# 50 M.P.S ATTEND SOCIALIST APPEAL

### BY R. RALPH

The Colonial question is the touchstone of the sincerity of any party that claims to stand for Socialism and the emancipation of mankind from the horrors of capitalism and imperialism. But those who are in the habit of speaking most glibly of "freedom and democracy for the colonial peoples" are usually the most ready to seil their services to the imperialist exploiters. Parliament in the last fortnight has again confirmed this estimate.

#### Colonial Debate

The debate on colonial affairs on July 9th, the first debate on the subject since the Labour Party took power, and which several M.P.s had pressed for in the pre-vious week, was attended by no more than 50 M.P.s; a number which dwindled to 20 during the course of the debate. So much for the interest which the majority of our "Socialist" representatives displayed in the scores of millions of enslaved colonial peoples. The Royal Garden Party at Bucking-ham Palace was apparently the stronger attraction! George Hall, the Labour

George Hall, the Labour Secretary of State for the Colonies summed up his position in the following words :

"I want to see private enter-prise assisting in building up new industries on the basis of those public services, with proper regard, of course, to the unblid interset" public interest.

As the Imperialists always mean their own profits when they speak of "the public interest", we can be assured that 'the public in-terest" will be well looked after.

There is thus a continuation of the Tory colonial policy of the past, a point which was apreciated by Oliver Stanley (the former Tory Secretary of State for the Colonies), who said:

"It (the Labour declaration of colonial policy) did not seem to differ greatly in essentials from the policies which have been declared on previous cocasions." The Tories of course supported it, through R. A. Butler and others —although they would have pre-ferred property qualifications to have remained too.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies. Mr. Creech-Jones. however, preferred to put it differently. however, differently :

"Therefore, instead of Labour members endorsing the sentiment that the policy of the Labour Government is just the continuity of previous policies, they should rejoice that, at last, our propaganda has succeded in converting the Tory Benches to a much

approach to the problems with which this Government have now to contend." (!!!)

The hollowness of such "reforms" as the Labour Party are proposing is fully revealed in the example of the following amendment to the **Burma** Legislation Bill on June 28th. It referred to qualifications for election to the Senate. In the words of the Under-Secretary of State for Burma, Arthur Henderson

service.

is equivalent to the M.B.E. over here, and also is based upon such other qualifications in respect of the rendering of distinguished public service as the Governor in his discretion may prescribe."

There could certainly be no better way of ensuring that the most able and loyal defenders of British Imperialism get into the Senate!

The two "Communist" M.P.s. Galacher and Piratin, also made speeches supporting the amend-ment, although this will come as

more human and liberal

## Burma Legislature Bill

"... certain previous official service, or other public ser-vice recognised by the confer-ment of a title which. I believe, Belind the Bakers' on

SMASH MASTER BAKERS' SABOTAGE By Workers' Control

THE CAMPAIGN OF THE MASTER BAKERS TO SABOTAGE THE BREAD RATIONING SCHEME OF THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT, IS ASSUMING TREMENDOUS PROPORTIONS. PROMINENT HOARDINGS IN ALL MAJOR CITIES ARE PLASTERED WITH ANTI-LABOUR POSTERS. ALMOST EVERY SHOP THAT SELLS BREAD, IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY DISPLAY PROMINENT POSTERS "HANDS OFF OUR DAILY BREAD !"

"We are removing property mination shown by the Master qualifications and leaving the qualification to be that of public Bakers varies slightly. Some

And what precisely is deemed "public service?? This is happily elucidated by Mr. Henderson : Dr.t. Provide an electron and the scheme. force the Labour Government to unke conversions

From one district to another the degree of deter-mination shown by the Master Bakers varies slightly. Some threaten direct sabotage. Others, that they will only partly carry out the scheme. But all are determined to but all are determined to

effect. Behind the Bakers' campaign is Instead of the Labour Govern-clearly to be detected the shadow ment learning from the Tories and

Association ". It was organised

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platform.

Association ". It was organised in conjunction with the Daily Mail sponsored, 'British Housewives League", whose secretary Mrs. Were, shared the speakers' plat-form with Mrs. Tennant. While the demonstration itself, consisted of about two hundred middle-class women and a few bunners, a crowd of almost 500 working class people and other labour supporters expressed hostility to this Tory set-up by booing, and protesting at the anti-Labour speeches from the Instead of taking real steps against the Master Bakers he is consulting the "Law officers"! Unlike the workers who are treated with the mailed fist, the employer (Continued on back page.)

**Tory Housewives Demo.** Flops

The reactionary Tory compaign against the Labour Government's decision to ration bread and flour, was carried a stage further by a widely publicised "demonstration" at Trafalgar Square on Sunday, July 14th.

The demonstration, generously | and grain from the world markets advertised by the most disinterin order to force up the price. ested Tory press, was financed by

Mrs. Tennant seized the oppor tunity to vent her anti-labour and anti-working class venom from the anti-working class Mrs. Tennant, a leader of the notorious platform, and chauvinistically de-claimed that : Neo-fascist "Face the Facts

> "German prisoners of war were being well-fed, because they might be useful when the will of the British people began to express itself against the Labour Government."

This attempt to put over a form This attempt to put over a form of anti-Labour propaganda was received with increased boos and cries of "fascist" from the audi-ence.Since, Mrs. Tennant's denials of her "Face the Facts Associa-tion" having any "political affiliations" fell flat, she ungrace-fully retired, and the "demon-stration" folded up. the anti-Labour speeches from the Totally ignoring the unpleasant fact that there does exist an actual world shortage of grain and cereals; Mrs. Were made the claim that: "She had it on first hand

The Labour Government, by its policy of refusing to take the working class fully into its con-fidence on the rationing of flour and bread, is playing into the hands of the Tories. The co-oper-ative, trade union and labour organisations must demand a positive policy of working class information that there was no world food shortage but the countries with food surpluses declined to give credit to 'this Government of muddlers'."

The "first hand" source of in-formation aparently forgot to tell the favoured Mrs. Were that the world grain shortage was also further agravated by the actions of the capitalist grain-monopolies in withholding vast stocks of wheat

# **Atom Test** Cinema Audiences Horrified

The Atom Bomb Test recently held at Bikini, appeared to have ended in a flop. For weeks the issue was played up in the Press. All preparations were described in as much detail as the Military Intelligence would supply for purposes of propaganda. But when the Bomb exploded the whole campaign seemed to collapse.

BAKER **U.S. Trotskyists** on Ohio Ballot COMRADES MALCOLM WALKER AND PAUL WYLIE

"Why don't they just phone?



MID - JULY, 1946.

### BY HAROLD JOSEPHS

NAMED TO RUN FOR U.S. CONGRESS AND

STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TOLEDO, O., U.S.A., June 21.-The Socialist Workers Party in Toledo entered the fall election campaign by announcing it will run two candidates, Malcolm Walker for U.S. Congressional Representative (9th Dist.) and Paul Wylie for Ohio General Assembly-man.

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This will be the first time that the SWP has entered candidates on an Ohio ballot. Complicated election laws make it extremely difficult for minority parties to get



#### PAUL WYLIE

on the ballot. Although Comrades Walker and Wylie will campaign as revolutionary socialisfs under the name of the Socialist Worket Party (SWP), their ballot d signation will be "Independent." Workers

#### Union Men

Comrade Walker, a former merchant seaman and member of the AFL Seafarers International Union, is Toledo SWP organizer. He has participated actively in labour struggles.

Comrade Wylie has a long record of militant union activity in this area. He is a popular union steward in his department at the Spicer Manufacturing Com-pany, where he has worked for worke then 10 years more than 10 years.

#### Fighting Programme The SWP candidates will b

the only ones on the ballot who will truly represent the interests of labour. They are planning to conduct a vigorous campaign in Lucas and Ottawa Counties on a seven wint fighting upogramme. seven-point fighting programme : 1. For an independent labour party.

Full employment and job Security through the 6-hour day, 30-hour week and government operation of all idle plants under weakens: control workers' control.

2. Full equality for Negroes and all national minorities. Abolish Jim Crow.

MALCOLM WALKER

4. Protect workers' living standards through a sliding scale of wages to meet all cost of living rises

5. Tax the rich, not the poor. Against all forms of government strikebreaking. 7. For a socialist society.

Subsequenty Herbert Morrisson of the workers that was not the needs of the workers that was to be the yardstick of Labour's policy for the nationalization of industry, but the efficiency or otherwise of the industry in question.

the paying out of vast sums in compensation to the bosses, and the continuation of private capitalism

ubstantial benefits to the workers. We have now received particulars of a case where in actuality the workers' standards have been worsened by the taking over of a private concern

NATIONALISED FI

Nationalisation Without Workers' Control No Benefit to Workers

When the Labour Party came good for the main factory in arrangement ceases under the new before the workers at the General Leicester also.

before the workers at the General Election, a year ago, they asked for the workers' votes for their nationalisation policy (with com-pensation and without workers' control), as something that would confer tremendous benefits on the working class. The masses, who know the hard struggle to make a living in modern society, from the

living in modern society, from the experience of their daily lives, realised the need for a fundamental change and gave their support to the Labour candidates.

to our correspondent by a worker money in addition to at the Aldershot plant, and hold pay for a week's holiday.

First the wireless transmission failed and even the best wireless enthusiasts could coax nothing out of the set but disanuointment. of the set but disappointment. of the set but disappointment. Disarmament became a common The following day the press reports and popular theme. indicated that the bomb explosion

was not so terrible, after all. Result : a fearful multitude, expecting the worst, heaved a sigh of relief.

But now that the news-reel of the explosion has been released, the complete and utter capitulation showing the preparations and of the mass organisations of the damage, people are beginning to nationalism, and to militarism.

Under Power Jets Ltd.47-hour<br/>weekWorkers Not Consultedrealise that it was not such a flop<br/>after all.autionalism, and to militarism.Atomic power-driven rockets<br/>carrying atom bombs round the<br/>world, thousands of which will<br/>be dropped in the first few hours<br/>of the ships shown in the news-<br/>reel give some indication of the<br/>real power of the atom explosion.Atomic power-driven rockets<br/>carrying atom bombs round the<br/>world, thousands of which will<br/>be dropped in the first few hours<br/>of the ships shown in the news-<br/>reel give some indication of the<br/>real power of the atom explosion.Atomic power-driven rockets<br/>carrying atom bombs round the<br/>world, thousands of which will<br/>be dropped in the first few hours<br/>of the ships shown in the news-<br/>reel give some indication of the<br/>real power of the atom explosion.Atomic power-driven rockets<br/>carrying atom bombs round the<br/>world, thousands of which will<br/>be dropped in the first few hours<br/>of the third world war. Almost<br/>the entire population of Britain<br/>and certainly the population of the<br/>mast important effices of this<br/>must really have been terrible.Merit money rising at<br/>ments of 5/- to a<br/>miximum of2 0 0<br/> ${\underline{f7}}$  6 02 0 0<br/> ${\underline{f7}}$  6 0Workers must wage 4<br/>stration with the workers<br/>representatives.must really have been terrible.<br/>workers must wage 4<br/>struggle against such bureaucratic<br/>methods, and the lowering of the<br/>horvor as the news-reel showed the<br/>sheep being sheered and smeared<br/>with ointment, as part of the ex-<br/>horman, as part of the ex-The workers of the main<br/>representatives of the information<br/>horvor as the news-reel showed the<br/>sheep being sheered and smeared<br/>with ointment, as part of the ex-The harronal bours<br/>representatives for the<br/>workers of the and<

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But today the capitalists can speak quite openly and cynically of the next atom bomb world warof the next atom bomb world war-between America and Russia; with Britain in the tail of America's plans. The principle reason they cut speak so openly is because of

Under the Ministry of<br/>Supply: 47 hour week:<br/>Starting Wage, Basic<br/>Lieu Bonussultation<br/>with<br/>the workers<br/>methods, and the lowering of their<br/>standards in enterprises such as<br/>this. They must care to represent the vorkers such as<br/>this. They must care to represent the vorkers the news retreated and smeared<br/>with ointment, as part of the ex-<br/>periment. Loud protests came<br/>to introm the men ! Children were<br/>to overthrow and being<br/>their organizations on the<br/>Labour Government to reverse this<br/>policy. They must demand that<br/>Maximum under newIntroduction<br/>the workers<br/>the workers must wage a<br/>struggle against such bureaucratic<br/>methods, and the lowering of their<br/>standards in enterprises such as<br/>this. They must care to reverse this<br/>policy. They must demand that<br/>Maximum under newIntroduction of all<br/>the workers must wage a<br/>struggle against such bureaucratic<br/>methods, and the lowering of their<br/>standards in enterprises such as<br/>this. They must demand that<br/>Maximum under newIntroduction of all<br/>the workers<br/>the workers<br/>the vorkers<br/>the workers<br/>the vorkers<br/>the vork

It soon became obvious that the in other industries, meant that they could not afford to give any

# FAMILY ALLOWANCES **Raw Deal**

## BY J. JONES (G.C.G.)

On August 6th of this year "Family Allowances" are to be paid to mothers with two children or more, at all post offices in Great Britain.

Without taking a searching glance at the stipulated rules of this Act, anybody can be excused if he, or she, believes that a first class reform (much needed) is coming into operation. But strange as it seems a "Socialist Government" that is supposed to have the working class interests primarily at heart finds it necessary to create can take as an example, one person infamous anomalies in the Act from this "legion of breathless which debuy certain classes of men" who number thousands to which debar certain classes of workmen from benefit.

#### **Raw Deal For Disabled**

Of all of these classes of work men, who will not gain a "Penny Piece" from this reform, none is more deserving of compassion than the Disabled man in industry. who, because of his incapacity is in receipt of a meagre weekly compensation.

For injury received in their occupation, or because of the contraction of an industrial disease, Silicosis, Pneumoconiosis, etc., these unfortunate people get five shillings for each of their childgen as dependent allowances from the respective colliery offices where they were employed prior to their disablement.

Any socialist will agree that 5/ is not by any means excessive to maintain a child, and for years the trade unions of "this country have waged a persistent campaign to increase the amount payable.

When Labour came to Power, and the appointment of JIM GRIFFITHS (an ex-miner!), as Minister of Social Insurance was announced, these victims of industry thought that their meagre de pendents allowances for their "mites" in relation to compensa-tion would not be affected, and that the family allowance would be payable to them in addition to what they received as a lowances in their compensation.

#### Allowances Discontinued

Unfortunately the Government, bearing in mind that "aBowances" were being paid to these disabled men, decreed that all 'allowances (other than Family Allowances under the new Act) paid from any other sources were to be discon-tioned tinued.

There are thousands, especiall; There are thousands, especially with what this disabled inner in the mining industry, who come into this category, and their in-dignation can be appreciated when we take into consideration that the to the coal Royalty owners and to the capitalist class who have



slogan of "the war for democracy." show the injustice of this anomaly in the Act. But with the end of the im-perialist hostilities and faced by new provocations, the workers are on the move to

This man, MR. E. JONES from Brynamman, West Wales, was em-ployed by the A.A.C. as collier at the Steer pit G.C.G. He was workers are on the move to retrieve their previously hard won rights. One of many principles which were buried by the trade union leadership, was the principle of the closed-shop for a hundred per cent. trade unionism. certified as suffering from an in-dustrial disease some ten months ago. He is the father of seven children and is extremely indignant about the injustice of the Act. He invited me, as the Socialist Appeal Successful strike actions have in the past few months resulted in the whole of the County of London Representative to his home. is what he stated :---This

#### " Thunderstruck "

powerhouses becoming a closed shop. These had the object. chiefly, of protecting existing con-ditions and for united action in the forture. "I was thunderstruck when I came to know that allowances from all sources were to be dis-continued. I first knew from the leaflet enclosed in a letter to me together with other papers from the Ministry of Social Insurance. Not believing my eves L communicated with what the future. eyes, I communicated with what I believed to be the best brains I believed to be the best brains in the country regarding the matter—they unfortunately veri-fied conclusively my fears that I was not to benefit from the new Scheme. I was advised to bring my case to the attention of my local Member of Parlia-ment, who is Jim Griffiths, the man who introduced the Bill. I felt flummoxed ! July 8th, 600 drivers and 300 porters, with the suport of 300

am not satisfied; because I have done my duty as a miner (until they certified me as unfit) and I don't think it fair that compensation payable to me since disablement, ceases, because the introduction of family allowances.

If I was capable of doing any job, with perhaps a wage of £10 or £15 a week, I would receive the Allowance from both sources (that is Family allowance and Compensation allowances). I have faith in the Labour Govern-ment—I feel this point must have escaped their attention." These were his concluding words.

Nobody can possibly disagree with what this disabled miner Act is supposed to represent a Socialist measure--passed by a "Socialist "Government. Labour Government in power with an overwhelming majority can

"Socialist "Government. **The Case Of Collier Jones** Throughout the country, in all industries, these "castaways" will legislation, and from G.C.G. in West Ware the hideous density of the section of the section of the suffering victims will at least have more than the present meagre pittance, the workers must agitate through their Labour and Trade Union organisations for the imme-

# BY NORMAN PENTLAND & Co. After sensing the deter-mined mood of the men, the firm anounced that they were prepared militant Royal Group intimated time the sensing the deter-militant Royal Group intimated time the sensing the deter-militant Royal Group intimated time the sensing the deter-factory transpires in the mean-STRIKES REGAIN

**T.U. RIGHTS** 

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# MANNING GAINGS

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last war, the bureaucracy of the Trade Union movement gave up, without consulting the trade Union movement Part and parcel of the ensuing dispute is around the ruthless weeding out of men from the various types of gangs by the the workers, many of the of the workers he claims to employers. The fact that there is now in After long discussions between ciples which had been won over a period of long and bitter struggelog with the employers concerned, on Thursday 11th, the delegates of

The fact that there is now in operation an official de-casualisa-tion scheme, which guarantees an unemployed registered docker £3 6s a week, and coupled with this, the up-keep of 8,000 unem-ployed dockers in the National Dock Labour Corporation, leads the amulearer with an eva on their hitter struggles with the em- the Strike Committee decided by ploying class. The workers, a small majority, to recommend a the employers, with an eye on their pockets, to do their utmost to whittle down the 36,000 pre-way dockers to 24,000.

## DOCKERS MUST PREPARE NOW

dock strike, of the necessity for creating a national rank and file Strike Committee. If they are going to do battle with the shipowners and dock employers, they must reconstitute the strike com mittee which has recently been split asunder by the T.U. leadership, which includes BARRATT as chief of the "C P." strike breaking elements in the London

leadership which will link-up every port in the country the dockers' struggle would find almost insurmountable difficulties.

GAS WORKERS Ultimatum

meat porters from Depots in, and around London, came out on strike to enforce the dismissal of three Gas workers in the London area



# Queer Correspondence

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The letter which follows appeared

in the letter which follows appeared in the Times, July 11. "Sir-'A bit of land of your own... If you keep up your sarings.... you'll be able to buy that bit of land before rer! long.

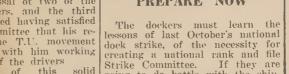
"So runs an advertisement in your issue of today, (July, 9) sponsored not by the Land-owners' Union or the Individual-ist Society but by a Socialist Government. Foreigners may seell be foreigne for not under-

# while critical of these anti-working class acts, accepted conciliation Court, who are interthese retreats under the viewing the three drivers concerned. slogan of "the war for The outcome of the discussion.

which took place with the threat of a further tie-up of supplies, should the decision not be favour-able to the meat workers, ended able to the meat workers, ended with the dismissal of two of the non-union drivers, and the third has been retained having satisfied the Strike Committee that his re-lations with the T.U. movement are compatible with him working with the rest of the drivers The lesson of this solid action is one that can be learned by workers in all industries.

by workers in all industries.

# LONDON DOCKERS IPROPARD



Further we must not on any occasion plant illusions in the minds of the workers that the T.U.C. is at the present moment a fighting representation of the trade

docks. Without a resolute militant

Dock Workers ! !

Build a strong National Rank and File Committee.

non-union drivers. This "unofficial" action took place after nine weeks of patient negotiations with the firm of Ward to the scheme, which still listed Gas workers in the London area, after months of fruitless negotia-tions for increase in pay and for improvement of their filthy working conditions have given the G.L.C.C

soldiers were shot, M. Rousset was deported. His account of life in the concentration camp has caused some acid comments in the French Press. He has shown something of the seamy side of martyrdom concentration camps." Readers of Socialist Appeal will

be familiar with the episode which 'Peregrine'' refers. to It which Peregrine Peters it concerns the organisation of German soldiers around the Trotskyist paper Arbiter und Soldat. David Ronsset is one of the Trotskyists who organised the work, one of the most commendable wireder of the anti Nexi activities episodes of the anti-Nazi activities carried on by our French comrades during the occupation.



# KEEP IT UP!

London of a thousand engineer and mates following a 24 hour FIGHTING FUND **KEEP IT GOING!** Here again, coupled with the vile conditions of the gas workers nationally, is the glaring need to link the struggle to a really repre-sentative rank and file committee

With a third of the month gone as we write we have about £40 in for the Fighting so that a determined stand can be made without it being disrupted Fund. This is in line with our target. If we keep going at this rate we shall reach our £120 for the month. But there must be no slacking. Our experience is that money flows more abundantly at the beginning of the month. It

I should like to draw to your attention the fact that in the original notes on the "40 hour week" I stated that the T.U.C. made a *fake stand* not a "fine stand" as printed in the July issue of the *Socialist Appeal*. This was a numrifug error tends to tail off in the later weeks. Comrades, we look to you to

inde a *fake stand* not a "fue stand" as printed in the July issue of the *Socialist Appeal*. This was a printing error. I point this out to you in face of the wavering course of the 40 hour week but gradually re-treated in a number of statements made by them just prior to the Labour Party Conference. Euriter are much and the statements further we must not enter the statements further we must not enter the statements of the statements further we must not enter the statements of the statements further we must not enter the statements of the statements further statements of the statements of the statements of the statements and by them just prior to the further we must not enter the statements of the statement of the statem set your target, and see that you reach it. Raise the  $\pm 120$  for July, the minimum amount needed in addition to sales revenue to keep YOUR PAPER going.

industrial expression of the policies of the Right wing reformists of Transport House.

256, Harrow Road, London, W.2.

# NATIONALISATION AND THE C.P.

#### BY T. NORMAN

In face of the meek and mild measures of the Labour Party, it would be thought that by calling themselves Communists the "Communist Party" would adhere to the concrete ideas that Lenin advocates on the question of nationalisation. But far from this, the C.P. have never clearly stated their attitude towards this very important

This came from a meeting in

from within by the T.U. bureau

Correction

token strike at Beckton.

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question. In "Workers Notebook" of the Daily Worker" of June 18, Campbell wags a finger at Morrison Campbell wags a tuger at Morrison for distorting Engels' theory on nationalisation. J. R. Campbell has no right to do this, for the C.P. themselves have with great alacrity shelved and forgotten Marxist ideas long ago. Not one word concerning nationalisation of industry was mentioned in the C.P. Election Policy of June 1945, let alone a Marxist amproach only let alone a Marxist approach, only a load of hotch potch which spoke of "Compelling Big Business and monopoly to work on lines laid down by the Government in the interest of the nation." The milk and water policy of the Labour Party's "Let us Face the

which every worker dreams." This is not written on a note of xposure; as a method of exposing the Labour Party before the eyes of the working class. It is written in manner typical conscious rogues, who long ago abandoned the cause of socialism and became super reformists con-tent to follow in the wake of the Labour Party as props of the capitalist ecor Lenin's Method — The Only

Solution

What then is the course to take in order to remove further slumps and unemployment, such as is destined to take place as after the last imperialist war? It is the revolutionary method of Lenin revolutionary method of Lenin and Trotsky. Lenin forcefully explained in his dynamic pam-phiet "The Threatening Catas-trophe" that the "reactionary bureaucratic half and half confer-ences with equal numbers of dele-gates from the workers and from the bandits of the coal syndicates" the bandits of the coal syndicates were of no use whatsoever. Only by taking decisive measures against the capitalist class, only by com-pletely expropriating them without compensation and placing their in-dustry under control of the trade unions "from below", as Lenin termed it, could the working class benefit from nationalisation. It is futile to attempt to " patch up" the archaic industries of British

MBAT With the breakdown of negotiations with the Dock employers for an increased manning scale and WORKERS a revision of out-of-date piece-work prices, London and Tilbury dockers ACTION are preparing for a further tussle are preparing for a further tussie to achieve their just demands. Approximately fourteen weeks ago a Joint Committee of T.U. delegates from the Stevedores Union and the T. & G.W.U met the dock employers to be to modify the complicated and out-of-date piece-work prices which The latest move on this im-portant class issue was staged by the Smithfield Meat transport workers and porters. On Monday,

dread disease (pneumoconiosis) has diate removal of this monstrous crippled hundred of miners, one anomaly.





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Successful Leninist Meeting

A crowded audience listened attentively to comrades Roy Tearse and Ajit Roy as they pre-sented THE LENINIST ATTITUDE TO THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT in the Conway Hall, on Monday, July 8th. Roy Tearse dealt ably with the home policies of the Labour Government, and exposed the fake character of their nationalisation and social security proposals. Afjit INDIA
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standing our politics. Your obedient servant, S. C. ROBERTS."

This wiseacre makes a joke at the expense of the "Socialist" Government which safeguards private ownership of the land and the means of production. but an even more ironical position is re-

Czarist Reactionary General — Stalinist Hero.

KUTUSOV-

historical or artistic.' It adds : 'the cinema is a sharp ideological party weapon.'"

even more ironical position is re-vealed in a leter from a soldier in Malaya. It reads in part: ..... 'For May Day a group of servicemen put adverts in neus-papers bringing greetings from the British workers to the toilers of Malaya, and concluding with the slogan: 'Workers of the World Unite-for Socialism!' An Indian editor of one of the papers was afraid to include the words 'for Socialism' as he thought it would get him into trouble with the authorities controlled by the Labour Govern-ment!" party weapon." This gross canonization of re-actionary feudal rulers and military chiefs of the past era is in line with Russian nationalism which has been revived by Stalin since Lenin's death. It is the antithesis of Bolshevism. Led by Leuin, the Bolshevik Party and the Soviet Government was concerned Soviet Government was concerned only with glorifying the progressive aspect of Russian society-its in-ternationalism, the lead it gave to

ment?" Isn't it about time that the workers who elected the Labour Government begun to ask for an accounting of what is being done in their name? the world revolution. The defica-tion of Peter the Great, Suvorov, Kutusov, Ivan the Terrible and such representatives of vicious

class reaction of the past degeneration of the Soviet Union since the death of Lenin and the elipse of the Bolshevik Party.

# **Revolutionist Gets** Literary Award

Writing of the literary awards of the French Academic Goncourt, in the Sunday Observer of June 30, "PERFGRINE" comments, "Another

**Biggest Military** Budget

The biggest military budget in times of "peace" has been sub-mitted to the House of Represent-atives by the Truman administra-tion. It calls for an annual tion. It calls for an annual expenditure of over seven billion dollars. This is double the figure for the military budget of the U.S.A. in 1941. 175 million dollars are to be allocated for the develop-ment of atomic weapons, 26 million dollars for chemical warfare products, including the biological (bacteria). According to the budget message, "Manhattan Project", the atom-bomb factory is to continue production un-diminished.

# **Bikini Secrets**

As preparations were under con pletion for the detonation of the Atom-bomb test at Bikini, two Atom-bomb test at Bikini, two important announcements were made in New York. Vice-Admiral Wiliam Blandy, in charge f operations for the U.S. Navy, declared that any "unin-vited" planes and ships within a 150-mile radius of the Bikini Atoll would be fired upon by his task force and driven off. force and driven off.

On the other hand, Professor

ompared with the policy of the capitalism. The workers can only benefit by drastic and radical 'ommunist Party ! It is only of late, that the C.P.

have made any attempts to seriously criticise the Labour Party's policy on the industrial front. Until the on the industrial front. Until the Molotov-Bevin disagreement and the rejection of C.P. affiliation, the Pollitts and Campbells were con-tent to speak in terms of joint

tent to speak in terms of joint production, committees and co-operation with the employers to build up the "nation's exports". In an ambiguously worded article on production in the "Daily Worker" of June 11, in line with the pseudo-left swing of the C.P., Pollitt pulls wool across the eyes of readers by further comfusing them as to the role of

confusing them as to the role of the Labour Party, by saying : "further the Labour Govern-ment needs to remember and

workers) for the passing most speedily and in the most radical way to a higher method of pro-duction", i.e. Socialism. This aim has long been abandoned by the so-called "Communist" Party. Lenin's aims and ideas any today continued and fought for by the Revolutionary Communist Party, the only party which has the real interests of the workers' inscribed on its banuer.

changes in the control of produc tion as characterised by Lenin

"that humanity is confronted with the alternative of either perishing

or entrusting its fate to the most revolutionary class (i. the workers) for the passing most

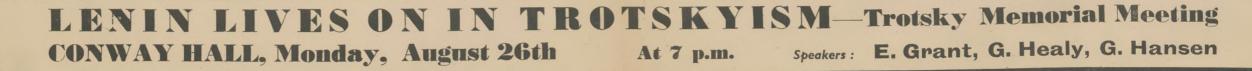
Workers! The first step in this direction convince the workers, that they have remembered, that the aim of nationalisation is not only to improve output, but to hasten the development towards the Socialist goal of

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# Eclitorial THE LOAN

After months of delay, the £937,000,000 American loan After months of delay, the £937,000,000 American loan to Britain has been forced through Congress by a vote of 219 to 155. Despite the fact that Britain has made a tremendous recovery in her export trade—much faster than was expected—the American capitalists have allowed the Loan to go through. The main provision of the loan is supposed to be to tide Britain over the next five years. Britain has lost, during the war, a great part of her overseas investments. Her the war, a great part of her overseas investments. Her

banking, insurance and shipping business declined, with the result that her "invisible exports" (whereby she had managed to balance the difference between exports and imports) had, to a great extent disappeared. Consequently the adverse balance of trade threatened to increase without any compensating factors. Her weakness forced British Imperialism to seek help from her American rival.

On her terms, America was willing to give aid to Britain to bring her within the economic and political orbit of American Imperialism. America wants Britain in the Atlantic as a base for the future against Russia in Europe, in the same way as she is trying to prop up Japan in the Pacific as a base for the future against Russia in Asia.

#### ANTI - SOVIET MOVE

In order to make sure that the Bill went through, important Republican and Democratic speakers in Congress openly exposed this calculation on the part of American capitalism. Mr. Wolcott the Republican 'whip' declared :

"By our action today we determine for years whether there is to be a coalition between Britain and the United states, or between Britain and the Soviet Union. To me that is fundamental. It transcends dollars and cents. We cannot afford not to make this Loan."... The House rose and cheered Mr. Wolcott as he sat down.' (" Sunday Times " 14.7.46).

America wishes through this loan also to stabilise the internal political position in Britain to guard against crises and upheavals, so that Britain will act as a tranquillising influence on the European continent, where explosive possibilities are present.

## DRIVE INTO BRITISH MARKETS

At the same time, through the provisions of the Loan, America hopes to thrust her way into the markets formerly held by Britain as a preserve, in her Empire, and through the sterling bloc. The "dollar pool". whereby dollar earnings have been blocked within the sterling area, is to be abolished within a year. 'Thus dollars are made available to India, the Middle East, and the Dominions, whereby they can purchase from America instead of from Britain.

Britain must support the Bretton Woods scheme, and can only devaluate her currency under this arrangement within strictly defined limits, and after due notice. The clauses relating to reductions of British tariffs and preforential trading are fairly clearly defined; those which would apply to America, very vague.

## CRISIS STAVED OFF

This Loan can only stave off disaster for a short time for British Imperialism. While easing the position somewhat, and preventing some new drastic cuts in food,

# **BELGIUM—Brussels** — 26

mines, 50 steelworks, 6 electrical power-houses, a railway and 14 other various plants are on strike in the Liege region as of today, June 29. Total stoppage of the coal mines in the area appears certain shortly. The strikes are again spreading to other workers are involved at

present. even gone so far as to arm their this as to other "problems". While the Belgian Trotskyists

are undoubtedly one hundred per cent behind the strikers, the charges of Van Acker are, of course, without any foundation in fact. They are based on an attempt at the usual type of red care and an undoubted desire on is part to drive the Parti Communiste Internationaliste, Belgian Section of the Fourth Inter-national, underground. Their national, underground. Their unflinching loyalty to the cause of the workers disturbs the reformist traitor and singles them out for special reprisals. Van Acker has repeatedly attacked the Trotskyist

during the recent waves of strikes which are leading up to a first-rate overnment crisis

Belgian Party GENERAL STRIKE INDIAN TROTSKYISTS Attacked IN TRIESTE Statement by Dr. Colvin R. da Silva, General Secretary

> TRIESTE-Tuesday-While the capialist press in all countries was headlining "Trieste Issue Settled by Big Four", the workers here downed tools in a general strike which paralyzed life in the city.

It is true that the strike had outlet in the Mediterranean and a regions. More than 35,000 uothing to do with the decision of wresting concessions from Anglo

> theless it served to give notice that the fate of this Balkan sea-port as of Europe as a whole will' Problem " on purely ethnical not be settled by diplomatic grounds. While the majority of not be settled by diplomatic grounds. manoeuvres in the Luxemburg Palace but that the working class

> The manner in which the Council of Foreign Ministers dealt with chief port for the countries in the the Trieste problem is typical of the cynical attitude which these traffic from Trieste was destined representatives of the Western Democracies and the Soviet Union regard their own honeyed words in the "Atlantic Charter" and the the "Atlantic Charter" and "United Nations Charter". W

the Foreign Minister's Conference, but was a reply to the latest acts of Fascist provocations. Never-

class, and the surrounding country is almost entirely Slav. But economically, Trieste is part neither of Italy nor of Yugoslavia. Before the war it served primarily as the Danube basin. All the most important of the Danubian railway for the Danubian countries.

Trieste is a living symbol that While the old national frontiers and While the old national frontiers and While out-of-date: that they act as a The class struggle is sharpening and the anti-imperialist struggle "United Nations Charter". While the ministers wrangled and bar-gained, there was no thought of consulting the people most directly concerned—the workers and peas-sants of Venezia Giulia. Self Determination was an abstract principle to be applied ouly when it served the interests of the "Big Four". For the Kremlin a Yugoslav Trieste represented an reviving. In face of the mass resurgence, the Indian bourgeoisie

# RUSSIAN-ARGENTINE FRIENDSHIP



Members of the Russian Trade Mission in the Argentine placed a magnificent set-piece of flowers representing the flags of Argentine and Soviet Union interlaced at the foot of the monument of General San Martin. On the left is Mr. Shevelev, Chief of the Russian delegation and probable future Ambassador. On the right is Dashkovitch. Director of Tass Agency. Yesterday the Stalinist bureacracy demanded a breaking of all relations with Peron and opposed the admission of Argentine to U.N.O. on the grounds that the regime was a fascist one. Today, flouting world working class opinion, the Stalinists embrace the "fascists"

# **Condemn Cabinet Mission**

of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party, India-Ceylon section of the Fourth International.

**BOMBAY, INDIA—20 June 1946** The Cabinet Mission constitutes the first stage in a gigantic poli-tical manoeuvre of British Im-perialism. Its aim is not a transfer of imperialism's power in India but its consolidation /anew. This it seeks to achieve by nego This it seeks to achieve by negotiating a re-arranged imperialist-bourgeois-feudalist alliance against the masses. And in this it is on the eve of complete success. The alliance is being cemented at Delhi

Thirdly, this assembly hasn't even the right of making a consti-tution. It can only draft a con-stitution for the British Parlia-ment's consideration. Imperialism

has the last word. Finally, and above all, imperial-ism holds its own in any event. The crux of the power question lies alliance is being cemented at Delhi behind a smoke-screen of irrelevant controversies. Congress and League are engaged not in a tussle for power but in a quarrel over commission agency rights. What-ever the arrangement, imperialism will continue to rule, although Congress and League will obligingly provide it with a much needed in the adumbrated treaty. Its terms are unknown, but they are to e prepared by the British Government. Everything is subject to the acceptance of the treaty. And the treaty will be the instrument for provide it with a much needed popular facade. The Mission's success is not safe-guarding imperialism's essen tial interests.

The Mission's success is not accidental. Congress is the political party of the Indian bour-geoisie and the Indian bourgeoisie have long been athirst for a settle-ment. For two reasons. Economic need and the revolutionary peril. The masses are again on the move in the setting of the post-war crisis. The class struggle is sharpening What we shall have therefore is neither a Constituent Assembly nor What is being set up is merely a constitution drafting agency of British imperialism, working to imperialism's mandate and subject to imperialism's self-interested de-cisions. It is not even a fake Constituent Assembly for a fake transfer of power. It is a caretremble no less than their im-perialist masters. The re-cement-ing of their alliance, which was broken politically in 1940-42, was fully designed instrument for negotiating the permanent frame-work of a long-term imperialist-bourgeois-feudalist alliance.

therefore a mutual necessity. Their economic partnership during the war is being rounded off politically today. The Simla sur-render of 1945 is being formally completed in 1946. The sole victim of the settlement will be the Indian marked. The number of the set of the settlement will be the settlement. Pending the long-term arrangeinterim instrument is nioned. The Viceroy's ment, an interin being fashioned. being fashioned. The Viceroy's Executive Council is being re-constituted so as to provide im-perialism with a popular facade. The Viceroy's councillors may change, but the Viceroy's powers remain intact. That is the stark truth which controversion should masses. The plan is to appoint local jailors for imperialism's

local jailors for imperialism's Indian prison house. The Cabinet Mission's award leaves the power question exactly where it was. We are to have a Constituent Assembly it seems. But what is this so-called Con-stituent Assembly? Tristly, it is to function under the aegis of imperialism. Whoever the ard of a Constituent Assembly sought to be displaced? A genue constituent Assembly arises under the aegis of a new power which has already displaced the old. It pre-supposes freedom and is in no way freedom's pre-requisite; for its function is only to systematise in legal forms the exercise of the power which has already been won.

# **Marxist Theory A CRIME in CYPRUS** Heard in the House of Commons

Mr. Solley (Thurrock) : I have | and they cannot now logically **Mr. Solley (Thurrock)**: I have to call the attention of the House to recent events in Cyprus of the utmost gravity, and, indeed, I do not think that I exaggerate when I say that the matters to which I shall have to refer are such as will shock the conscience of every true

tobacco, films, etc., the Loan will not make a fundamental change in the standards of the British workers. Dalton has made haste to demand that there shall be no " relaxation of effort ". The export drive is to continue as strenuously as formerly. Most of the money is to be used to assist capitalists in re-equipping the industrial plant they have allowed to become obsolete.

#### CAPITALISTS TO BENEFIT

The political correspondent of the "Observer" (July 14th) remarks with satisfaction :

"The number of dollars to be set aside for food and petrol cannot be very large. The toan carries with it the condition that we shall return to a free exchange within a year, and a substantial proportion of the money will have to be kept back as an exchange fund."

"I understand that we shall spend under a quarter of the loan during the next twelve months-say; tess than £250 million. The Government has decided that the loan must be used, for the most part, to improve the loan must be used, for the most part, to improve our industrial efficiency and resources, and although Ministers realise that output would probably go up if the workers led a less monotonous existence, they of course, only applies to private the workers led a less monotonous existence, they of course, only applies to private the borne the are determined not to frivol it away on consumer toods soldiers. They have borne the brunt of the war misery, but the which will bring in little or no future wealth."

Thus the workers cannot expect great benefits from the ings. loan. But the contradiction for British capitalism lies in It is quite a different matter with the officers, the military tools the fact that though the loan will assist them in rethe equipping certain sections of industry, by the time this During the war, they have been process is completed the world market will be repleted working hard in driving the ranks on the battlefields. That is why and there will be a smaller market. Thus the slump will be further aggravated by these measures. The short-term lise durations disadvantages advantages will become long-term disadvantages. ranks With regard to their pay

The working class which is straining every nerve at the they are equally generously treated present time to increase production will find that this If the privates count their pay by The working class which is straining every nerve at the production will bring with it mass unemployment.

production will bring with it mass unemployment. Loans of this character cannot solve the problems of the British working class either in home or foreign policy. Operating on the laws of capitalism, the Labour leaders Operating on the laws of capitalism, the Labour leaders When thousands of prisoners of in breaking out of the maze of capitalism. The national-ization of all big industry and Banks without compensation, will lead the working class to disaster. The way out lies that they would go home. That was, however, only half the truth and the organisation of these industries under the control of the workers; the planning of all the resources and production of Britain; the establishment of a monopoly of men!) and the other ranks wer Foreign Trade by the State. These are socialist measures told on their arrival in England, their return home would be delayed by one or two years. decent standards now, and for the future.

# Help the German P.O.W s

# Victims of German Fascism and Western Imperialism Reproduced from "Solidaritat"

One year after the ending of war, 200,000 German prisoners of war remain in England. This fact should be a good rea son for every former British prisoner of war, for every socialist, to declare his or her solidarity with them.

They

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rganisations

These prisoners, deprived of mentioning that their crossing was The separation of prisoners from every freedom, are put to work on building sites and in agriculture, whilst the devastation in Germany is a hundred times worse than any broke down under the burden. Let may dome a state of the burden. Let (5) The right of contacting war damage suffered by England, to say nothing of the famine. The us doff our hats in front of the English and American capitalist (6) No reprisals aga

families of the prisoners of war are suffering the most terrible starvaclass and its officer castes. and its oncer castes. They groups of prisoners it one of them violates camp regulations. trity! The only English daily paper at know solidarity

German capitalist class ng the war, they have been

the shilling, the officers count their

In No. 2 of Solidaritat we have present available in the prisoners themselves are forced to work for a shilling a day on the made our position clear on the unconditional return home of of We demand : the prisoners. In this contri-bution we want to deal with the building of English houses. That restrictions affecting every one of heir movements in order to make peace" will not end their suffertheir daily life utterly miserable

If all socialists propagate the im mediate or short term programme printed below and mobilise their organisations for a campaign in favour of it, then it will be possible to somewhat mitigate the lot of the prisoners of war. Moreover, they will take the impression home with

them that a great part of the British working class declares its olidarity with them. Postal contact with their families

is the only moral support most of the prisoners of war receive. The number of letters granted is utterly inadequate. We demand :

(1) Unlimited Correspondence. The prisoners want to know the true stories and the whereabouts of their families. Censorship makes that impossible. We demand : (2) Abolition of Censorship. Most of the prisoners are bread winners for their families. Their Their

families are starving while themselves are forced to work for a pittance. We demand:

(3) Trade union-rates for whatever job they do; and (4) The right of sending food

we must do the officers justice by parcels home.

matter originally in a question which I put to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on January 1946. The question was as follows : Whether he is aware that the law under which the 18 members of the Pan-Cyprian trade union com-

democrat. I did, in fact, raise the

mittee were recently sentenced to imprisonment is Fascist and antiworking class in its character that the substance of the evidence

against these trade unionists was that they were engaged in public ising the classic works of Socialism; and whether he will take immediate steps to free these unionists and alter the law trade so that it conforms to Socialist principles; and remove from office (6) No reprisals against any groups of prisoners if one of those officials who primarily responsible for instigat-

ing this prosecution.?

some

The facts are that after a trial of 34 days, on January 21 of this year, the entire leadership of the is the Daily Express Cypriot trade union movement in Cyprus was sentenced to imprison-(7) The right of free choice of (8) The camps should be attached to the public libraries so that every book required by the Cyprus was sentenced to imprison-ment. Some received a sentence of 18 months, and others received a sentence of 12 months. They were found guilty of being members of that every book required by the prisoners is available to them. a so-called unlawful association, namely, the Cypriot equivalent to our T.U.C. — the Pan-Cyprian Trade Unions Committee. . . . (9) Outside working hours the prisoners should be afforded outing facilities to become acquainted with

the neighbourhood in which they We find that the entire leader-ship-18 members of this Com-

(10) The right to visit cinemas, (11) (a) The right of visit chiennas, (11) (a) The right of all work-ing class organisations to run educational classes in prisoner mittee are now in prison. It would be beyond the limits of the nittee time which I have at my disposal to give the detailed background of this matter. It is sufficient to state that the naked despotism that obtained in Cyprus from 1931 on-wards was such as to make legal camps. (b) The right for the prisoners to select and invite speakers and lecturers from the public. (c) Facilities for the prisoners to publish their own camp papers. trade unions and political activities at the beginning of 1931 quite

mpossible. (12) The right to participate in It is a fantastic state of affairs when Labour rules at Westminster and Socialism is a crime according to the law of Cyprus. Considerable comments were made at the trial about Marxism. (Langhter). It is class parties and trade unions, open meetings of the working class

If the English working class organisations succeed in enforcing this short term programme they will have made a decisive con-tribution towards international working class solidarity. all very well for Members opposite will have made a decisive con-tribution towards international working class solidarity. Long Live INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM.

President : Is Marxist theory a rime

Solicitor-General : According o Cyprus law, yes.

President: Is the possession f Marxist books a crime

Solicitor General : Yes.

When I read that I had in mind the Nazi bonfires of books which they did not like.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies

I regret that through the indisposition of my right hon. Friend the Secretary of State, he is unable to reply to the Debate. I regret further that I have had such short notice in which to prepare a reply. I should like to point out that the I should like to point out that the charges made against the trade union leaders concerned were charges which were made under sections 46, 60, and 61, of the Criminal Code in Cyprus, which is practically similar to the law of

this country. So there can be no uggestion that this is a law of particularly onerous kind. It is he law of this country which is the basis of the law of sedition in Cyprus. I regret the rather in-temperate language my hon. Friend the Member for Thurrock, etc. . etc.

(Excerpts from Hansard.)

**READ GERMAN** TROTSKYIST PAPERS 'Neuer Spartakus' Published by German

Trotskyists in Europe

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4 SOCIALIST APPEAL, Mid-July, 1946.

# C.P. BETRAYS **GERMAN WORKERS**

# BY J. SMITH

The tragic plight of the masses in Germany is fast developing toward a catastrophe. Millions of workers and their families are on workers and their families are on the verge of actual starvation. The effects of the recent drastic cuts of food rations in Germany are now becoming apparent. Diseases and illnesses arising from acute mahutrition are spreading amongst the German working class. This is a tragedy which no class conscious worker in Britain can

are the consequences of the war and arising from the ruthless destruction of large sections of Germany's rich agricultural areas, and the bombing which destroyed whole industrial regions, during the second imperialist war. The wholesale uprooting of industrial machinery and enterprises that escaped the bombing, by the rapacious imperialist victor powers, and the no less rapacious Stalinist bureaucracy, as "reparations" has further aggravated the economic plight of the German working class.

The present situation in Ger-uany, particularly the 'Allied' ones, is marked by the terrible many, conditions of the day-to-day existence of the workers.

# 23,000,000 Face Starvation

JOHN HYNDS, Minister in the Labour Government in charge of affairs in the British Zone, recently stated that, "23,000,000 German are faced with actual starvation" on the basis of the present rations. The calorific value of present rations is between 1,000 and 700. Yet, according, to dietic experts, the absolute minimum for the maintainence of life is 1,550. But, they also state, even this figure will not suffice, over a long period, to main-tain a healthy population. This tragic position is substantiated by the Report of the Combined Nutrition Committee, set up by the Alliad commution authonizing to in Allied occupation authorities to in-vestigate the effects of the recent ration cuts in Germany. The report states :

"It is evident that the lower-ing of the food ration will substantially decrease production output and will seriously retard economic recovery. The present ration scale 4s resulting in a decline of physical strength, increased absenteeism, and dis-content among the workers generally."

#### Week-end Treks

The present staple diet of the German working class is bread and potatoes, and possibly, weak vegetable sours of no nutritive value. Bread and potatoes—the classic symbols of poverty! Can it be wondered at then, that there are constant raids upon food-carrying trains in Germany by hundreds of starving men, women and children,

# **Coal Output Affected**

Such intolerable conditions can-not but effect the output of workers in industry, more particuarly so in heavy industries, such as coal-mining. The occu-pation authorities in the British zone attempted to raise the falling Diseases and filnesses arising from acute mahutrition are spreading amongst the German working class. This is a tragedy which no class conscious worker in Britain can allow to proceed without organised protest and action on behalf of fellow-workers in Germany. This mass hunger and disease are the consequences of the war loesn't get enough to eat.

doesn't get enough to eat. We need only to recall the con-ditions that existed in the world as a result of the world-wide capitalist slump during the 1929-...,i2 years, when mass unemploy-ment and hunger was the lot of the working classes in every capitalist country, to appreciate the full implications in the statement of the authoritative *Economist*: ist class only, they also prepare to serve the imperialist occupying powers by appealing to the German working class to 'collaborate peacefully" with their imperialist oppressors. One thing remains the

" By 1952 the Allies industrial plans will have created economic conditions worse than those of plans conditions worse than those of 1932. Communism is already growing, rapidly in Germany, under compulsion in the East, voluntarily in the West, and the Potsdamer Diktat makes the Treaty of Versailles look like a pan-German love-feast. It is inevitable that under these con-ditions, the groups which sup-ported the Nazis in 1932 will support the neo-Nazis in 1952. To rely on them is to ensure the To rely on them is to ensure the defeat of whatever anti-Nazi forces there are in Germany."

The capitalist *Economist* voices, of course,the fears of a section of the British capitalist class, but in the point it makes is revealed the reactionary effects of the perspec-tives which is all the bankrupt forces of capitalism can offer for the future of Germany and the Corman working class. without a struggle. German working class.

The disagreements among the Russian and Allied powers in re-lation to Germany, are disputes on issues that affect their reactionon issues that affect their reaction-ary interests for economic plunder and strategic requirements. None of the powers, imperialist or the Stalinist bureaucracy, have the slightest interest in the betterment and future welfare of the German working class. But on the conpast defeats. Such a party and its programme of revolutionary struggle can only be a "Trotsky-ist", that is Bolshevik-Leninist party based on the ideas of the revolutionary communist Fourth International. working class. But on the con-trary, they all have one thing in trary, they all have one thing in common: an agreement on the counter-revolutionary aim of pre-venting the German workers seek-ing to take the road of re-volutionary communism and estab-lishing itself and the economic power of Germany as a bulwark of Communism in Europe. To this end they maintain the oppression, by military occupation and eco-Undoubtedly, the question of Germany's future is the central problem in Europe, in the world. What developments take place in the conditions of the German work-ing characterization and workby military occupation and eco-nomic exploitation of the German

workers. Thus, they play the same reactionary role as Hitler did in relation to Nazi-occupied Europe, and for no beter aims.

## **Role Of German Parties**

In all the occupied Zones there now exist trade union Social-democratic and Stalinist-communist organisations, but to what extent these organisatious pursue a genuine policy in the interests of the German workThe Case of Sean McCaughey BY-ELECTIONS The Case of BY M. MERIRGAN

## **DUBLIN**

As a result of twenty-three days unger and thirst strike, Sean IcCanghey, a young L B A man this humiliating body search was hunger and thirst strike, Sean mentary democratic regime with all democratic rights and liberties for the people."

Such a position, the return to pre-Hitler social-democracy and parliamentarism", and no men-tion of the necessity to overthrow capitalism and the necessity for

workers' power indicates the bank-ruptcy and degeneration of the **Conducted** by the **Republican Prisoners' Belease** Association Western Germany, (in the areas occupied by the Russians they have pither "merged" with the State ation :

either "merged" with the Stalin-ists, or are having, an enforced" 'rest" in G.P.U. dungeons), pre-pare to play the same role of re-formist lackeys as before. With the difference, that instead of serving the native German capital-ist claw only they also proper to "Sean McCaughey was charged with 'Assault and Unlawful De-tention.' This is an ordinary Common Law offence punishable by fine or imprisonment: the maxi-mum sentence of imprisonment which can by ordinary law be imposed for this offence is two years.

"The Government under an Emergency Powers Order which has now elapsed ordained that Sean McCaughey be tried by a Military Court which could only impose the death sentence. And so, the ordinary law was abrogated the for by the Government specially in Sean McCaughey's case and he was Court on 18th September, 1941. This sentence was later commuted to one of penal servitude for life.

"From September 1941, until the middle of 1943. Sean McCaughey middle of 1945. Sean McCaughey was kept in solitary confinement in a small cell. He was not allowed out to the lavatory. The Republican prisoners were kept in cells far away from each other and with empty cells next to them so that their solitude would be absolute. that it was the false policies of the Stalinist and Social-Democratic parties which surrendered the German working class to Hitler

More than ever it becomes im-perative for the German working absolute.

workers of Britain must demand of the Labour Government that the occupation troops of British im-perialism in Germany be with-drawn. In this way the British working class will signify its solidarity with the aspirations of the German working class for free-dem to determine its own destiny.

**Salute the Spanish** 

# Will Test Labour Governments Support

Three by-elections are being fought-at Pontypool, Battersea, and Bexley. The popularity of the Labour Government after 12 months in office is about to be sounded at the ballot on a local scale and under varying conditions.

The workers of Battersea have a

Pontypool and Battersea are old vicious chauvianistic policy, the working class strongholds and there LL.P. consistently refused to working class strongholds and there is little likelihood of the capitalists gaining votes from Labour. Bexley is much more of a middle Bexley is much more of a middle put forward without any funda-class area, and Labour may loose mental differences between the some votes to the Tories at the present time. These elections, because of their contrast in com-position of the electors and tradi-tions, will provide an extremely interesting test of the present mood of different strate of the present policies of the L.P. and the L.L.P.

present time. These elections, because of their contrast in com-position of the electors and tradi-tions, will provide an extremely interesting test of the present mood of different strata of the workers. The tone of the Tory Press does not indicate that the leaders of the capitalist parties expect to win any of the seats. Churchill has intervened with a series of epistles. But even the most optimistic of the Tories don't expe ct that these epistles are For our part, we see no reason why the workers should support a reformist sect—even though it makes a leftish criticism of the Labour Party upon suitable occas-sions—against the mass reformist party of the working class. expe et that these epistles and likely to have much effect. Generally the workers are not prepared to move away from the Labour Government.

the following passages from the evidence of Dr. Duane, who has been prison doctor for over 20 years, give some idea of the con-ditions endured by Sean McCaughey and other Republican prisoners there: "MR. McBRIDE: Are you aware that during the four and a half years he was here he was never out in the fresh air or sunlight? HALON GOVERNMENT I.L.P. Contesting Battersea At Battersea, the I.L.P. have put forward Hugo Dewar—an ex-Trotskyist as their candidate in a three-wrnered contest. But if is not likely that this will make any real split in Labour's vote. During the war, when the Labour Party of the working class. The workers still have the ilusion that Labour in Power is better that they should have a full experience of Labour in Power and then we will soon see the Labour Party opposed, not by a semi-pascifist reformist sect, but by a mighty pulsing movement of mass

# TERROR IN EGYPT Trotskyists Lead in Egyptian Struggle

CAIRO - While the Egyptian Government is carrying on protracted negotiations with the British, the workers, peasants and students are taking the struggle for independence on to the streets.

Minister of Justice Ahmed Kamel Moursi Pasha declared : 'In order to bar the road effectively against communism and to protect the workers being swept by an extremist wave, the Government must face the situation by amending the penal code." The Bill he presented before Parliament for this purpose calls for five years imprisonment and 50 to 10,000 pound fines for persons "receiving subsidies from or maintaining contact with foreign organizations with a propaganda aim." Meanwhile 1.000 persons have been arrested and four journals suppressed "to prevent the threat of a general strike."

## McCaughey, a young I.R.A. man railroaded to jail for twelve years penal servitude for "assault and unlawful detention" of police stooge-Judas Hayes, ex Adj. General I.R.A.; died on May 11th 1946. to discover weapons. " By law, convicts were allowed visits at regular intervals. Sean McCaughey was allowed no visits during the 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years he was in Portlaoighise Convict Prison. "From the time he entered Port

laoighise Convict Prison until his emaciated body was covered by a Franciscan habit on his death he was naked save for his prison to Irish political prisoners. Here are a few quotations from a leaflet published by the above organis-carried out he was never out in the open air.

before the war, the Social-Democratic leaders preach radical changes in Germany only in the abstract field of philosophy and morals, and not in the revolution-

class to learn the lessons of the past defeats. The hope and deter-mination of the German workers for a free and full life is bound up with the struggle against capital-ism, and against the counter-revolutionary policies of the Stalinist bureaucracy. The need for a new revolutionary party, emerges as the basic lesson of the past defeats. Such a party and its of bed and to stand bare naked on the floor of the cell and then proceed with the most degrading and

"Very often, at least three times per week, warders would enter the cells of the Republican prisoners and force them to get out

terests of both are bound up with the straggle for world socialism. In solidarity with the German working class, the organised workers of Britain must demand

the conditions of the German work-ing class, economically and politic-ally, will effect decisively, similar issues and problems that face the working class in Britain in the coming period. It is not possible to separate the fate of the German y as part of the United British working class. The in-

**Damning Evidence** "The Inquest was held in the prison. The jury were selected by the police. The Deputy Coroner who held the Inquest refused to allow Counsel for the next-of-kin to cross-examine the Governor and finally tried to limit

humiliating search of their bodies

the cross-examination of the prison doctor to the health of Sean McCaughey on the 19th April, "Restricted as the evidence was, the following passages from the evidence of Dr. Duane, who has

been prison doctor for over 20 years, give some idea of the con-ditions endured by Sean McCaughey and other Republican prisoners

"Dr. DAUNE: As far as I am Tories and conducting, the most road. "DR. DAUNE: As far as I am

aware he was not. "MR. MCBRIDE: Would I be right in saying that up to twelve or eighteen months ago he was

kept in solitary confinement and not allowed to speak or associate with any other person?

"DR. DAUNE : That is right. "MR. McBRIDE: Would you treat a dog in that fashion? "MR. McLoughLN: That is not

proper question. "Mr. McBride: If you had a

dog would you treat it in that fashion?

"Dr. DAUNE: (after a pause replied) 'No'."

These few excerpts from a com-These few excerpts from a com-pletely accurate factual statement are sufficient in themselves to con-demn the inhuman conditions and treatment of political prisoners, and the regimes which evolve these to perpetuate their rule.

the big risks of punishthey face?

One of the most common sights in Germany today, is the thousands of workers and their families who trek every week-end into the sur rounding countryside to try and obtain a little more potatoes, or anything else that will serve for Commenting on this, correspondent in the Manchester Guardian, reports :

"No German feels he is breaking the law by weekend foraging; more bitter, then, are their feelings when, on the return journey, police patrols confiscate the results. These people are average, decent German wage-earners whom only desperation would turn to serious illegal activity; and they undoubtedly form the great majority of Ruhr people today\"

The workers cannot be satisfied

with the way the Government is handling this issue and allowing the

reaction to make capital out of the

distribute it. It is the members of the working class who carry out

Labour's difficulties.

kid gloves.

denial.

**Smash Master Bakers** 

ing class is a horse of another colour. The role of the Stalinist controlled "Communist" parties colour. controlled "Communist" parties in Germany is one of complete subservience to the diplomatic and strategic needs of the Russian bureaucracy and not for the ad-vancement of the Leninist struggle or workers' power and commun sm. Sufficient to state that, in the The Popular Front government programme of the German Stalinist-communist party is the umazing and false statement : of Azana, which was in power at

the time made no attempt to arm "We are of the opinion that the workers to smash the revolt it would be false to force onto of the fascist officers of the Spanish Germany a soviet system be-cause it does not correspond with the present development Army. On the contrary they attempted to lull the workers into in Germany. On the contrary we are of the opinion that the main interests of the German people in the present position sense of false security by witholding news of the seizure of Seville, Navarre and Saragossa by the Fascist controlled garrisons. of Germany demand a different perspective, namely the form-The workers of Barcelona did not wait for the Government to allow

ation of an anti-fascist, democratic regime, a parliathe Barcelona garrison to repeat the events in Seville. Armed with rifles raided from sporting goods stores, and from fascist homes stores, and from fascist nomes they resisted the attempt of the troops led by fascist officers to march out of the barracks on the city. Later in the day they stormed the barracks, and captured them. That was on July 19th.

The magnificent lead of the

Barcelona workers was followed by the workers in Madrid, Valencia and other large cities. Imme-diately the workers set up commit-

Within a week transport and industry were completely in the hands of com-mittees set up by the C.N.T., U.G.T., or joint committees of the

Within days, the revolution had spread into the countryside, where peasants ousted the landlords and began to organise into collectives. Had there been a revolutionary

Marxist Party, deeply integrated with the working class movement,

with the working class movement, the revolution begun by the workers could have been carried through to a successful. Socialist conclusion. Franco would have been smashed in a few months and the SocialistRevolution would have spilled over into France where war and in which task they

spilled over into France, where gigantic sit-down strikes had just received the full and unqualified ended. The Spanish workers ignited a fuse which could have the working class.

Ten years ago, on July 17th, 1936, Franco placed himself at the head of the Foreign Legionnaires and Moorish merce nary troops stationed in Morrocco, and issued a manifesto to the garrisons in Spain in structing them to seize the cities.

> Capitalism breeds fascism. Only the programme of socialist revolu-tion can smash capitalism and fascism. But the Socialist, Stalin-ist, Anarchist leaders were afraid of the Socialist Revol Behind the slogan of "Unity Revolution. they tied the working class to a pro-gramme of class collaboration, which led the workers step by step to certain defeat.

The Spanish workers were de-The Spanish workers were de-feated, but they went down fighting. And the magnificent tradition which they established in two years of bloody civil war, has enabled them to hold their heads high and to continue the struggle in the teeth of the vicious oppression of the hutcher France the teeth of the vicious oppression of the butcher Franco.

Today, Franco's regime is tottering. The day of reckoning draws near. But the mis-leaders of the Spanish working class (the Socialist and Stalinist leaders)

set off the powder barrel and destroyed Capitalism on a European and World scale.

Socialist and Stalinist leaders) have learnt nothing from the de-feats of the past. They prepare to the the noose of Popular Front-ism firmly round the neck of the Spanish proletariat immediately it breaks loose from the bonds of Franco fascism. While Bevin cynically places props beneath the tottering Franco, the Stalinist and Socialist leaders join hands once again with the present day Azanas. But the Spanish workers were lefeated. Almost a million of the ream of the Spanish working class gave up their lives in a mortal struggle against Fascism. And why were they defeated? Because again with the present day Azanas, Barrio's and Co., in a new edition of the old Popular Front that led the danger of such a situation fired from the outset their leaders them to a programme of collaborthe workers to defeat 10 years ago.

ation with the capitalist class. The Spanish workers must break decisively with Popular Front injured. The Prime Minister, politics, if it is to avoid another replying to a question in Parlia-Afraid of Franco, afraid of Hitler and Mussolini, afraid of the British and French capitalist debaele

class, but mostly afraid of Socialist Revolution, the mis-leaders of the There will be yet another July 9th. That glorious spirit of the 19th Spanish Socialist, Stalinist, An Spanish working class lives on.

> But the will to struggle and to die is not enough. The Spanish workers must build a Revolutionary party with a programme of revolu-tionary class struggle against party with a programme of revolu-tionary class struggle against Capitalism. That programme is the programme of the Fourth International and the party is the Spanish Bolshevik-Leninists. have been changed."

In this struggle the Egyptian Trotskyists are playing an increasing and leading role.

On the 9th February, the day on [ which the police fired on demonstrations in Cairo and Alexandria, killing 27, the Trotskyists held a meeting in Cairo, surveyed the

general situation and discussed the steps that should be taken. The next day they issued their first 'Leaflet". In this leaflet they "Leaflet". In this leaflet they called on the students not to re-main within the walls of the University but to quit the bourgeois districts and to go where the workers are. The leaflet concluded

with : "Students and workers Unite as the spectre of reaction its popular basis. Don't appear

before the Royal Palace but to the factories, to the workers, the true representatives of the people and thus encourage them to continue their heroic deeds."

This call met with immediate response, the students making the slogan "Towards the workers' their own. In Alexandria 3,000 students marched to the workers' districts where they were joined on them and three students and two workers were killed and thirty ment, justified the shooting of the students by saying : "Do you know what happened in Alex? Three thousand students went where the textile factories are and if the police had not taken exceptional measures our whole history would

On the same day the police infuriated by the activities of the Trotskyists made a city-wide search, arresting three students and a worker who were distributing leaflets.

In Cairo also the students suc-ceeded in joining forces with the workers and a Joint Committee of Students and Workers has been

As the Trotskyist journal in Egypt is banned, it has been de-cided to continue with the issue of "leaflets". The second leaflet accused the King of responsibility for the death of those who were shot by the police :

"Students and workers, this is the most evident case that the bourgeoisie and imperial-ism is our most deadly enemy. The King and his degenerated class know that their days have gone and want to keep you down by force, but they will never do so. You are bold enough and in the end you and the workers will be victorious."

While the Egyptian ruling class ad the representives of British Imperialism continue to bargain behind closed doors, the demonstra-tions on the streets go on unabated. The slogan "Long live Workers and Students" has become the clarion call of the toilers and the intellectuals and even of the children in the streets. The revolution has been abandoned by the Nationalist Bourgeoisie. In the streets only students and workers lead the demonstrations. On the hoardings of Cairo and Alexandria Arabic "Join the R.C.P." (Middle East Section, Fourth International.. The activities of the Trotskyists are gaining them new adherents every day. Their increased prestige and leadership in the struggle of the workers and students is the best guarantee of find final victory.

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(Continued from Front Page.) of the industry, and that this pro-of Labour are to be treated with kid gloves. in the pr of bread. When the dockers went on strike Government immediately sent

The time has come to call a halt thousands of troops in to smash the strike. But even the hint that troops might be drafted to smash the to their campaign. Let the Government take over the enterprises of all Bakers who employ labour and who refuse to carry sabotage of the Master Bakers was with an immediate public out the rationing scheme. Let them call upon the workers in

these enterprises to carry on at work, to take over the running of the bakeries under the control of their own committees, and to set up such committees of control

Labour's difficulties. The employers of Labour who constitute the Master Bakers do not bake the bread, nor do they distribute it. It is the members of

This is the way to smash the This is the way to smash the all the productive tasks. Nor are the claims of the Master Bakers that they are concerned with the well-being and supply of their customers, to be taken seriously. The ouly thing, that the Master Bakers can honestly lay claim to is that they make a good profit out is that they make a good profit out | socialist tasks.

