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STOP THREATENING WITH FRANCO

For a Workers' Boycott

Franco's fake referendum which empowers him to nanie a royal successor, organised under totalitarian terror secured the expected result. 12 million people voted yes.

But despite the threats from the Government to deprive people of their rations if they abstained, over two million did not vote. In addition, despite a campaign of arrests and intimidation, nearly a million voted no, put in blank papers, or spoiled their ballots. In the big towns where the illegal opposition is better organised the no percentages were higher.

The whole farce of the referendum was demonstrated by the official figures of the poll in Bilbao where, out of 118,000 voters, 102,000 were supposed to have voted Yes, with only 11,334 No, and 4,269 abstained. This in a city where despite the death sentence for illegal strikes, tens of thousands were on strike some weeks ago.

Serious observers even in the capitalist press have admitted that 95% of the Spanish people are in opposition to Franco. But the workers and peasants of Spain feel they have been betrayed by the so-called "democratic" powers who have in words expressed their abhorrence of the fascist dictatorship, but continue to prop up Franco by extending trade relations with his Government. To its shame, the Labour Government has also expanded trade

The international working class cannot rely on their capitalist governments to assist the Spanish working class in the struggle to overthrow Franco. The British workers must exert pressure on the Labour Government by action organised through the trade unions. An embargo on the transport of all goods to and from Spain by the railwaymen, dockers, seamen and other sections of the workers would encourage the Spanish workers in their heroic struggle, and soon bring Franco to his knees.

The Italian postal and telegraph workers refused to handle all communications from Spain on July 7th as a protest against the arrest of the General Secretary of the Spanish Radio Operators Union. Such action on an international scale on all goods and services is the only means of demonstrating genuine international solidarity with the Spanish workers!

Capitalist Coal Board Must Be Replaced By Workers' Control

LORD HYNDLEY, ON BEHALF OF THE COAL BOARD, HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE NATIONAL UNION OF MINERS AS PART OF A PREPARED CAMPAIGN OF THREATS AND INTIMIDATION AGAINST THE MINERS. IN THIS LETTER HE THREATENS "UNOFFICIAL" STRIKERS WITH PROSECUTION.

The "Daily Telegraph" of July 17th, remarks with satisfaction: "The policy of prosecuting unofficial strikers would be a reversion to the practice of the colliery companies before the industry was nationalised."

surprise at this. Largely, the same old managers, and even in many cases, the same old coalowners, continue to run the pits. This is exemplified by the situation in South Wales where the administration has been criticised by the South Wales Executive of the Miners' Union as a result of the dissatisfaction of the miners. The officials on the Regional Coal Board are General Sir Reade Godwin-Austen, Mr. G. E. Aeron-Thomas, former coalowner, and Mr. lestyn Williams, formerly Secretary of the Monmouthshire and South Wales Coalowners Association. urprise at this. Largely, the same Association.

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The arrogant ruling class attitude of these people is shown in the "Daily Telegraph" report of an interview in its July 7th issue with a "high official of the North Eastern Division of the Coal Board," when he said "he is seriously considering the prosecution and dismissal of the ring-leaders concerned . . . (in mofficial strikes)

The ringleaders and all the undesirables in the industry must be weeded out and got rid of—sacked. "The official described the position as 'desperate', and added 'The time has arrived when miners properly appreciate their obligations.

The whole of the capitalist pres as one pack, is in full cry against "unofficial" strikes, especially among the miners. The 'Daily

And indeed, there can be no | Telegraph", organ of the former coalowners, remarked with satisfaction in its editorial of July 7th in commenting on this threat made by the North Lastern Coal

Board:

'Such a statement from the mouth of a private employer would be denounced in unmeasured terms as a threat of

executive of a great nationalised monopoly."

Instead of denouncing these monstrous threats and explaining the reasons for "unofficial"

reasons for "unofficial" the reasons for "unofficial" the reasons for "unofficial" strikes, Will Lawther, the President of the N.U.M. gave an interview with the reactionary "Daily Mail" in which he gave the green light to the Coal Board to go ahead. "Disciplinary action would not lead to trouble in the coal fields, There would be no (Vontinued on Page 4.)

S. African Police Raid "Tobruk"

These pictures provide an insight into the intolerable conditions of the Bantu workers in South Africa. Because their skin is black they are forbidden by law to live in the so-called "white areas" of the towns and cities, and are herded into ghettoes called where they live under conditions of unbelievable

Conditions prevailing in the "squatters" camps which have been set up by thousands of "homeless" black workers near the

big cities are even worse.

Gangster objects the inhabitants, exact "rent" (protection money) from the squatters, and cestroy their miscrable corrugated iron and sacking shanties unless the "rent" is paid. The large picture shows a family salvaging their belongings after their shanty in "Tobruk" Camp had been demolished by cancaters.

Only after the situation in these camps had become a public scandal did the South African authorities intervene in this squatters camp near Johannesburg. How did they intervene? the smaller pictures graphically illustrate the mass eviction measures adopted by the police ostensibly 'to combat the gangsterism'. A family whose "home" is being demolished by police are seen with their belongings in a lorry waiting to be dumped.

Arab - Jewish **Workers Strike**

PALESTINE-

In the last few months, some important strikes of Jewish and Arab workers in Palestine have occurred. Especially notable was the strike at the Oil Refineries in Haifa at the beginning of this year, and the general one-day protest strike of 40,000 Arab and Jewish workers in the military camps on May 20th, 1947.

The capitalist press, which pretends that British imperialism dominates Palestine to keep the peace between the different communities, naturally enough did not print a word about the Arab - Jewish unity in these strikes.

Illowever, the provocation did not succeed. The reactionary bureaucratic leadership of the Arab Unions called on the workers to strike against the Jewish foremen. This took place at the end of March. A great majority of the Arab workers refused to accept this provocation and the strike failed.

Now, the provocation came from the Zionist side. On the 15th May, the train which carries the workers to the camps, and which does not fulfil any military function, was bombed by Zionist terrorists. The workers answered by a one day strike. The same Arab trade union bureaucrat, Sami Taha, tried against the Lowish workers against the Lowish workers against the Lowish workers against the Lowish workers are to demonstrated his sentiments as rollows: he stood up on the platform, and with two sticks, showed that he could not break them together, but separately they could be broken with the greatest of ease. Each stick represented the Jewish and Arab worker, while he represented British Imperialism. The workers greeted this with great applause.

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Workers March

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The British authorities decided to dismiss some thousands of workers from the military camps. The decisions as to who was to be dismissed was placed in the hands of Jewish foremen, in the hope that this would serve as a good opportunity to bring a clash between Jewish and Arab workers. Perhaps, there is some foundation to the rumours that that was the only reason for the dismissals. only reason for the dismissals. However, the provocation did not self to his Jewish fellow workers,

body representing the workers.

The Zionists try their best to prove that a Jewish state is necessary as no peace can exist between Jews and Arabs and Out Together

In the struggle against the oil colossus, the Iraq Petroleum Company, a British-American-French combine, which has a capital of more than £30,000,000, and which refused a wage increase of 3

CREWS STARVE

Blatant discrimination against German crews is shown by the amount of rations authorised by of Food to ships plying Swansea - Bordeaux Ships Chandlers are issuing to German crews, on M.o.F. instruc-tions only half the rations authorised for British crews on the

same route. How meagre these rations are can be judged by the fact that they are lower than those issued to Asiatic seamen. Furthermore, no spirits or beer are provided at all, while the cigarette issue is 30 per man as against 200 consumed by British seamen on the same route

AMERICAN INTEREST IN SCHACHT

The former President of the German Reichsbank and top ranking Nazi, Hjalmar Schacht, has been removed from the prison camp of Ludwigberg, and been camp of Ludwigberg, and been handed over to the American In-D. Clay, American Commander in Chief for Germany, declared he was not interested in the financial was not interested in the financial plans of Schacht, whilst officers of the Intelligence Service affirmed that the ideas of Schacht for the stabilisation of German economy would be taken seriously into consideration. consideration.

Inside Germany South African Slave Bill

TRADE UNIONISM ILLEGALISED

BY CHARLES VAN GELDEREN

Since the end of the war, South Africa has been an investor's paradise. Capital has been streaming into the country from Britain and America, and already it is reaping rich dividends. The attraction is not only the natural wealth of South Africa, but the abundance of cheap labour which is provided by the millions of black

To maintain this situation and ing majority of African workers. thus ensure huge profits for its capitalist backers, is the chief function of the Smuts' Government. Its latest effort is the introduction of a Trade Union Bill which rivals in savagery, the worst anti-labour and colour bar laws.

Trade Unionism Banned

The "Native Trade Unions Bill," introduced into the current session of the Union Parliament by Minister of Labour Colin Steyn, makes trade unionism illegal for African workers in gold-mining, agriculture and domestic service, that is to say, for the overwhelmIt takes away completely the

African worker's right to strike. African workers will have no say in the appointment of personnel for arbitration tribunals, and the Minister of Labour is given the right to veto any agreement arrived at by the workers and the

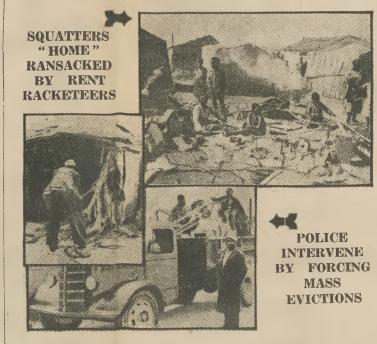
The organising of any trade unions, other than those registered under the proposed Bill, will be

White and black workers will not be allowed to belong to the same unions.

This is the Bill which the Government of General Smuts is trying to impose on the workers of South Africa—the same Smuts of South Africa—the same Smuts who drafted the Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations, with its honeyed phrases about freedom and liberty. It now becomes clear why the King bestowed on him the Order of Merit during his recent visit to the Union. Smuts was being rewarded by his King for his services to the capitalist class and British imperialism. For the Bill is 'irectly in the interest of British finance capital investments in finance capital investments in South Africa. Behind it looms the sinister shadow of the Chamber of Mines.

By introducing the clause giving the Minister the right of veto over agreements between employers and workers, it can be assured that secondary industry will not be able to tempt African labour away from the mines by offering higher wages. The British owned and controlled Chamber of Mines has long been

(Continued on Page 4.)



N.U.R. Branches Protest Wages Award

of Inquiry set up by the award, and calling on the E.C. of the N.U.R. to give 21 days' notice Government to examine the claims of the railway workers the full demands are met immediately. Unions, have met with wide-Unions, have met with wide-spread opposition by the railway workers.

These resolutions were in the form of instructing Annual General meeting delegates. But the A.G.M. at its first day's pro-

Many meetings of Branches and known.

Many meetings of Branches and Depots have already expressed their disgust with these findings, and their indignation at the fact that the N.U.R. Executive have recommended their acceptance.

As an indication of the widespread revolt against the acceptance of the 7/6, we understand that Paddington No. 3, Paddington No. 2, Southall, Bermondsey, Brickdayers Arms No. 1, and Bricklayers Arms No. 2 Branches of the N.U.R. all passed unanimous

The findings of the Court | resolutions rejecting the miserable

settlement.

their place.

The workers demanded a 40-hour week and £1 a week increase.

The Court awarded a 44-hour week, and 7/6 a week increase.

Many meetings of Branches and branch meetings to consider the Award and make opinions

(BISAKTA). 1,500 Yorkshire steel smelters have received expulsion notices from the Union. The bureaucrats in this Union obtained by the workers. But are already notorious for the under this scheme, only seven clear democratic way in which they run Sundays a year would be free for democratic way in which they run affairs. But this must constitute a record in arrogance and disregard of the wishes of the members.

These 1,500 workers are threatened with expulsion from the lealth of the men. Not satisfied with over-riding the protests of the members at the expense of whose sweat and toil the Agreement would operate, the Union leaders, without securing the consent of the workers. This would inevitably mean a breakdown in the health of the men. Not satisfied with over-riding the protests of the members at the expense of whose sweat and toil the Agreement would be free for the workers. This would inevitably mean a breakdown in the health of the men. Not satisfied with over-riding the protests of the members at the expense of whose sweat and toil the Agreement would be free for the workers. This would inevitably mean a breakdown in the health of the men. Not satisfied with over-riding the protests of the members at the expense of whose sweat and toil the Agreement would be free for the workers. This would inevitably mean a breakdown in the health of the men. Not satisfied with over-riding the protests of the members at the expense of whose sweat and toil the Agreement would be free for the workers. This would inevitably mean a breakdown in the health of the men beath over-riding the protests of the members at the expense of whose sweat and toil the Agreement would be free for the workers.

EXPEL MEMBERS

Disband Branches

Trade Union movement has been provided by the officials

of the British Iron, Steel and Kindred Trades Association

An example of high-handedness and bureaucracy in the

without securing the consent of the rank-and-file to the terms of the ettlement.

Four Branches in the Sheffield

have requested the employers to introduce this scheme immediately, area are to be disbanded, the local officials of the Branches are no longer recognised, and the E.C. intend to set up new branches in composed of obedient stoges in littroduce this screme immediately, and if the men do not comply, to lock them out. The firm affected is the United Steel Company, at its works in Sheffield, Rotherham, and Stockbridge.

Their place.

Two Branches in South Wales were given notice of expulsion as well: and under this threat, according to the trade union bireaucrats, decided to work the agreement.

The Branch at Consett, Co. Durham, has also refused to accept this pernicious betrayal.

Altogether 2,700 workers all over the country have been threatened with expulsion from the Union. The Union bireaucraey is even willing to partially wreck the Union rather than allow the members the elementary demogratic right of having the terms of The men cannot afford to take

members the elementary demogratic right of having the terms of agreements placed before them and receiving assent before the officials come to terms with the employers over their working conditions.

Steel smelting, even under normal conditions, constitutes an almost unendurable strain—particularly now-a-days, when sufficient protective foods cannot be

R.C.P. May Day Contingent





For June

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M.L,	3	0	0
M.S., South Africa	3	0	0
Hampstead	2	11	8
Newcastle		5	0
Nottingham		3	0
West London		10	0
Glasgow	4	9	0
Ilford	1	0	0
J. Jones, G.C.G		2	0
East London	2	5	4
North London		14	6
Charlie White	1	0	θ
Birmingham	2	0	0
M.D., Coventry		7	0
Rees Alexander		2	6
T.D., Manchester		2	0
Manchester	3	3	6
Coventry		2	8
Hampstead	2	8	0
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Comrades!

We need double this sum to keep our paper going. Please make every effort to double your contributions for July. Readers and sup-

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C.P. Press Silent

on Budenz Evidence

U.S. "WORKER" ARTICLE SUPPRESSES ALL

MENTION OF BUDENZ'S EVIDENCE THAT STALIN IS GUILTY

BY EVELYN ATWOOD

NEW YORK—

After a total silence of more than two weeks, the makes it quite plain that "Jacson" was a G.P.U. agent, provided with a false Canadian passport, who utilized Sylvia Ageloff to gain access to Trotsky's home.

March 23 "Worker" finally takes note of the book "This sensational confirmation of Stalin's guilt in Trotsky's murder was first released to the public in the March 3 "Militant" and then

Is My Story," written by its former editor and Communist New York City and throughout the country. But the "Worker" remained silent.

Its evasive treatment of the Budenz confession is even more damning than its previous silence.

The article does not have a such indicate the graph was urged to summon a special grand jury to investigate the G.P.U. murders hatched in New York. The delegation, headed by Socialist Party leader Norman Thomas, N.Y. City Councilman Louis P. Goldberg and novelist James T. Farrell, demanded "official examination and manded "official examination and such indicate accounts of the sum of t

Miners' News



Lancs. Coal Board Force Strike

"Same Old Gang in Control"—say Miners

BY BOB ALLEN

The strike of surface workers in fifteen pits in the Tyldesley-Mosley Common-Atherton area from 24th-29th June, although of comparatively short duration, is a symptom of the deep uneasiness felt by miners nationally.

Bureaucrats And Bosses Run The Coal Board

Yet, in spite of the fact that the grievance of the surface workers is known to be completely justified, the Coal Board has turned a completely deaf ear to porters will donate if they are asked.

Suptumed a completely deat can be the men, and has stood pat on the cynical, typically Boss position, of crying "No negotiations while the men are on strike."

ROSS,
Treasurer.
arrow Road,
London, W.2.

Image: Mean are on strike."
The miners expected big things from Nationalisation: at the very least they expected that the old gang of owners and their agents and managers would be booted clean out of the industry. Yet, since January 1st, it has become

It maintained silence even after March 17 when District Attorney

such judicial action as the facts may warrant" of "Earl Browder, Jack Stachel, Budenz himself and

Frank J. Hegan was urged

symptom of the deep uneasiness felt by miners nationally.

The Coal Board has belaved strictly in the tradition of the worst type of pre-nationalisation in heaves. Under, the new National Agreement with the Board, the underground workers were given a Five Shift Week, with no reduction in pay, and no increase in the length of the work and the other hand, although given a Five Shift Week, are compelled to work an extra 25 minutes each day, to make the working week up to the hours previously worked, and with no increase in pay for overtime on the 25 minutes.

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In other words the surface workers got no appreciable bench work in the old typical boss pelle now sit in Worsley Hall (part of the work and all, from the five day week.

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Bureaucrats And Bosses

Bureaucrats And Bosses shown a hardening affitude to the Coal Board officialdom, which will become very plain in the future.

60,000 Tons Lost — Coal Board Responsible

60,000 tons of coal were lost during this strike, and the general unrest in Lancashire has led to a

serious drop in output.

The responsibility for this lies with the Coal Board, which has proved that if it has to choose between losing coal or rectifying

tiations, with the Board, the leadership spent its time issuing proclamations to the press that they were trying their very very best to get the strike stopped at all control of the press of the strike stopped at all control of the strike stopped at all co costs at the earliest possible moment.

Unless the mines come under democratic control from below, from the actual mine workers, the Cal Board will continue in the old way. Why should the miners have to fight and strike over these assues time and time again? The only lasting solution is for the miners really to control through the lodges and pit committees, the appointments of officials, and the general regulation of conditions of work. Democratic control of the pits will become more and more essential.

The N.U.M. Must Really

L.P.T.B. comes to its senses." The main basis of the workers' claim is that they work harder on a Sunday when takings go up by many to have not pounds.

The provincial strikes which have been going on over the past month had in part stopped when the Ministry of Labour stepped in and brought all parties to conference. Fresh disputes broke out when the senegotiations collapsed last friday. Thus large areas in the Midlands, the North-East and South Coast, and South Wales, were without buses.

The N.U.M. Must Really

oment. Not a word of criticism of the Bus and Iram

Inside Germany:

Frankfurt, June,

that no one wants to go there. In the so-called democratic zones, con-litions are reported to be worse in the French zone, with the British zone only slightly better.

British zone only sughtly better.

Frankfurt is in ruins, of course, with the exception of Heidelberg it is a toss up which of the large cities are more corpse-like. Only the American compound in Frankfurt seems to be preserved from the pre-bombing era. With studious lores glit the Allies reserved such treas for future occupation purposes. In the centre of the compount, the modern LG. Farben building, an enormous office pound, the modern L.G. Farben building, an enormous office tructure, stands out as a picked and specially spared reservation for the new rulers. The rest of Frenkfurt appears to be reduced to rubble. One wonders where are the rooms into which people crowd to live. Apparently, most of them have had to move into the suburbs, but here and there, among the but here and there, among the ruins, chance has provided only partially destroyed buildings, and occasionally, believe it or not, an entirely whole structure.

You will get some idea of the wage conditions and relative value. wage conditions and relative value, when I tell you that the workers earn about 180 marks a month and that this represents the price of two and a half packets of American cigarettes. With eigarettes, it is possible to get anything. No German is too proud to trail American G.L.s in the hope of salvaging the very meagre butts that the new master race discards. I even saw a very elegantly dressed gentleman, sporting a cane and The responsibility for this lies with the Coal Board, which has proved that if it has to choose between losing coal or rectifying an obvious wrong, it prefers to lost the coal rather than even negotiate the rights and wrongs of the case. Such people are hypocrites hiding behind the propaganda of the "Daily Express," and using Beaverbrook and Kemsley against the miners.

What Has Happened

To The N.U.M.?

The leadership of the N.U.M. behaved disgracefully throughout the strike. A comment by a striker very aptly sums up the situation: "Once the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave us ideas and a lead against the owners; Now the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave to the Coal Board gives all the ideas to the Union gave to the Indiance of the Ind

I have been here approximately one week. Naturally, in that time, I could only have the briefest impressions.

I cannot say much of what is taking place outside of the American zone which I visited. Conditions are reputed to be worse for the German people in the non-American zones. Of the Russian zone yery little is known except that no one wants to go there. In the so-called democratic zones, conchorus, and the speakers podium. Below, ringed by wrecked buildmgs, a patient audience of some 5,000 workers stood listening to the o,000 workers stood listening to the proceedings. A large red streamer was strung across the outside wall of the union building, and the small red paper carnations in the lapel of each worker gave to the audience the appearance of an artificial poppy field.

May Day

Everything seemed so orderly in that macabre setting. A worker poet read a moving poem dedicated to those who died in the struggle against Nazism. The chorus saugheautifully on the same theme and set the stage for the first speaker—a young and amarently good willed. set the stage for the first speaker a young and apparently good-willed American representing the Man-power Section of the occupation forces who brought greetings and encouragement from the benencouragement from the "ben-evolent" Americans. The crowd seemed to receive his speech with-out any hostility but in the course out any hostility but in the course of it a squadron of bombers roared directly overhead so that no one could hear what he was saying. The attention of the audience was The attention of the addictive thus diverted to the real force before which the soothing voice became less than a whisper. became less than a whisper. Worker eyed worker with knowing glance. Here, indeed, was the true symbol of their situation.

The Youth Are Absent

The main speaker was a distinguished looking gentleman with white hair who was introduced as the Minister President of Hesse. The content of his speech—the tragic disaster of nationalism, the need for international solidarity. a group of American soldiers for their cigarette leavings. The big question is: who ultimately consumes the new cigarette currency: It seems that fully half goes to the farms where they are exchanged by the farmers for food. No one trusts the German mark and there is really not much that one caubuy with it when it is unaccompanied by ration coupons. The farmer is after goods that the most of it a long time ago. They then sang the Internationale, soberly, without enthusiasm, as if Durable goods have been replaced by cigarettes. Who would have thought that the Germany of steel, coal, and manufactured goods, the heart and center of pre-war the almost total absence of the youth. coal, and manufactured goods, the heart and center of pre-war European industry, would some day Not only youth, there was hardly

CAPITALIST

SOME PICKINGS!

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Building Bosses Reap Huge Profits

The employers in the building industry continue to reap huge profits from the exploitation of the workers, to give an example, 20 building materials groups made a profit for one quarter of 1946, of £2,822,000 as compared with £2,640,000 for the corresponding period of 1945.

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Added to this, the large rings have continued their plundering of the public without hindrance. The British Portland Cement Co. made a total profit in 1946 of £1,176,673 as compared with £678,216 in 1945.

Every building worker knows, (what Bevan, the Labour Minister of Housing, refuses to face up to) of the sabotage and black marketeering that is rampant in the building industry. The building trades workers are well aware that the employers are not concerned about the housing needs of the workers but primarily with their would take immediate steps

workers but primarily with their profits.

Byan recently announced an increase in the maximum selling price for houses put up by private builders of £100. This means that the private builders will now the able to charge up to £1400 for the profits of the employers and by national-state the private builders will now the discretization of the complexity and the profits of the complexity and the profits of the complexity and the private builders will now the discretization of the complexity and the profits of the be able to charge up to £1,400 for a house in the London area and £1,300 elsewhere. This, despite the fact that building contracts already placed will bring the employers a monopolies and the building rings.

WHICH PARTY SHOULD THE WORKING CLASS SUPPORT—

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The "Worker" says nothing about Budenz's admissions that he

about Budenz's admissions that the himself was drawn into this plot. It does not even attempt to refute his charges that Earl Browder, Jack Stachel and other C.P. leaders had a hand in the plot.

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Not a word about Budenz's detailed account showing how the assassin "Frank Jacson" was selected and groomed for the job, which blows up the Stalinist falsehood that "Jacson" was a disillusioned Trotskyist. Budenz

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Editorial

Labour's Policy of State Capitalism

The Government has announced its intention to establish a "Colonial Development Corporation" with total borrowing powers of £100,000,000 and operating on commercial principles.

This Corporation will operate on approved capitalist-imperialist lines. "There is of course no question of giving the corporation any general monopoly in Colonial development. It is not intended to supplant private enterprise but to supplement it. It will encourage private investment." Thus spoke Mr. Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary in describing the Scheme. And he added that the Government would welcome "private enterprise and investment" in the Colonies.

All the spokesmen of British capitalism, both Tories and Liberals, the whole of the capitalist press from the "Daily Mail" to the "Chronicle" have welcomed the scheme. In the House of Commons the Tories were especially enthusiastic about the "important part played by private enterprise in the scheme." An editorial in the "Daily Express" of June 26th, correctly describes the scheme as one of "State capitalism". The "Daily Telegraph" of the same date editorially points out that this policy is a direct continuation of the policy of the Conservatives. It explains clearly why the British capitalist state has to undertake the task directly of developing these undertakings "The new Corporation is designed to shoulder such burdens as individual pioneers could not themselves bear in the initial stages of big new enterprises, and which consist in finding not merely money but skilled direction and labour.'

The individual capitalists and monopolies have not sufficient capital to advance such enormous sums, thus the State advances the money for the benefit of the capitalist class as a whole.

This Scheme comes after the Ground Nuts project advanced earlier, which will be run independently as a Corporation, and which will also entail large outlays of capital on the part of the Government.

The objective behind the development of Britain's Colonial Empire—principally African—is clear. British Imperialism strives to make up part of the losses caused by the retreat and sharing of power with the native capitalist class in India and the other parts of the Asiatic continent. The aim is to promote the interests of Imperiatism in the undeveloped colonies, where the national consciousness of the peoples and the anti-imperialist movement is still in its early stages. By means of huge State enterprisesmainly agricultural, cheap foods and raw materials can be supplied for the benefit of the British industrialists. Still greater amounts of capital will be forthcoming, if necessary, for new schemes in the future, according to the plans of the Government.

In these schemes there is not a particle of Socialism. This is State Capitalism in its worst form: the direct exploitation of the colonial peoples for the benefit of capitalism at home. The colonial peoples have no voice whatsoever in the development of these plans. The phrases about the beneficial and civilising effect they will have on the colonial peoples are intended to lull the uneasiness that might be aroused among the conscious and anti-Imperialist, Socialist workers in the Trade Union and Labour movement. Always, Imperialism attempts to disguise its predatory character with the hypocritical pretence that it benefits the dependent and subject peoples. The coating of "Socialism" over a foreign and alien rule will not make the black man's burden of the white exploiters upon his back any more bearable.

NEWS FROM MADRAS

U.S. Workers Hit Back

Against Congress Anti-Labour Bill

BY OVERRIDING THE PRESIDENTIAL VETO AND PASSING THE HARTLEY-TAFT SLAVE LABOUR BILL, THE AMERICAN CONGRESS HAS DECLARED OPEN WAR ON THE ORGANISED WORKING CLASS.

To find a suitable comparison for these laws which, as the "MILITANT" organ of American Trotskyism, states, places the Labour movement "in danger of losing all its haro-won rights at one legislative stroke," one would have to go back to the Combination Laws of the 19th Century.

For "improper" association with an English girl a

German P.o.W., Werner Vetter, has been sentenced by a

British court-martial to a year's imprisonment. Per-

mission to mary had been previously sought by the couple,

and this had been refused by the authorities. Their

11-week old baby is thus denied a father and the girl her

husband for no other reason than that Vetter had been

AMERICA'S SLAVE

of America's 400,000 miners are ut on strike. Shipyard workers, out on strike. Shipyard workers, auto workers and railwaymen are ready to join the battle against the forces of reaction and to fight for their hard-won rights as trade unionists. The entire American Labour movement stands ready to take up battle stations. From the first moment that the Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives, they showed their etermination to fight. The day before the House passed the Bill, 20,000. Chicago packinghouse),(00) Chicago packinghouse orkers staged a one-hour stoppage work. The "Militant" reports

workers staged a one-hour stoppage of work. The "Militant" reports:

"They marched from the plants... many of them still in blood-stained work clothes, nito the square facing the general offices of Swift & Co. There they shouted approval of resolutions denouncing the Big Business drive against labour.

'This great demonstration was called' said one of the Union spokesmen, 'to let Chicago, the world and the boys in Congress know that the packinghouse workers won't take repressive anti-labour Bills lying down."

This was typical of the mood of the workers up and down the country, a mood which was intensified on the day the Bill was passed by Congress and awaited the veto or approval of the President.

Union Leadership Curb Militancy

Instead of encouraging the fighting spirit of the workers, and organising a nation-wide campaign against the Bill, the cowardly leadership of the American Ecderation of Labour and the Congress for Industrial Organistiation made every effort to curb the militancy of their followers. When I aion after Union were pushing forward the demand for a 24-hour general strike, Murray and Green urged them to concentrate on sending letters and telegrams to Congressmen and to Trumin.

Despite the valiant efforts of the British soldiers in Germany and abroad, as well as by workers in Britain, 50 workmates of the girl concerned signed a petition of protest demanding the release of Vetter.

The Nazi racial theory of the would help to cement the bonds of class solidarity between the British and German workers and help to destroy the racial prejudices fostered by the remnants of the Nazis in Germany and the redestroy all such racial ideologies. Now the British blimps continue in the familiar Nazi traditions. It is a disgrace to the Lebour movement, and the ideals of international of Werner Vetter!

Demand the immediately. Those who remain immediately. Those who remain britance of training healtowed to return to Germany in Britain should be allowed to return to Germany in Britain should be allowed to return to Germany in Britain should be entitled to full rights of citizenship and freedom of movement. Such a campaign of class solidarity between the British and German workers and help to destroy the racial prejudices fostered by the remnants of the Nazis in Germany and the recease of vetter.

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ation of Marriages." These two

No legal difference whatsoever

existed between a registered and an unregistered marriage, the children of an unregistered marriage having

are not to be deflected from their AMERICA'S SLAVE

LABOUR BILL

America's organised workers, 15,00,000 strong, are not taking this frontal attack of the bosses lying down. Already the vanguard of America's 400,000 miners are not wanting that far from curbing strikes, as its main purposition. Working Class Pointical determination to carry on the fight against the Bill on class lines. The demand for the 24-hour strike, first put forward by the American Trotskyists, is growing and signs are not wanting that far from curbing strikes, as its main purposition.

born a German.

curbing strikes, as its main purpose, the passing of the Bill will unleash a new wave of gigantic industrial struggles which threatens to throw all the economic plans of Wall Street out of gear.

Admerican workers the need for a property of their own. Trade Union militants are asking themselves why American Labour themselves why American Labour Trade Union militants are asking the intolerable Wall Street monopoly of politics to continue. The question of building a Labour

Working Class Political

As long age as April 12th, when the anti-labour laws were still in the rumour stage, the "Militant"

what is to come.

As the demand for a genuine A few weeks ago a British A.T.S. girl who married a German P.o.W., perforce secretly, was informed that her marriage was "illegal", her husband was courtmartialled and sentenced. . . . He was a German P.o.W.

The P.o.W.'s are compelled to stay in England as slave labourers 25 months after the end of the war. 375,000 prisoners of war under the control of the British authorities, are forced to live unnatural lives starved of the affection and love of the womenfolk at home. was a German P.o.W.

In sharp contrast to this reactionary racialism on the part of the British authorities, has been the widespread protests against the vicious sentence imposed upon Vetter. This has been voiced by British soldiers in Germany and abroad, as well as by workers in Britain, 50 workmates of the girl concerned signed a petition of protest demanding the release of Vetter.

The Nazi racial theory of the source of the womenfolk at home.

A campaign on behalf of these P.o.W.'s is an elementary internationalist duty that must be British Labour movement. They must demand that all German P.o.W.'s who wish to do so should be allowed to return to Germany immediately. Those who remain in Britain should be entitled to full rights of citizenship and freedom would help to cement the bonds of

A Labour Party, they say, would repel other sections of the population, such as the farmers and the middle classes. To this, the 'Militant" gives them a clear-cut

Labour will never command confidence from others, if it does not display confidence in itself, its own power, programme and party. The Unions have already shown that they are capable of combating the industrialists and their government stooges on the economic arena. Once the or-ganised workers undertake to lead the political struggle against the monopolists, they will win increasing sympathy and support from all other oppressed sections of the American people."

The Prohibition of

Abortion

Moscow. For every thousand of

the Moscow population, there were,

in the year 1925, 31.6 births, 9.7

abortions; 1926—29.7 and 16.3

most intimate aspects of life. The

that American capitalism can pre-pare for its imperialist conquest of the world without fear of trouble at home. The Tafttrouble at home. The Taft-Harvey Bill is only a sample of

"This danger to labour is

Stalinist "Peoples' Party"

As the demand for a genuine Labour Party gains increasing support among the organised workers of America, the enemies of Labour are trying to divert it into a harmless capitalist "Third Party" movement. Foremost in this betrayal of Labour are the American Stalinists. They are pushing the idea of a "People's Party", under the leadership of "progressive capitalists" of the ilk of Henry Wallace, Ickes, Pepper and La Guardia. In support of this, they bring forward the same arguments they used in defence of the "People's Front" and during their 1945 campaign for a "Labour and 1945 campaign for a "Labour and Progressive" Government in this

The new Profits Tax, which replaces the former Excess Profits Tax, was debated during the Committee stage of the Finance Bill (embodying the Budget proposals) on June 11th.

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Party has pushed in olf right to the foreground of American working-toreground of American w

Allied Industrial Services have increased their dividend from 36% to 50%;

British Thermostat from 181%

Leicestershire Colliery and Pipe Company, Oddenino's Hotel and the "Daily Mirror" have all doubled their dividends.

real. It cannot be met by relying solely on the strike weapon. The unions can defend themselves against this political assault only by forging their own political weapon—that is, an independent Labour Party."

Stalinist "Peoples' Party"

Labour, N. Battersea), quoted similar figures, such as the 22½% tax free dividend plus a 2½% tax free bonus of Morris Motors, all in spite of the fuel crisis! Major Bruce further quoted from page 982 of the "Investors' Chronicle":—

"Mary were a great mounth for

"May was a good month for most sections of the Stock Exchange. Indeed, for industrial equities it was a banner month, to judge from our Industrial Share Index. For this Index last month not only wrote of the fuel crisis losses; it reached a higher level than that estaba higher level than that estab-lished at the end of January, before the crisis."

The following statement of Douglas Jay, a Government supporter, again reiterates the declared policy of the Labour leaders to make British capitalism

"The Chairman of John Summer Ltd., said that in-creased profit results for 1946 were due to improved production and greater efficiency all round. That is a very satisfactory state of affairs under a Labour Government."

But even he acknowledged that ". . . profits and dividends are going up and that, in those conditions, there is a stronger case for increasing the Profits Tax rather than reducing it."

The progress of the reduction of taxation of Big Business under the Labour Government was traced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Dalton:

"When the Excess Profits Tax was reduced, in my first Budget, to 60%, there was a great blaze of excitement on the Stock Exchange... they could not believe that it was coming down lower than 20%: and when we took it off altogether in the second Budget, there was another blaze of excitement on the Stock Exchange, very naturally." (!) He added:

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"It is extraordinary how ungrateful certain sections of the community are," (!!) and continued, "It should always be kept in mind, in discussions of this tax, that this is a very mild and partial replacement of the Excess Profits Tax, the removal of which has undoubtedly enabled a large number of industrial concerns very substantially to raise their dividends."

This is in great contrast, however, to the further burdens placed on the shoulders of the working class, such as the Tobacco Tax. And such measures are being carried out in the name of Socialism!

That abortions were very wide-spread in Russia is clear from the following figures from the 'Statistical Review" (1929)

Not only was there no word of criticism from the "Communist" M.P. Gallacher, but he even greeted the proposals in the following words:

"I ask the Chancellor to go ahead in the action he is taking. I shall be happy if he succeeds in carrying out a peaceful revolution." (!)

respectively; 1927—25.6 and 19.2; Such a comment has nothing in 1928—22.7 and 27.9; 1929—21.7 common with Marxism-Leninism. and 35.2. The reason for the lt is permeated through and through with the spirit of rewidespread abortions was clearly formist parliamentarianism of the economic, and there are only two ways to keep their numbers down:
the one, to improve the economic situation of the masses, the other situation of the masses, the other off as the first socialist revolution. to send the gendarme with his heavy boots to trample upon the

The Madras Government, early on June 10, declared the Madras Labour Union to be unlawful and promulgated Section 144 Criminal Penal Code in the city.

The Government press note says:
"The Madras Labour Union, during the last one year, has been responsible for two illegal strikes in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills. As the conduct of the Union president, Mr. Anthony Pillai, has been obstructive throughout the negotiations for a settlement, and as he is leading an illegal strike without shewing the slightest interest in the welfare of the workers, he was arrested and the sentence of an unregistered marriage, the children is torn by internal dissension and is incapable of working on true rade-union lines. It has been sponsible individuals who are opposing the Acting President's endeavour to secure an honourable settlement have been taken into custody to day", adds the Government communique.

The M.L.U. is the oldest registered marriage, the children of an unregistered marriage that is torn by internal dissension and to read-cunion lines. It has become an hotbed of power polities and hotbed of a registered one. If man and wife separated, the property was divided carried the workers have the wonal with the most intimate appears the child from the central transcript and property was divided on the central transcript, and the central transcript and power persident. The bear are the marriage, the latter that the power developed the power power done in the central transcript and property was d

it will throw a clear light on changes in the regime as a whole during that period. What did the October
Revolution Give to the
Women
On Dec. 19 and 20, 1917, two
decrees appeared over the signature
of Lenin, "About the Dissolution of Marriage" and "About Civil Harriage, Children and the Regis-

Stalinist bureaucracy f ation of Marriages." These two laws deprived the man of the privilege of domination in the family, gave full freedom to the

> The Restoration of the Capitalist Family

family, gave full freedom to the woman to decide her marital fate, and, as a self-evident right, to decide her surname, domicile and citizenship. Neither had the right to keep the other in the marital tie against the other's wish; and a divorce was granted freely to anyone demanding it. The decree went on to explain that as Russian society was poor and had not sufficient children's institutions, the father would be obliged to give alimony in case of a separation. On June 27, 1936, a decree was promulgated instituting a fee for divorce: instead of the three roubles formerly requested to cove expenses, for the first divorce, the couple now had to pay 50 roubles, for the second 150, for the third or any subsequent one, 300 roubles.

A decree of July 8, 1944, declared that:

"Prospective applicants for a divorce will henceforth be obliged to state their reasons and satisfy the courts that these reasons are serious and valid. Both parties must appear personally before a determine if it can effect a recon-

of Werner Vetter! Demand that the P.o.W.'s be allowed to go

IN THE U.S.

Revolutionary Gains Undermined by Stalin

The degree of humanity's progress is measured by the condition of women.

When inequality prevails, even biological differences become the source, on the one

hand, of subjugation, and on the other, of privileges. If, therefore, we examine the

changes in the position of women in Russia from the October Revolution until to-day,

BY T. CLIFF

decared that only the children of a registered marriage had legal rights against their fathers, and that only legally married people had the rights of pension, inheritance ignts of pension, inheritance,

The courts are not to recognise any demands from unmarried women, not to investigate the women, not to investigate the paternity of an illegitimate child for the sake of granting alimony or getting any other help from the father. The children must also take the name of the father who is the head of the family. The words "Head of the Family" were absent from the population census of 1937. Perhaps that is the reason why Yakovlev, the head of the 1937 census department, and his assistants, were purged as Trotskyists! In the census of 1939 the "mistake" was corrected! The Russian press of these years s full of rosy stories about the amily life of Marx and Engels

Preaching Priests' Morals

must appear personally before a lower court which hears all the evidence and then seeks to determine if it can effect a recon-

The same decree raised the divorce fees to 2,000 roubles. That this put divorce quite out of the reach of the average worker will be reached a reached reach of the average worker will be readily understood when one remembers that the average wage, which includes everybody's earnings from the salary of the most highly-paid director to the wage of the lowest paid unskilled workers

they forgot that Engel's marriages were never registered.

determine if it can effect a reconciliation. If this is believed impossible, the petition can be carried to a higher court. Witnesses must be heard in both

declared a criminal offence. Of course, the women of "high society" have means of circumventing the law. It is the working

voman who suffers.

'Pravda' explains the reason for the law: "... abolition of capitalist exploitation in the U.S.S.R., the life has become so rosy, why the a total of 366. prohibitive law?

With the greatest hypocrisy

Where there are Privileged there are Pariahs

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Stalinist bureaucracy chose the on June 26, 1936, abortion was Bulgarian **Constitution**

"Neither Soviet Nor Communist"

The new Bulgarian Constitution, rise in the material situation, and characterised by President Kolarov the tremendous rise of the political as "neither Soviet, nor Communist, and cultural level of the toilers but Bulgarian and progressive". make it possible to revise the was ratified by the unanimous vote decisions of 1920." (25.5.36.) If of the 292 deputies present, out of

.The absent 74 deputies, oppositionists, were accused by Kolarov of having "calumniated Soviet Union and democracy from the floor of Parliament" Stalinist jurisprudence did not asserted that the "reactionary stop here. Fines were imposed on attempts at restoration will be smashed."



- 1. Nationalisation of the land, of all atomic processes, of all large financial, insurance, industrial, distributive and transport enterprises without compensation, and the operation of these enterprises on the basis of an overall production plan under control of workers' and technicians' committees.
- Abolition of business secrets. All company books to be open to inspection by trade unions and workers committees.
- 3. Distribution of food, clothes, fuel and other consumers goods in short supply under the control of committees elected from the co-ops, distributive trades, factories, housewives and small shop-keepers which will eliminate the black market.
- 4. The control and allocation of existing housing space in the hands of tenants committees; a state financed national house-building plan to be directed by the building trades unions and
- 5. A rising scale of wages to meet the increased cost of living with a guaranteed minimum and a falling scale of hours to absorb the unemployed, who must be fully maintained while working; a 40-hour week maximum without loss of earnings.
- 6. Abolition of the Monarchy and the House of Lords; full electoral rights for all from the age of 18; and full political and civil rights for men and women in the forces; the immediate repeal or all strike-breaking and anti-fabour laws.
- 7. Abolish Conscription: For the dissolution of the standing army and its substitution by a workers' militia.
- 8. For the abolition of military law; clear out the reactionary anti-labour officer caste from the armed forces; for the election of officers from the ranks. For the establishment of military schools by the trade unions at the expense of the State for the training of worker officers.
- 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.
- End secret diplomacy and a peace of vengeance and punder; end race hatred, anti-semitism, Vansittartism and the colour bar; the withdrawal of British troops from Europe and Asia and a peace based upon the setf-determination of the peoples of Europe, Asia and the world.
- 11. Unconditional defence of the Soviet Union against all imperialist powers; for the overthrow of the privileged Stalinist bureaucracy and the re-introduction of workers' democracy in Lussia.
- 12. Full support and active co-operation with the European workers against all occupying forces, for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a United Socialist States of Europe; unity with the workers and exploited masses of all lands in the struggle for world socialis

S. Africa

Trade Unionism Illegalised

(Continued from Page 1.) pressing for such a measure to prevent "unfair competition" and the "disruption and dislocation of the labour market."

> Africans Demand " Democracy "

This Bill marks the latest effort on the part of the Smuts' Government to keep the African worker "in his place."

Since the end of the war, the Africans, many of whom served overseas in the armed forces, have been demanding a little of the "democracy" the war was supposed to have been fought for, and of which Smuts is such an eloquent of which Smuts is such an eloquent champion. They have been de-manding a decent standard of living for themselves and their families—adequate wages to meet

withdraw the Bill for the present parliamentary session, with the promise to introduce it in a modified form next session. The more progressive Trade Union leaders realise that if this Bill, even in a modified form, is allowed to go through, it would be the thin end of the wedge. Trade Unionism would be undermined and the deepening fissures in the South African working class which will result, would make it easy for the Government to start a drive directed against the entire labour movement.

Labour Movement Must Act

South African workers will need the full backing of the British working class in their fight against British imperialism and its agents. the rapidly rising cost of living, Every Trade Union branch, every and houses fit for human beings to section of the Labour Movement live in instead of the miserable tin shanties in which most of them are compelled to live in all the big the Union of South Africa, are compelled to live in all the big towns and on the farms. Trade Unionism has made rapid strides among the African workers and it is to curb this development that brutal exploitation of African Strong pressure from the workers—white as well as black—has compelled the Government to workers of South Africa.

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unmarried people and on childless couples. On the other hand,

ı with many children receiv	ved	grants, as follows	s:
			Monthly
		Single Grant	allowance
Third child		400	_
Fourth "		1,300	80
Fifth "	[* * *]	1,700	120
Sixth ,,		2,000	140
Seventh and eighth child		2,500	200
Ninth and tenth ,,		3,500	250
Above ten		5,000	200

One small quotation from "Pravda" will show us the extent of the "magnanimity". The issue of May 17, 1938, says that the fee for a child in the pioneer camps should not be more than the cost of maintenance—250-350 roubles a month."

While the Bolsheviks under Lenin allowed pregnant women eight weeks' maternity leave before e birth and eight week after, with full pay, the decree of July 8, 1944, allowed only five weeks before and six weeks after the birth, while full pay was given only on condition years previously in the same place; received 80 per cent. if she worked from three to six years, 60 per cent. for two to three years, and per cent. for less than two

What miserable compensation for permit women "to absent theme abolition of the right of selves from work because of because of on." (Obzor diagnosed menstruation." Sotsialnovo Strakhovanya, The same meanness was shown by some women of the Stalinist women aristocracy who wrote to "Izvestia" demanding that servants be bound to their places of work. (Dec. 30, 1940).

Among the lowest of the pariahs in every society are the prostitutes, and it is no accident that the 1937 census questionnaire included among the professions—servants, vagrants and prostitutes. The fact that the 1937 census figures were not published, and that in the 1939 census items were not included. speak for themselves.

The women of high society, who are the main customers of the Per-fume Trust headed by Mme. Molotov, do not need holidays with pay in case of pregnancy! For them a few thousand roubles for The meanness to which the Stalinist bureaucracy descends when dealing with the working woman is clear from the instruction of the Commissar of National Health which exists as a whole, and especially the working women, who suffer the means of redress, do workers organise strikes—official or "unworkers as a whole, and especially the working women, who suffer the means of redress, do workers organise strikes—official or "unworkers as a whole, and especially the working women, who suffer the means of redress, do workers organise strikes is on the shoulders of the management of the Coal Health which forbids physicians to from these cruel laws.

COST OF LIVING INDEX Co-Op Workers Strike

A New Phoney

BY G. NOSEDA

After many years and much pressure from the Labour movement, the old cost-of-living index (based on the average expenditure of a working class family in 1904), has been replaced by a new "interim" index. It can be stated that the new index is no more a true reflection of the real cost-of-living today than was its long outdated predecessor.

index down to the level of only 32% above September, 1939, at which the old index now stands. The Committee's proposed temporary index would attempt to dodge this issue by basing itself

It is no accident that the new | means that the tremendous increas index is introduced at a time when in food prices that have occurred the Labour Government is pre- in the years since 1938, and the the Labour Government is preparing to make drastic cuts in the paring to make drastic cuts in the food subsidies—in fact, it is part and parcel of this policy.

Whereas the old 1904 index gave a "weight" of only 35% to food. This is the a weight of 60% for food, the new index gives 35%. It is clear that reductions in the food subsidies will mean increased prices for the consumers and that such increases to play the capitalist employers' game: consumers and that such increases

The "Economist", (29.4.47), commenting on the new index stated:

"The difficulties which arise, when it comes to devising a new index are of two kinds, technical difficulties of statistics and issues of public policy . . . the issue of public policy is that, since any imaginable new index of the cost-of-living will almost certainly show a bigger rise in prices than the old index . . . the improvements of the index may lead to widespread claims for higher wages—or alternatively to still higher subsidies to bring the new index down to the level of only by April, 1948, and even more in the following year. Under dis-cussion in the Government is the question of cutting similarly other food subsidies.

The burdens of such cuts will

dodge this issue by basing itself on 100 at the time it is introduced and not being calculated back to before the war."

And precisely to "dodge the issue" of bringing wages more in accord with the real cost-of-living today, is the purpose of the Government in introducing the new index. The White Paper explaining the new index states:

'This new interim index of retail prices differs fundamentally from the old 1914 (1904) index in that it will simply show the changes that have taken place from 17th June, 1947 onwards

. . . it will not show the rise in the cost-of-living since 1937-38."

In other words, this simply

Food combines like the Home and cludes Home and Colonal Stores, Maypole Dairy Co. Meadow Dairy, Allied Suppliers Ltd., Food Products Investment Ltd., and Lipton, Ltd.) made a profit in 1946 of £1,203,948 or £248,515 more than in 1945. The gross profits of 12 Food Trusts in the third quarter of 1946 amounted to £1,086,000. Similar huge profits are being coined throughout the food industry. are being coin food industry.

taken in the Labour movement to bring pressure on the Labour Government to demand a GENUINE cost-of-living index to replace this fraudulent successor to the old 1904 index.

than a year ago.'

Colonial Stores Group (which in-cludes Home and Colonial Stores,

The clamour of the Tories for the reduction of food subsidies goes hand in hand with the employers' pressure for a cost-of-living index that would conceal the real rise of living costs and allow them to "legitimately" reject or trim down, justified wage claims. The Labour Government will mean increased prices for the consumers and that such increases will not be reflected so sharply in the new index as it would have done even on the old index. The "Economist", (29.4.47), commenting on the new index stated:

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Europe in such a way as to draw Europe into dependence on the dollar bloc, for the long term struggle against Russia.

two or three times as great, what can stop a slump greater than 1929-31?"

America has stepped into Britain's shoes as the world's The Marshall plan can only be Britain's shoes as the world's understood on the basis of the alignment of class and national greatest exporter of manufactured forces on an international scale. It products. She is the greatest is part of the class struggle and creditor nation in the world. And the game of power politics being simultaneously she is the biggest

American bone market is reaching attraction to be larger to buy would mean any wonder that the German people are not inspired or convinced by the pretended superior ideologies of their conquerors?

The experience of protest and struggle begins only now. In the American home market is reaching saturation point, would mean terrible economic convulsions in saturation point, would terrible economic convulsi American history.

Three Aims

So American capitalism tries to kill three birds with one stone. kill three birds with one stone. She hopes to hold back the danger of Socialist revolution. She is compelled to give goods away to ward off the economic slump. And simultaneously, she hopes to build up a Western European and Central European bloc in order to weaken Russia and prepare for the inevitable military struggle against inevitable military struggle against the Soviet Union.

American continent. But the method of "unification" proposed

America proceeds from the usual sordid motives of Imperialism. In this programme there is no way out for the peoples of Europe. The carrying through of the programme will mea the temporary uplifting of the economy in Europe to a great of the econ the economy in Europe, to a great extent the restoration of the pro-ductive power of Western Germany

of the armies, tariffs and other evils which are stifling Europe. They cannot even approach the if it even succeeds, in its objects.
But this, only to prepare an even
Only the complete de greater crisis of over-production on a world, and especially European, down the old barriers of the scale than in 1929-31 within a few

But the alternative offered by the Stalinist bureaucracy is even more the masses of Europe in struggle barren. The maintenance of the national sovereignty of the sovereignty European nations can only aggravate the problems of Europe. When Bevin and Bidualt point to the fantastic customs dues and numerous states into which the Board: the miners must them European continent is divided, selves manage and control the which aggravates the economic pits through elected committees. (Continued at foot of next Col.) Europe in fraternal union.

For Higher Wages

With a firm determination, nearly 4.000 workers of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society stopped work on Saturday, July 5th, demanding an increased wage of 25/for all over 21 years, and 15/- for juniors. Each day sees more workers supporting the strike and already over 90% are out.

It is the same old sordid story of how the negotiating machinery plays around with a wage claim for months on end, and the only way open to militant workers was to call for a show-down by strike action. Negotiations have been going on for about 15 months.

The wages of Co-op workers are quite low and it is noticeable that the Co-op flouts another of the fully and in a very democratic

With income tax deducted a single man receives only £4 5s. 11d. Hardly a monument to proud cooperative principles.

The claims of the Union are for
11s. 6d. and 8s. 0d. It is interesting to note that when the Union
put forward this programme some
time ago, the Co-op counter-claimed

5-600 workers were present, full support was given to a resolution sent to the A.G.M. asking for a basic rate of 84/.. The resolution was shelved. When the branch met on the 3rd June, it elected a specific action taken by the R.A.C.S. workers and the general militancy among Union members themselves.

Needless to point out, Reynolds News attacked the strikers more vehemently than the

f 11s. 6d. and 8s. 0d. It is interesting to note that when the Union put forward this programme some time ago, the Co-op counter-claimed for a 4/- reduction in wages. The basic wage is only 73/- for males, and 47/6 for females, the rest is made up of a war bonus. Juniors, receive very much less.

The other counter for capitalist press.

Such a struggle around wages is a national one, and concerns all workers in the Co-op Movement. The full weight of the Society is directed against this demand of the R.A.C.S. workers, fully realising that it would be taken up by workers in all sections of this industry. made up of a war bonus. Juniors, receive very much less.

The strikers belong to the Woolwich Branch of U.S.D.A.W. At a meeting held last September, when 5-600 workers were present. full

Left Wing Parties

The young people that I have met have no faith in the Social

Conditions in the U.S. Zone

(Continued from Page 2.) a man there who was less than ntty. I asked myself: where is the German youth and German manhood: True enough, there the German youth and German manhood: True enough, there were four to five milhons used and a couple of more milhon prisoners of war still unreturned to Germany, but we must remember that before the war Germany had a population of 60 millions. of war still unreturned to Germany, but we must remember that before the war Germany had a population of 60 millions.

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When I save still unrectared to committee drawing at the Frankfurt The meeting at the Frankfurt The meeting as devoted mainty on making propagatad for the macket without allowing heavily the committee of the c

America too. Without these exports, there looms the prospect of workers, housewives and youth are trica too. Without these ex-by there looms the prospect of greatest unemployment in the disaster than limited and the formal keep alive the Hitler legend with stories of his betrayal by the disaster to believe in themselves. It remains only to make the proper connection with their present the bankruptcy of Hitlerism. situation and the Nazi catastrophe

Only the complete destruction of

economic and political unity

against the capitalists and now also against the Stalinist bureau-cracy. Against the Marshall

cracy. Against the Stalinist bureaucracy. Against the Marshall "Plan", the workers must pose a genuine plan for the Socialist United States of Europe which would really map out the resources of Europe and organise them for the benefit of all the relationship.

the benefit of all the peoples of

at what an elementary stage are
the parties and programmes in
Germany and why the Left, which
is still largely without proper
newspapers and literature, is beginning only now to compete with
the already established Social
Democrats and Stalinists.
Some die-hard Nazis may try to
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Help The German Trotskyists

Who can supply all the links of understanding in the chain which has brought the German people to their present terrible position? the war was about, of the poison of Nazism, the responsibility of the Social Democrats and Stalinists for Hitler's coming to power, the counter revolutionary role of Stalinism and its betrayal of the Russian Revolution and a thousand other things without an under-standing of which they will not be able to emerge from their present ideological chaos in order to pare the German revolution?

Who, indeed, can properly educate the German working class not the tendency in the German Labour movement which has followed and given the answer to all these questions in the course of the last twenty years? Without boasting we can truthfully say that only the Trotskyists can supply what the German proletariat and youth urgently require. The task cannot be postponed. German Trotskyism must be supplied with every aid which will enable it to establish itself as an open and active current, as the ideological teacher of the German working

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Stop Threatening the Miners

(Unofficial strikers).

He repeated his warning against address to the Miners' Union Conference in Scotland. He did not have a word to say about the insolent challenge to the rights of the workers by the spokesmen of the Coal Board.

The Ministers in the Govern-ment, including Shinwell, Minister of Mines, are also making veiled threats. In dealing with absenteeism, Shinwell said: "work or get out" at a speech in Cannock.

None of these Labour leaders ever raise the real problem; Shinwell uses the term "parasite" but never in connection with those capitalist parasites who have been so lavishly compensated as a reward for ruining the industry.

Every worker knows that miners, no more than other workers, in-dulge in strikes for fun. Only when they have a genuine griev-ance and their patience has come to an end and there is no other

(Continued from Page 1.) for not paying sufficient attention sympathy with the offenders." editorial of July 7th remarks with

in the industry at all."

They use this to discredit the idea of nationalisation among the workers. But it is true that the

Labour leaders are operating not a socialist policy based upon workers' control and management, but one of State capitalism.

If the Labour leaders continue

fields. It will assist the capitalists to discredit the Labour Govern-The only progressive way out lies, not in restricting the right to strike, but in eliminating the root cause of the trouble—capitalist

propaganda barrage by the simple Away with the capitalist Coal

inofficial strikes in his Presidential malicious glee:

"So far the magic of Nationalisation has not worked. Before the war this policy always meant 'the mines for the miners', but as it has turned out the men have no direct voice

on this course it will not solve the coal question. It will mean bigger and more bitter strikes in the coal-

control of the mines.

The miners must counter this