin's Road) (central organ of the The addition of Russia does not transform the character of the new Thieves Kitchen.

U.N.O. is a continuation of the war alliance between America, Russia and Britain. The satellite states are brought into the and published in illegality. That con-Assembly, not to decide the fate of the world on the basis of a stitutes material proof of our incessant free and equal vote, but for stage effect. Nothing more. The activity during the whole period of same economic and military pressure is brought into play as before the war to keep the small states in line on all important questions.

The real functions of U.N.O., which excludes not only the ex-enemy states, but the majority of neutrals, is not to preserve world peace, but to parcel out the spheres of influence, control of territories and economic pickings that accrue to the victors in the World War just concluded.

Power lies in the Security Council, and not in the Assembly. them we mourn particularly the loss More exactly: in the hands of the Big Three, rather than in of comrade Leon Lesoil, the foremost the Security Council. All the principal questions are solved behind leader of the party before the war, the scenes by the Big Three, in secret discussions. Only minor tary of the party during the occupaquestions of detail not always possible to solve quietly and tion. Of the 10 comrades who sucamicably behind closed doors are brought out into public for an cessively constituted the Executive

Such was the case when Persia, pushed on by Britain, raised hazi prisons. Three others the question of Russian troops and the activities of the Russian by the Hitlerite butchers. Government in the Province of Azerbaijan. Such was the case when the Stalinist delegates countered by raising the question of opened the sessions of the Congress the activities of British troops in Greece and Java.

Despite the bluster of Bevin, the Russian action was a strong centration camps. moral blow at Britain. The fact that the Russian delegates raised the activities of British troops, not as a means of denouncing imperialist oppression, not because of the brutal activities of British and the other imperialists in these countries, appealing for solidarity with the or to issue a revolutionary call to the countries oppressed by or to issue a revolutionary call to the countries oppressed by foreign imperialism, but, as a diplomatic weapon in the game of power politics — this fact will not go unnoticed by internationalists and class conscious workers. These acts do not enlighten but suppress. disorientate the best sections of the workers who still have illusions in Stalinist Russia. in Stalinist Russia.

The "good will" of the imperialists was shown for what it is slogans of our party, especially that when the question of mandated territories was discussed. when the question of mandated territories was discussed. of the Workers' interests!" will be Bevin stated that His Majesty's Government was prepared to turn come the slogans of the entire working over the territories which were mandated to Britain by the League class of Belgium. of Nations, to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations—other than Palestine and Transjordan-which were special cases! Among the specific decisions adopted However, lest there be any illusions as to what this meant, Bevin were the following: The publication explained that Britain still "intends to administer these territories of a printed monthly magazine until they are ready for self government or independence"! This "L'Avant-Garde" (The Vanguard); International. until they are ready for self government or independence"! This simply means oppressing the colonial peoples in the mandated territories with the same policeman wearing a different badge.

As to the new territories torn from Italy and Japan, President Truman has staked the claim of the American imperialists to "all former Japanese Pacific islands essential to the nations' (American) security." Of course, as the administering authority under the new mandates trusteeship! And what the Yanks don't want, well, that "could be placed under the collective trusteeship of the United Nations."

Without the destruction of the great imperialist powers and the introduction of Socialist society, a third world war, beginning with the atom bomb which the nations are feverishly developing in greatest secrecy, is as inevitable as the first two

From this Assembly the working class can expect nothing, nor can the oppressed colordal masses. The same economies will be pursued with trade wars, crises, and unemployment. The same blows will be delivered against the colonial slaves.

If there are sections of the oppressed who look to U.N.O. with illusions and bright hopes for the future, these illusions and hopes will be shattered within a few short years at most. And these people will not forget the false prophets in their midst who masquerade as socialists and communists, and who helped to create illusions in U.N.O. instead of exposing it for what it was, a Thieves' Kitchen.

The workers want an international organisation that will unite the workers and oppressed peoples of the world and build up society in peace. But the Trotskyists say to the workers that such an organisation must be built and controlled by the working class. It must not separate victors from vanquished and unite the oppressor capitalists with the oppressed working class.

The workers of the defeated nations must be united with the workers of the victorious nations. German with French and British, Japanese with British and American. For that kind of unity the programme of the Fourth (Trotskyist) International prepares the workers. For that kind of unity the Parties of the Fourth International strive every day.

Only the destruction of capitalism, nationally and internationally, the formation of the Socialist United States of Europe, of the Americas, the Asiatic countries and of the World, only by this means will it be possible to create a World Assembly to plan the international future of mankind.

BELGIAN TROTSKIST

BRUSSELS, Belgium. The Fifth National Congress of the Revolutionary Communist Party, Belgian Section of the Fourth International, met here on November 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Twenty-

Our comrades of the Dutch party, | prevented at the last moment from sending their delegate, sent a wire expressing their fraternal greetings.

This Congress was the first held by the Revolutionary Communist Party (Parti Communist Revolutionnaire) since the "liberation." It thus gave country, a balance sheet of severa years' activity. It is a balance sheet which no one need be ashamed party) were issued illegally; 15 under-ground papers were published in Flemish; dozens of leaflets were put out in French, German, Flemish and Polish; five pamphlets were printed the Nazi occupation. This is evidence which shows that not for a single instant did we relax our struggle for the program of the Fourth Inter-

MANY MARTYRS

For this activity, the P.C.R. had to pay a heavy price indeed. Twenty of our outstanding militants fell in the course of the illegal struggle. Among Committee of our party between 1940 and 1944, only three escaped arrest Four returned to us alive from the Nazi prisons. Three others were killed

The Presiding Committee which totalled among themselves alone more than 10 years of captivity in the con-

PAPER BANNED

The government banned its central solidarity has already become a living reality which the "decrees" of the governors and ministers can no longer Tomorrow the energetic archy will also bear its fruits, and the

DECISIONS ADOPTED

the organization of a campaign of regular political forums in all parts of the country; a program of publication of low priced agitational pamphlets. The first pamphlet, dealing with the problem of pensions, met with considerable success. By November 4, the day after its publication, more than 1,700 had already been sold. The Congress likewise decided on the progressive transformation of 'La Lutte Ouvriere" (The Workers' Struggle), leading paper of the party, into a big popular weekly.

POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS

While the Congress placed special importance on the organizational questions, it did not of course neglect its political work, which is correctly conceived by our party as decisive After a very intense pre-Congress discussion carried on in all branches of the party, which produced consistent clarification on all political problems, three main documents were adopted by the Congress.

A resolution on "The Advance of Barbarism and the perspectives of the Proletarian Revolution", "The Present Situation in Belgium and the Immediate tasks of the Party", and finally, the Congress worked out a Program of Action and adopted a resolution on the situation in the U.S.S.R. and on the situation in the countries occupied by the U.S.S.R.

GREETINGS TO THE INTERNATIONAL

With great joy and pride the closing session of the party Congress reaffirmed its attachment to and complete confidence in the only surviving International, the Fourth. The P.C.R., together with its French sister section began in 1942 the work of reconstructing the revolutionary centre in Europe and took the most active part in the work of the European Conference of the Fourth International which united, under the very noses of the Gestapo, the representatives of FIVE different sections somewhere in Europe. Today TEN European sections are already participating in the work of the European Executive Committee, as testified to by the 10 signatures on its Manifesto for the defence of the colonial revolution.

The participation of the International delegates in the work of the Congress only crowned a permanent and fruitful interest of the international revolutionary leadership in the life of our party. At the very time when internationalism has almost distance with the life of our party. At the very time touching off issue of G.I. prowhen internationalism has almost distance to the life of our party.

CANADIAN STALINIST SPLIT

NEW C.P. FORMED

THE DECEMBER 1945 ISSUE OF "LABOUR CHALLENGE", four regular voting delegates, a delegate of the European CANADIAN SOCIALIST PAPER, REPORTS THE FORMATION Secretariat of the Fourth International, as well as representatives OF A "CANADIAN COMMUNIST PARTY" BY A GROUP OF from the British, French and German Trotskyist parties actively WORKERS EXPELLED FROM THE "LABOUR PROGRESSIVE PARTY", THE CANADIAN STALINIST ORGANISATION.

> This group of militant workers, led by McKean, ex-provincial leader of the L.P.P., was expelled in the midst of an internal discussion equal to the recently held Browder-Foster discussion in the American Stalinist organisation. The official statement issued by the L.P.P. was that McKean and his followers in British Columbia had been "convicted" of spreading "slanderous" statements against Tim Buck and the leadership of the L.P.P.

The programme of this newly formed "Canadian Communist Party clearly demonstrates the far-reaching political differences of these militant workers with the policy of Stalinism. Their policy statement reads in part:

"As a separate class, the economic and political interests of the workingclass can only be served by an independent political party whose policies represent the best interests of labour.

'The Labour Progressive Party posing as a Marxist Party of the working class, has falsely advised the workers that their interests could best be served by collaborating with the employers; they falsely promised full employment, prosperity and security; they falsely advocated that labour's interests could be served by entering the government with the capitalist's form of a Liberal Labour coalition government. The policies of the Labour Progressive Party have been designed more to utilise the trade union movement to secure votes and force the C.C.F. to agree to a saw-off in the division of parliamentary seats by the hypocritical use of the slogan labour unity" than to génuinely defend the true interests of the membership of the trade unions.

"Dominated by a bureaucratic top leadership which forced the membership to accept ready-made policies without any democratic discussion, the L.P.P. by machine-like tactics, has, on

many occasions, succeeded in prevailing upon the membership of the trade unions to accept policies against their own best interests.

, the L.P.P. can no longer be considered as a bona fide workers' party but rather as a second Social Democratic reform party, copied after the C.C.F., but competing with the C.C.F. for the working class vote.

"The C.C.F. has a programme of reforms and extension of public ownership which in no wise corresponds to a programme of scientific socialism: or the kind of programme, strategy and tactic necessary to give a correct lead to the working class in

its day to day problems," And then, under the heading: "For An Independent Class Party of the Working Class", the statement outlines its general objectives: the establishment of working class power through the methods of Marxism-

Despite important omissions-the nature of Stalinism, the causes for the degeneration of the Third International, open recognition of the need for an international based upon Leninism and Trotskyism-this programme of these communist workers is a great step forward and will have repercussion. Canadian Stalinist organisations.

In every country the advanced workers are moving to a collision with the counter-revolutionary and reformist policies of Stalinism. In Britain this has already taken the form of a revolt, as yet elementary, against the policies of the British "Communist" Party which has become the champion of state-capitalism.

Our Canadian comrades will, we are sure open up discussions, with a view to bringing these Communist workers into the ranks of the Fourth International, the World Party of Socialist

BY SGT. WILLIAM GARROW (U.S. ARMY)

In recent weeks American troops have taken part in a series of world wide demonstrations and strikes,

appeared even from the vocabulary mobilisation was to take place slower of the reformist and Stalinist renegades, we are particularly proud of the fact. The Congress proclaimed ments Pacific demobilisation is to be before all the world that the P.C.R. cut from 800,000 to 300,000 monthly. is merely an integral part of the one But of equal importance was and only party, the World Party of the universal distrust of the soldiers the Socialist Revolution, the Fourth for the "brass-hats" and Washington politicians—a complete disapproval of the complete lack of democracy in the army structure, and the privileges enjoyed by the reactionary officer caste.

> Another factor, perhaps the decisive one, was the existing low morale of American troops. Many of these are easoned troops with years of army service. Respect for the officer caste has almost vanished amongst these troops. And even new recruits, still in their 'teens, take their cue from the veterans. In consequence even those who had no immediate prospect of returning home took part in the

> The G.I. has no interest in policing the world in the interests of Wall Street imperialism. All he wants is to go home.

> In a measure, "Stars and Stripes", official U.S. army organ, reflects the growing discontent and the desire to go home. This, in spite of attempts to keep the paper innocuous and subject to strict censorship. In proof of this we have only to recall the resignation of one of its former editors and the campaign waged by General Patton have popular cartoonist, Bill Mouldin, removed from the staff. Mouldin's cartoons, perhaps unfamiliar to British readers, were products of a serious attitude towards the problems of the enlisted man. This was sufficient, in the opinion of General Patton, to undermine the morale of

> A few weeks before the demonstracions occurred, the Pacific "Stars and Stripes" editorially attacked the army administration for its encouragement of inequality, injustice and its role in promoting officer hierarchy. This was symptomatic of the troops feelings. On his arrival in the Pacific, Secretary of War, Patterson, registered surprise that discharge points had stopped accumulating since V.J. Day When this report was published, the troops in the Pacific were swept by wave of anger and resentment Such ignorance could only be a result not merely of incompetence, but of disregard and indifference to the conditions and future of the men living in lonely spots amidst populations living in terrible conditions.

'sweating out" the hours and days hanging on to every report of discharge elegibility, discussing demobilisation day in and day out-to these men this 'register of surprise" typified the callousness of Washington politicians.

Slogans shouted by the men indicated that they clearly understood the role intended for them by American capitalism. In mimeographed manifestos they charged that ". . . the State Department wants the Army to back up its imperialism" and that redeployment has been deliberately slowed down to force compulsory military training."

Ten thousand troops demonstrated in Manila in an angry revolt against their army existence. They demanded the resignation of Patterson, and a new plan for speedy demobilisation.

On Gaumt, a dung hean in the Pacific, that became the graveyard of so many American and Japanese soldiers, a mass hunger strike of 3,500 troops was held. Elsewhere in the Pacific demonstrations and marches

The following days saw a repetition of these events on the European A Paris demonstration scene, occurred almost spontaneously on the day that the Pacific reports were published. In Frankfurt a demonstration. having the elements of preparation and organisation occurred. In the afternoon leaflets calling for a protest assembly were passed from hand to hand in the Mess Hall.

The huge modern I.G. Farben building (of which not a stone had been damaged in the terrific bombing of that city) buzzed with staff conferences and appeals to the troops to desist from this demonstration. Troops were confined to billets, a blanket order to truck-drivers not to transport troops to assembly points given. In Paris, Frankfurt, London and elsewhere the demonstrations were held and continued for several days thereafter. A G.I., "Committee of Liberation" was elected to plan a programme for continuing demonstrations. In Berlin one unit was warned against preparation and a search was made through the billets for fire-arms. These demonstrations, which are

unique in American military history, and regarded as seditious by the "New York Times", are only the beginning. The vigorous strikes of the American workers makes a bond between the worker in uniform and the worker in the plant. It is a good augury for the future of American Socialism.

FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FROM THE RANKS

WITHDRAW THE TROOPS FROM OCCUPATION AREAS!

NICOLA BARTOLOMEO

At 4 o'clock on January 19th, 1946, Nicola di Bartolomeo, member of the Political Bureau of the Party (Communist Workers Party, Italian section of the Fourth International) died at Resina. His passing will be profoundly felt by all who knew him-a militant of exceptional valour, tempered in the struggle he sustained for twenty years in dedication to the cause of international communism.

Soon after the First world war Di Bartolomeo, then in his early youth, was condemned by a military tribunal for inciting soldiers to rebellion. A militant communist, he was forced to go abroad to France, where he was among the first to adopt an open opposition to Stalinism. From then onwards Di Bartolomeo never ceased to struggle in the ranks, firstly of the Left Opposition, and then of the Fourth International in France, Belgium, Holland and England. The Spanish Civil War was for him an occasion to reaffirm his position with the revolutionary courage of a Bolshevik-Leninist, of a Trotskyist confident of his position and determined to defend it with his very life.

Upon returning to France, Di Bartolomeo fought for the unity of all forces of the Fourth International, but upon the outbreak of the Second imperialist war he was again sent to a concentration camp. The French police handed him over to Italian fascism, which banished him to confinement on the island of Trenuti. Even in Trenuti he began establishing the basis for a Trotskyist movement in Italy. The founder, after his release, of the Partito Communista Operiao, Italian section of the Fourth International, Di Bartolomeo with his authority and experience sustained our movement in the first stages of its existence.

The imprisonments, concentration camps, exile; the instability and hardships of his personal existence and the calumnies of every kind cast at him by the political opportunists, parasites and traitors to the working class, against whom he conducted a ceaseless and relentless struggle, never succeeded in weakening his will or caused him to vacillate from his position.

Nicola di Bartolomeo has departed at a moment when his endeavours opened up ever greater prospects for our party. He was unable to see the conclusion of all his struggles that were always the struggle of the proletariat. In him the workers' movement loses a trade unionist of the highest ability, a journalist and orator of valour, but it loses above all a great figure of untiring energy and an incorruptible revolutionist.

The Partito Communista Operaio and the Fourth International carry on his fight under what was his banner, the World Revolution; upon his road, proletarian internationalism, and for his aim Communism.

The Political Bureau,

P.C.O. Italian Section of the Fourth International.

PARTY

British Section of the Fourth International

> General Headquarters: 256 Harrow Road, London, W.3 23rd December, 1945.

Prime Minister. 10 Downing Street. Westminster, London.

In 1936-37 and 38 a series of trials took place in Russia in which it was alleged by the prosecution that old Bolsheviks such as Kamenev, Zinoviev and others, connived with Leon Trotsky, together with the German General Staff and the Government of Hitler, to act as quislings in a war against the Soviet Union.

These trials were universally con-demned by all but the Communist Parties and the agents of Stalin, as frame-up trials. This was also the verdict of the independent Commission of Inquiry set up in the United States headed by the famous educationalist Dr. John Dewey, which investigated all the available evidence over a period of many months.

During the war, the Stalin regime and its agents in this country through the "Daily Worker", have assiduously spread the story that there were no quislings in Russia because they were all exterminated during the Moscow Trials, and this line of argument has been taken up by even wider

Now that the Nuremberg Trial is taking place, it is possible in open before the public gaze of the whole world, to prove either that the charges levelled against Trotsky and the other collaborators of Lenin in the October Revoution of 1917, were in fact true, or that the Moscow Trials were a gigantic frame-up.

It is alleged by the prosecution at Nuremburg that the secret Nazi pre-

existence proving or disproving the vast conspiracy alleged by the Prosecutor at the Moscow Trials, Vishinsky (who is also attending the Nuremberg Trial) to have existed between the Nazis and Leon Trotsky

Our Party, and all the sections of the Fourth International have a vital interest in this case. For many years we have been the object of a worldwide slander campaign directed against us on the basis of the at the Moscow Trials. We believe that this is an opportunity not only to vindicate ourselves, but the memory of Leon Trotsky. Whatever you, your Party, or your Government might think of his theories and political ideas, he was, you will agree, a distinguished socialist revolutionist, who dedicated his whole life to the emancipation of working class from the wage slavery of capitalism. In the interests of truth, and of history, of the struggle of the workers for socialism. your Government, as the representative of the British Labour movement. has the moral duty to pursue this matter so that the validity or otherwise of the Moscow Trials can be established once and for all in the eyes of the world working class.

We ask you, through your representative at Nuremberg, to bring out the relevant issues in the Moscow Trials, to call upon the Russian representactive to produce the "evidence" relating to the connection between Leon Trotsky and his son with the Nazis, as a vital part of the present Nuremberg Trial.

We further request you to make it possible for the Revolutionary Communist Party to have legal representation at the Nuremberg Trial with, (a) a watching brief; and (b) the to intervene and question witnesses as well as some of the

out in public court. If this is true, directly linked with Leon Trotsky by then there must be documents in the prosecutor Vishinsky in the infamous Moscow Triels,

Yours sincerely, Jock Haston, General Secretary:

Revolutionary Communist Party. THE REPLY

10 Downing Street, Whitehall.

21 January, 1946. of December 23rd, and to inform you Government to take action in the manner suggested therein.

Yours truly, J. M. Addis.

General Secretary, Revolutionary Communist Party.

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will see the old time repression. The organised Labour Movement, which has a real sympathy for the servicemen's demands must, however, carefully watch the interests of the servicemen and see to it that there

is no weeding out and reprisals, The favourable reports written by Major Wyatt, M.P., in "Reynolds News" and given by Mr. Harold Davies, M.P. to the press agency is an indication of the really popular feeling in support of the R.A.F. strikers

The statement of the Government that they must have troops to maintain 'Law and Order"-read: "protects imperialist plunder"- and that there are not sufficient transports to bring the lads back home is not acceptable. Let the colonial people form their own governments, and bring the boys back home. Use the ships that are now being used to carry troops out to the East on an imperialist mission of repression, for the purpose of speedily transporting the discontented servicemen back to Blighty.

And to ease the antagonism between the officers and men that springs from the caste system, which considers that the officer caste are not only born with a lisp but with all the attributes of godly beings-whilst the rankers are born to jump to it and blanco; it is necessary to end the privileges of the officer caste.

This could be carried out immediately by a Government that was serious about democracy by the abolition of the officers appointed from above and the election of officers from the ranks.

Solidarity with the Airmen! Demand the withdrawal of the

THE CASE OF CALTABIANO

iterature at Hyde Park, London, and each time sent to prison because he refused to pay fines. The last time, the magistrate decided that he be committed for observation at St. Pancras Hospital. On December 17th The workers and employees demands he was declared insane and passed on were unsatisfied. The food situation to the Friern Hospital, where on deteriorated. Public employees staged common stock, by virtue of which it December 18th he was certified insone controls completely this giant motor under Article 16 of the Lunacy Act, 1896.

VISITED CALTABIANO

I have visited Caltabiano, and can other. The meetings of the Assembly testify from my previous knowledge of him that he is perfectly sane. Ar. his acquaintances and friends who have seen him report the same. He is quite unchanged, discusses rationally, and is so far, quite cheerful. possesses, it is true, a particularly fine example of the excitable Southern temperament, and he never ceases to and an attempt to prevent the head-long dash for inflation caused by the authorities. But as far as I know this uncontrolled profit-lust of Wall Street is no evidence of insanity. In fact it financiers and industrialists, on the is equally arguable that the respect-other hand. Congress—the "Charlie able doctors and politicians, who hold McCarthy of Big Business"—has stood that capitalist society with its atomic firmly on the side of the bosses, and bombs is perfectly rational, are them-

This precisely is the method of Con- taking part in a plot to deprive him of his liberty! In any case, persecu-One of the most significant features tion mania and irrational obsessions

A particularly brilliant example in those plants seized by the Govern Caltabiano's 'ferocious dog''. I know this dog, and have often seen it This is an enormous step forward playing with children, including my stage will be set for a military for the American working class and own. In point of fact, the policeman in itself reveals clearly the depths of called at his house, not because the

So far Michael Foot is the only WORKERS OUT FOR VICTORY Labour M.P. who has taken the case Despite all the wealth of the up. But not all Labour M.P.s American capitalists, despite the tear are of the type of Ede. We gas, batons, propaganda, and gangs appeal to them to take it up and of strike-breaking thugs, the picket demand a full enquiry and The workers Caltabiano's immediate release. He realise what is at stake in this great is only an individual, but his caseputs to the test the whole attitude of debacle of the Popular Front, have The workers of Britain will support the Government to liberty and human learned nothing from whese their American brothers in their rights. Every worker who values events. The "Daily Worker" (22.1.46) struggle which can only end in the these things must also protest in correctly recognised that "in this situevery way possible.

to form a Right-Wing Government together with the Socialists. Socialists for their part, declared they would only participate in a three-party Government. The Statinists profited from this situation by denouncing the M.R.P. as reactionary; not in order to press for revolutionary measures, but in order to secure a more favourable position within the coalition.

This deadlock resulted essentially, not from any principled differences I write to acknowledge the receipt between the parties-all were agreed of your letter to the Prime Minister on maintaining capitalism—but bebecause of the insoluble class contrathat it is not possible for His Majesty's dictions in France; the restiveness of the masses who expected socialist deeds from the working-class parties they had elected, and the cowardice of the leaders of these parties who feared above all assuming responsibility for Government without the epresentatives of the capitalists.

De Gualle thought he saw in this situation, his great opportunity to play the role he coveted: that of Bonaparte, the supreme arbiter, independent of popular control. refusing them one of the three most important Ministries, he made their participation in the Government impossible. Having by this means provoked a first-class crisis, he broadcast to the nation over the heads of the Assembly. But conditions were then

GENERAL DE GAULLE

unripe for his assuming personal

power, his support was too weak, and

he was forced to accept the dictation

of the Assembly to form a three-party

Coalition Government. He formed

Government in which

Socialist and Communist Parties

(a large majority in the Chamber)

were in a minority of 10 to 11 M.R.P.

Neither its composition nor its pro-

gramme fitted it to deal with the

terrible problems confronting it. Its

sole acts of any importance were to

nationalise some of the banks, with

heavy compensation, and place them

under the control of bankers repre-

a great demonstration strike against

starvation wages. Bread riots broke

out. The parties compnising the

Government ceaselessly attacked each

DE GAULLE'S STRATEGY

De Gaulle gained support in the

plebiscite for his demand for "strong

able crises from 1934 onwards had

discredited parliamentary "demo-

cracy," in the eyes of large sections

of the people. The root cause of this

was the facure of the workers' parties

to give a bold socialist lead, and their

Today the same process is being re

This is the secret of de Gaulle's

responsibility on the workers' parties.

He calculates that the next period

period of permanent political crisis,

endless wrangling but no action,

meantime, he and his supporters

will build up the story that de

The secret politica

Gaulle is ready once again to "save

police (D.G.E.R.), a de Gaullist

the reformist and Stafinist leaders

continue their old class-collaboration-

ist game they are putting all the cards

the hands of the French capitalists

WHAT NEXT?

The wretched Socialists and Stalin-

ists, who learned nothing from the

ation the initiative passes to the Com-

in the General's hands; that is,

whom the General represents.

will put them to the test,

will discredit them.

accelerated.

the nation".

coup.

Government" because the intermin-

This Government was a synthesis of

elements.

"non-party experts."

the irreconcilable

sentatives, and to devalue the

frequently ended in uproar.

readiness to accept responsibility." Alas! Brave words in London, but cowardly deeds in Paris. The old were serious and a Marxist Party it would draw up a programme for expropriating the capitalists and transforming France into a Socialist country. It would say to the Socialprogramme. We shall not enter any Government pledged to defend capitalism. Only on the basis of this programme shall we accept responsibility!" Such a lead would transform the situation overnight. Socialists would have to agree or be exposed before the masses, who would against the district as a whole recognise in such a programme their only solution.

Government. It's programme can be the workers for their support." summed up in one word: deflation. Ruthless wage-fixing on starvation levels. Salvation of the franc at the factory gates of the Daimler parent expense of the workers and small men. But . . . no measures against determined, the morale of the workers Big Business. 'The M.R.P. would not was high. The convenor — Bro. agree, and, you see, we must have Barrett - announced that the workers national unity.

elections. The Stalinists see as their efficiently. only hope, bringing the date of the elections nearer. They calculate that that he had been in telephonic conpopular feeling against de Gaulle's tact with the Daimler management succeed in achieving this, there is no minimum demand—that a Conference hope that any such tricks will serve of representatives of the workers in them. Along this road of class- the three Daimler factories, Union collaboration, their discredit is cer- Officials and representatives of the tain. With it, almost certainly, the discredit of the working class organisations, and the victory of reaction.

Only one thing could avert such a management flatly refused this excatastrophe, and that is the existence of a strong revolutionary party.

THE ONLY ROAD

Parliamentary democracy has been in a state of agony in France ever as in 1936, to one think only: the absence of any mass basis for

But the infant is doomed from birth, because its mother cannot feed it and the substitute foods are slow poison. In other words, French capitalism is in a state of such crisis that it cannot give rise to a stable democratic regime, The struggle bursts the bounds of society. The capitalist class temporises, and democracy, and in doing so prepare a isolated struggle, but is only terrible defeat.

International Communist Party has this programme. It alone fights consistently the ruinous policies of the reformists and demands an end to the policy of Coalition and a struggle for power by the workers organisations. This party provides the only hope that the crisis will be settled in a revolutionsity way and will lead to a Socialist France. It is literally the

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"There you are, this is our

Instead, the Stalinists, Socialists and M.R.P. are forming a new

since 1934 when fascist rioting brought a right wing government to power. Saved in 1936 only by the great working class upsurge, it declined again into the dictatorships of Daladier and Petain. Its rebirth in 1944 was due, working class upsurge and the reactionary dictatorships.

capitalists. Nationalise big industry export drive of the employers. work to help the other nations of Europe as well as their own to Government to relieve taxationre-build.

only reliable barrier to the threatened Gaullish dictatorship.

Editoris Board.)

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SOME CRITICS OF TROTSKY

Sd.

by M. Loris

munist Party, which has declared its ferred, the personnel should also be given the option of going with such job or machine. This also has been refused and promises given to skilled game of coalitions is being played once again. If the Communist Party at much inconvenience, are being refused their jobs back and placed on the "dole". At the same time new men are being utilised from the ranks of the unemployed and offered work at semi-skilled rates at the Browns Lane Factory.

These facts can only lead up to one conclusion and that is a general attack on all the workpeople both pieceworkers and dayworkers in the establishments concerned, and later the conditions imposed can be used

The fight at Daimlers is the fight of the City for its future conditions, and we are determined to resist to the utmost and place our case before On Friday 25th, the striking

workers held a meeting outside the factory. The meeting was quiet but of the Browns Lane factory had Not a single English paper expects joined the strike. Arrangements for his Government to last until the picketing went through smoothly and

Bro. Stokes, A.E.U. official reported high-handed action will assure them and had placed before them what the a good majority. Even if they strike committee regarded as their management and the Employers Federation should be called immemanagement flatly refused this exceedingly reasonable demand, stating they would only discuss with each factory separately! Bro. Stokes declared that if the company got away with their drive to lower rates, it would only be the first step in the lowering of the standards of the whole district.

The pressure of the Daimler workers' militancy and the feeling of the workers in Coventry, whose wages have steadily dropped during tse last few months, was evident in that both the A.E.U. official and Bro. Jones of the Confederation of En-

gineering Unions, who followed him, made militant speeches, declaring the necessity to stand up to the employers actions. There are a number of important lessons to be drawn from this strike. By their struggles in the past Coventry workers achieved standards in general higher than those elseprepare to consolidate its rule in a where. While they remain high, they dictatorship. The working class has are an aim and a lever for the workers only one road to follow, namely, that of other areas. So far as the Covenrevolution. But the Socialist and try workers are concerned they must Stalinist parties cling to capitalist realise that this strike is not an aspect of the general tendency of em-Real measures to solve the crisis ployers in the area to depress wages.

revolutionary measures. In fact, the struggle fits into a picture Firstly: Abolish the Black Market by even broader than that. Today the confiscating the fortunes of the big motor industry is in the first line of without the crippling burden of com- months motor manufacturers have pensation. Abandon the disastrous been running a campaign under the policy of chauvinism, and extend the slogan of "Take the brake off the hand of solidarity to the German motor industry". However, the cam-workers. Coal is needed! Repara-tions for coal is a myth; but in a fined to propaganda hiding their pro-United Socialist States of Europe, the fit hunger with talk of "Britain's Ruhr and Saar miners would willingly need for exports". They have been exerting pressure on the Labour which would mean, of course, re-Only our French brother party, the moving the taxes from the motor manufacturers and placing the burden on the workers as a whole. further than that, and most important for the workers in the industry, the employers-having neither the plant nor the cheap raw materials of the American industry-are faced with the necessity of forcing down wages and intensifying labour exploitation if they are to wage a competitive struggle with their rivals on the

world market Workers of Coventry! The necessity exists for the unity of the district to protect its conditions. Workers in the motor industry!

The struggle of the Daimler strikers is your struggle. If these workers successfully resist the actions of their employers, then that will aid the defence of your conditions in the future. Donations to assist the Daimler strikers should be sent to:

Daimler Strike Committee, A.E.U. New Hall, 143, Foleshill Road, Coventry.

REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY (C.R.M.) DUTCH SECTION OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

Amsterdam. 23rd Dec., 1945. Dear friends.

The Congress of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Holland, founded on the 23rd December, 1945, as a section of the Fourth International, sends its warm greetings to you.

It learned of your full solidarity with the brave Indonesian people and your struggle for their freedom. It welcomes the common struggle of English and Dutch workers for the

sake of the oppressed colonial people, for the sake of Communism. Yours in the fight for Communism, For the R.C.P.

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2,000,000 U.S. WORKERS STRIKE

THE STRIKING AUTOMOBILE, MEAT - PACKING, TELEPHONE AND ELECTRICAL WORKERS HAVE BEEN JOINED BY 860,000 STEEL WORKERS,

2,000,000 American workers are on strike for wage increases. Half the industrial manpower of this great continent are affected, and other industries are threatening immediate action.

The power-drunk American capitalists are already beset with doubts by this greatest American strike wave in history which is only the beginning of the American workers' struggles. This battle of Titans, between the wealthiest section of world capitalism and the highly organised and indus trially militant American workers, is a battle with no quarter given. Defeat for the capitalists would radically alter the whole tempo and events of the class struggle in America. The realisation of this has forced the capitalists to organise a full-scale attack upon

the organised labour movement. The "Militant", organ of the Socialist Workers' Party, American section of the Fourth International, which is playing an active part in the strike movement, states the position clearly

"It (General Motors Corporation) announced, in effect, that the small chique of Wall Street bankers and industrialists is now ready to do battle with labour in order to put labour 'in its place'. It has now become clear, even to the blind, that Big Business, gorged with war profits, has closed its ranks for a full scale assault on organised labour.

"Labour thus faces a crucial battle, a battle that will determine for a long time to come the standard of living, and the place and role of the American worker. Those are the stakes of this fight."

FABULOUS PROFITS OUT OF WAR

The demands of the Steel workers are for 11d. an hour increase. The Steel bosses have offered 9d. an hour. The automobile workers are demanding 30 per cent, increase, the "Big Three" (General Motors, Chrysler, and Fords) have offered 20 per cent. Big Business argued that they could afford no more! To this the workers replied as one voice : OPEN THE BOOKS ! An indication of the fabulous wealth of these industries can be obtained from the following facts published by the United Steel Workers Union and

The profits of the steel industry, before taxes were deducted and during the five war years, 1940 to 1944, rose 276 per cent. over the peace-time level of 1985-39-from 933,000,000 dollars to over 3,500,000,000 dollars.

Profite, after taxes had been deducted, rose 113 per cent. during the period from 576,000,000 to 1,000,225 000 dollars.

Open profits acknowledged in 1944 were 190,366,000 dollars. Concealed profits in the same year, were 271,165,000 dollars. This is a total profit in 1944 of 407,531,000 dollars after all taxes had been paid. The peacetime average from the industry was 115,000,000 dollars.

Additionally, the steel industry can reclaim this year from the United struggle for Socialism.

States Treasury tax refunds amounting to 149,000,000 dollars or 29 per

cent. more than peace-time profits. The General Motors Corporation is controlled entirely by the Du Pont family, who are the virtual owners of the E. A du Pont de Nemours Coy., the giant munitions and chemical trust, U.S. Rubber and scores of subsidiary industries. From General alone this family takes 50,000,000 dollars a year in dividends, bonuses and assets. While 92 per cent. of the shareholders only own 22 per cent., the Du Pont family owns 23 per cent.! The G.M. board of directors owns 30 per cent. of all

industry." Small wonder that these financial sharks rejected the proposal by Truman to set up a "fact finding commission" which guaranteed before hand not to disclose a single business

ROLE OF TRUMAN AND

CONGRESS Truman's policy has been an attempt on the one hand, to maintain the Roosevelt pose of "a friend of labour', has even rejected Truman' attempts selves insane. to compromise. It is trying hard to The official diagnosis is a farce. He use anti-Labour legislation. Tear gas is held to suffer from paranola, and batons are being used by the which expresses itself in . . . delusions State police to break the picket lines that the hospital authorities are

of the strike movement is that the are quite detectable even by laymen. workers have also rejected the "fact Caltabiano has never, in the 22 years finding commissions" and the "30 I have known him, shown any sign of days cooling period" proposed by such disorders. Truman. For the first time in history the workers have remained on strike of Chuter Ede's humour concerns

ment. the crisis, and the militancy and class dog was ferocious, but because it was thing can assure that it goes wrong, American workers are learning particularly dirty one.

The awareness of the workers. The not licensed. A small point, but and that is a bold policy of class independence by the working class. If and Congress are the clerks of Wall

lines remain solid. class conflict in America.

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