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SALUTE THE DUTCH SOLDIERS

Protest at War Against *Indonesians*

AMSTERDAM — 21st Sept., 1946.

During the second week in September, the soldiers at Harderwijk camp near Amsterdam, Holland, were informed that they were to embark for Indonesia. According to the Constitution of Holland, only volunteers may be shipped overseas for military duty. The soldiers, protesting against the Government order, issued under a war-time emergency decree, bluntly refused to go. They formed a Committee representing at first 150 men and went to the Communist (Stalinist) Party headquarters to obtain aid in establishing their constitutional rights. The leaders of the latter refused all help. The Soldiers' Committee thereupon turned to other organisations for to RIBBENTROP, 24th AUG. 1939

Last week, the Committee issued two leaflets, one addressed to their fellow soldiers and the other to the workers of Amsterdam. The first called for action against shipment to Indonesia, but told soldiers to refrain from individual actions of resistance, explaining that it was the duty of class conscious worker-soldiers to persuade the majority to their views. The same leaflet also called upon the addition if they are sent to Indonesia, to fraternise with the workers and peasants of that country fighting justly for their independence. We reproduce here the leaflet issued to the Amsterdam workers, who came out on strike in solidarity. (See Page 3.)

"WORKERS OF AMSTERDAM

pay for action in support of Indonesia. We cannot under-stand this. At Conferences they We thank you for the wonder-it solidarity with which you supported us today in our struggle supported us today in our strugge against being sent to Indonesia. We do not want to fight against the Indonesians, who have been suppressed for long the indonesian. Then they won't be indonesian. Then they won't be indonesian.

Your strike has strengthened us able to send us away. mightily in our action. We know that we are not alone. Today we Government took such sharp

DOCKERS, SEAMEN AND RAILWAYMEN

sacrifices in the Dockers' and Seamen's Strike. It's not so easy always count on us, the great always count on us, the great for you to go on strike again. But you must help us. For the great majority of us it's not possible to go into hiding, and if we can count on you, it is also better that we

Strike. With disappointment we read that the National Council of the E.V.C. (Dutch T.U.C.) has

taken a decision to withold strike

promised something different. you cannot strike without support.

We now understand why the could count on you, you can have measures against your Strike. They were afraid for the War against Indonesia. You see, you can prevent it.

Thus, we count on your support We know that you made great have to serve for two years to fight

e armed.
We don't call you to a General TO FIGHT FOR THE

Soldiers' Committee."

THE NUREMBERG TRIAL, WHICH BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 20th, 1945, HAS ENDED. GOERING, RIBBENTROP, STREICHER AND OTHERS—LEADERS OF FASCIST GERMANY, SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED BY ALLIED STATES MEN IN THEIR DAY—HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH OR TO LONG TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT.

BUT SHACHT, VON PAPEN AND FRITSCHE HAVE BEEN RELEASED. THEIR GUILT, LIKE THAT OF THE BIG FINANCIERS OF GERMANY, IS NO LESS THAN THE GUILT OF THE OTHER NAZI GANGSTERS.

BUT LIKE THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, THE INDUSTRIALISTS AND BIG FINANCIERS WHO PROFITED FROM THE WAR, THEY ARE TO ESCAPE THEIR JUST DESERTS.

Battle Against German Workers

Fascism systematises and every socialist worker, long the Nazi leaders. The statement of General Von. Fritsch, quoted in evidence at Nuremburg, made it

That much was known by no cause for tears over the fate of mo cause for tears over the fate of land American ruling class, now parading a new found love for democracy and a profound disgust at the Nazi atrocities, were to be found at Hitler's banquets, hailing the bulwark against bolshevism. I tact at an with the armed forces, individual complaints on issues of land conditions, receive scant attention and little redress. It was this knowledge that was one of the factors in deciding the paratroopers to stand together their uppersonance.

The Real Purpose Of

The Trial

and the gradually waning interest of the working class. The stated purpose of this display of legal talent, this accumulation of evidence, of accusation and counter accusation, of film, radio and press publicity; was the bringing to book of the criminals responsible for the last world slaughter. However, it is clear, the real reason for the trial lies not in its stated purpose. It is clear that the events in that Nuremburg court room, during the Nuremburg court room, during the 300 days, were a performance staged by those equally war guilty with the Nazis but attempting to hide their guilt by hypocritical denunciations of their fellow bandits. The balance sheet of six years war shows a tremendous expenditure. Millions of lost and shattered lives of hypokon bedien and ture. Allilons of lost and sand tered lives, of broken bodies and minds; and now, amidst the devastated economies, rage the followers of war, pestilence and nine.

Nuremburg was an effort, on the Regimental Sergeant-Major

part of the Allies, to convince the world working class that once the Nazi leaders pay their reckoning, the account is closed. It was an attempt to shift the blame they share, completely on to the shoulders of the Nazis. It is this real reason for Nuremburg which justifies us in calling the whole trial a farce, a hundred times more farcical than Al Capone indicting and trying Dillinger for gangster

Hypocrisy Of Allies

During this ten months, while the prosecutors of Britain, France. America and the Soviet Union, listed the sickening crimes of Nazism, world events showed the hypocrisy of the prosecuting Allies. Even while the aggressions of the Nazis were being recounted, British Imperialism was maintaining a regime of terror and oppression in Greece, suppressing the colonial peoples struggling for freedom, and strafing Indonesian villages.

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The strike of Air Line workers on September 12th cannot be easily understood unless the background to the dispute is examined. Why should a comparatively unknown organisation—the colonial people stewards was raised, and in at least one district (Croydon) the District Committee of the A.E.U. decided to advise its members in B.O.A.C. to app

the German "Central Office of that they could join?

Justice." Put simply—perhaps over

"uxury houses will return to the "rightful" owners.

The squatters found themselves in a hopeless position. With the whole power of the State against them, only a great mass movement of the working class could have defended them.

The prosecutors denounced the occupation methods of the Nazis. Yet, even while the French prosecutor mounted phrases of indignation, the agents of French Imperialism were torturing the natives of Indo-China and hurning their villages.

of the working class could have defended them. But it did not come in time. As a result, the squatters had no alternative but to

COVER RELEASE THE PARATROOPERS

Officers Should Have Been on Trial Not Men

BY G. NOSEDA

A storm of protest is sweeping through the organised Labour movement in Britain against the vicious sentences imposed upon the Paratroopers at Kluang, Jahore. Of the 255 Paratroopers sentenced at the courtmartials, 8 were originally given 5 years plus discharge with "ignominy". The remaining 247 men, received 3 years' imprisonment and similar discharge. All the sentences were later reduced to 2 years hard labour-to be served in the East—and ignominious discharge.

effective course of action open to charges. Despite this, the them, as a protest at the military nabobs found the men intolerable and degrading camp "guilty". conditions under which they were expected to live.

Fascism systematises and every socialist worker, long accentuates all the repressive before the Nuremberg trial, brutalities and horrors of capitalism in decay. A harrassed and desperate ruling class, utilising the sweepings of human rubbish, reaches ghastly lengths of bestiality. That much was known by a cause for tears over the fate of the succession and concentration of cause for tears over the fate of the succession and concentration camps. They experienced it at a limit was known by the succession of the succession of the succession of General Von. Fritsch, quoted in the widence at Nuremburg, made it clear that one of the nujor Nazi but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the but the catalogue there of to the nujor Nazi but the but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the but the but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the but the but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the but the but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the catalogue there of the nujor Nazi but the but t

paratroopers to stand together in their protest. There was no other effective way open to them. A letter sent by this same O.C. to For over ten months the Nuremburg trial has run its course. It has focussed the attention of a mixed array of international jurors, and the gradually vaning integrated ment made. ment made.

It is clear that not the 255 paratroopers should have been court-martialled but those officers responsible for allowing the filthy amp conditions to continue.

The evidence at the court-martial revealed a complete disregard for the welfare and elementary sani tary conditions of the men, on the part of the military authorities responsible. Yet this camp hal been used by troops for months previously. It was in a shocking

For the whole company of men For the whole company of men there, as the evidence showed, only four water taps were available and one of those reserved for the use of sergeants. The men complained of "lack of proper washing facilities, shower baths, poor feeding arrangements, and the absence of educational and recognitional facilities.

These monstrous sentences have | charge was another grievance. been imposed upon these worker- The prosecution's evidence was soldiers for during to take the only completely unable to refute these

guilty".

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The O.C. of the men concerned, claimed in his evidence, that he had warned the men against taking collective action on their complaints, that the only method recognised in the army of presenting grievances, was by individual complaint. That this procedure is farcical is only too well-known to any worker who has had any contact at all with the armed forces, individual complaints on issues of ments of the men. They are all coming clean. Why don't you?" Intimidation methods were tried on this same paratrooper, the officer threatening him "that he would get 3 years, some of the men would get 5 years, some 10, and others would be shot if necessary." These and similar bullying and fascist methods were used against the lads to frighten them into "con-

These vicious sentences are an act of criminal injustice perpetrated upon working class youth conscripted into the armed forces of British imperialism, by a reactionary and anti-labour military caste. The sanctity of the bureaucratic and totalitarian capitalist military "discipline" is placed above the welfare and interests of the worker-soldier. The "crime" of thes 255 victimised paratroopers was that they stood up to and challenged the military autocracy who regard and treat the "other

who regard and treat the "other ranks" as cannon-fodder and raw material for their wars.

The organised working class movement must solidarise with the victimised paratroopers and demand their immediate and unconditional release. Will Nally, Labour M.P., vigorously protested at the pid " and vicious sentences, 'stupid" arrangements, and the absence educational and recreational lities." The overbearing and ympathetic attitude of the imental Sergeant-Major in (Continued on Back Page.)

B.O.A.C.Strike

A.E.U. Break-Away Responsibility of A.E.U. Leaders RANK AND FILE MUST WIN BACK A.E.A. WORKERS

BY F. EMMETT

The British prosecutor prated about justice. Meanwhile, Dr. Kiesselbach, according to "Tribune" Sept. 6th, declared opponent of de-Nazification—was placed by British Imperialism, in charge of the German "Central Office of Justice."

hit the headlines by striking for recognise the shop stewards.

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Put simply—perhaps over simply While the court-room resounded with castigations of Nazi oppression and racial discrimination. American Imperialist suppression was active in the Phillipines, and lynch law was rampant in the Southern States.

Put simply—perhaps over simply—the superhaps over simply—the answer is that these workers have lost confidence in the established Unions (A.E.U., E.T.U., T.G.W.U., etc.). These Unions lished Unions (A.E.U., E.T.U., T.G.W.U., etc.). These Unions B.O.A.C. agreement and it is from this agreement that the more regular parameters that the more regular parameters and the superhaps over simply—perhaps over simply—perhap The prosecutors denounced the cent happenings have developed. agreement allowed for

'Works Committee" to be set up "Works Committee" to be set up in each of the Corporation's bases which would consist of delegates from the shops, elected irrespective of Union membership. Nons could vote and could be elected. This ruled out the traditional form of representation by Shop Stewards.

The agreement also fixed wages at a comparatively low scale

tt a comparatively low scale (skilled rate is even now only 2/3½ per hour), and laid down that wage rates could only be altered by negotiation between the Union

talked the workers into accepting the agreement, and on the basis of this fait accompli the District Committee was able to change its position.

Even with the agreement in operation the workers concerned still showed their readiness to struggle. Within the very narrow limits which the agreement set, they obtained by action on the job small improvements in conditions: small improvements in conditions; but any move to make any basic alterations were lost in the welter of bureaucratic negotiations at the top far removed from the rank and

Consequently, offered an alternative organisation which promised that a comparatively low scale (skilled rate is even now only (skilled rate is even now only to (skilled rate is even now only to (skilled rate is even now only to (skilled rate), and laid down that wage rates could only be altered by negotiation between the Union Executives and the Corporation. Fixing of the rates at even a District level was ruled out, leave alone negotiation on the job.

When, after the agreement was already in force, the workers (Continued on Back Page.)

LESSONS OF THE SQUATTERS Statement Issued by the London District Committee, R.C.P.

The squatters had to leave their new houses, forced out by the State acting on behalf of the rich property-

owners. But the fight for housing the homeless and overcrowded continues. To bring this fight to a victorious conclusion, we must learn the lessons of the Squatters' Movement.

This movement has had some "great efforts. First of all, it has brought the reality of the housing problem sharply before the eyes of the people of this country. It has the people of this country. It has shown up the plight to which millions of people are condemned, as a result of capitalist rule. Building has been carried out for the profit of private builders, speculators and landlords, not for the people. Those the needs of the people. Those who can pay have the good homes,

the working class, in mortal in order to meet the most ele-struggle with the capitalist class, can show the way to solve the The Government follows in the

These are the positive achieve ments of the Movement. The Squatters deserve the gratitude of the whole working class for taking the struggle for homes a step

Role of Labour Leaders

And the movement has done a great job of educating the working class itself. It has shown that the mass of workers are condemned to slums or homelessness. when the Labour Government is faced by a revolutionary threat to when the Labour Government is faced by a revolutionary threat to slums or homelessness.

It has shown that housing is a question. The workers defence. Ancuran Bevan's vicious satisfy their needs by invading the empty luxury houses of the rich. The owners of these properties, backed up by the Capitalist state, drive them out in the name of the "sacred rights of property". Only

when the Labour Government is faced by a revolutionary threat to action in arresting Communist Communist Communist Communist Communist Communist Communist Party Leaders, and call for the Communist Party Leadership, bear charges against them. A Broad charge

Nazis when they smashed the German working class movement and massacred the finest workers. They are as guilty as the Nazis of many of the crimes committed by the latter. Stalin and the Russian

bureaueracy also aided the Nazis and covered up their crimes when it suited their purposes. The Communist Party of Great Britain led by Pollitt would like to forget this at the present time.

"Today so far as the European great powers are concerned, Germany is in the position of a state which is striving for the earliest termination of the war and for peace, while Britain

and France, which but yesterday were declaiming against aggression are in favour of continuing the war and are opposed

to the conclusion of peace. Roles you see are changing

In November, 1939, Molotov said

The Government follows in the footsteps of all capitalist politicians and the Yellow Press. Instead of attacking the cause of the problem, and taking vigorous measures to solve it, they immediately scream that "agitators" are responsible. It is the same method as they employ when the workers go on strike.

Protest Arrests

We denounce the Government's

For An Honest Accounting

But if we are to make an honest accounting, it must be admitted that the movement failed to achieve the desired result. The threat of eviction has succeeded, and the

DON'T TO THE FEW

KEEP YOUR PAPER **GOING**

AN APPEAL TO EVERY READER

BY HAROLD ATKINSON (National Treasurer, R.C.P.)

THIS entreaty is directed to every reader of "Socialist with our ideas. It is prompted by the bad state of the Fighting Fund, as revealed in the list of September donations. Money is the

The purchasing power, recognise. But we don't accept it as a reason for a Some Questions decline in our revenue. With the masses bearing the brunt of the aftermath of the imperialist war; as they shouldered the cost, and made all the sacrifices, of the war the liverpool ex. Strike Committee (now the Merseyside Area Dockers Welfare Committee) took the form made mad by capitalism; for a call to revolutionary struggle for the establishment of a socialist system of society in which poverty and want, fascism and war, will find no place. Let us, therefore, face the issue as a challenge. Let us find a broader following for our socialist message; an everincreasing circle of friends and sympathisers.

We have confidence that we only need to call to your attention, the conditions in which we are compelled to

which we are compelled to struggle, and you will rally to the aid of your paper. taken by the small group of pioneers, struggling in face of every obstacle, to show the need for socialist revolution?

Twice a month our paper appears. It is the collective effort of voluntary workers, and a tiny regular staff of the A.E.U. participated in underpaid and with totally inadequate facilities. Our half-year's telephone bill totals less than the cost of a one of the most disgusting after a "long" discussion decided to instruct the men on strike to return to work. They sent couries into football matches, dog-tracks and cinemas to root out the M.L.E. a month, in rain or shine, the comrades distribute the paper | who had been victimised faced with a growing burden of debt. That is, where we can obtain credit. The money for our paper quota, for example, must be found before we get delivery. The big capitalist combines are not anxious to help the production of a revolutionary journal.

It is sufficient to relate the record of the shop since it elected the victimised convenor to represent them less than 18 months ago. There was only 40% T.U. organisation in the shop at the end of the war, by the end of last year, the shop was 100% T.U. Militancy and solidarity prevented breaches in the closed shop being made in January. Since then the shop organisation has won several concessions and resisted the appli-

shoulders of conreades. Yet there are thousands of readers of "Socialist Appeal" most of whom are in sympathy with our revolutionary communist aims, most of whom are concerned to publicise and support the struggles of the workers. It is to these readers that we make this appeal.

Throughout history all progressive movements have been inaugurated by small groups of self-secrificing pioneers, It is the same with our movement today. Yet the need for revolutionary movement today. Yet the need for revolutionary propaganda, agitation and organisation grows with each passing day. Help in every way you can to broaden the indicated and the converse. Was alianised and the mass in procedure are thousands of the there are far to was grown and the converse. Was placed to return to work the following to return to work to satisfact the sense that the Executive Council appeared on the scene. Not satisfact to return to work to form the recognition to the strike, and the the recognition to the strike and support the strike and that he was in favour of a resumption of work at any cost, to permit of a local conference being called.

On the following day the manage meeting of the men on strike. This was that only about the strike and remained solid to the workers, who throughout the strike and remained solid to the strike and that he was in favour of a resumption of work at any cost, to p progressive movements have been inaugurated by small groups of self-secrificing pioneers. It is the same with our movement today. Yet the need for revolutionary propaganda, agitation and organisation grows with each passing day. Help in every way you can to broaden the circle of socialist pathfinders way you can to broaden the circle of socialist pathfinders by spreading the influence of "Socialist Appeal" and building up the Fighting Fund.

Don't leave it to the few!

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Dockland - Defend the 29!

Some Questions to Frank Campbell

NO SPLITS! FOR DEMOCRATISATION OF THE TRADE UNIONS. DEFEND THE 29 MILITANT LIVERPOOL DOCKERS

Stalinists who tried to belittle and minimise the struggle, we stated in the "Socialist Appeal" editorial (November 1945):

"Both in Liverpool and Lordon the Strike Committees."

The reactionary attack by the leadership of the Transport & General Workers' Union against the 29 former leaders of the Liverpool dockers strike movement Appeal" who sympathises has provoked national bitterness and disgust. Every dock worker will rally to the defence of the 28 militants; every dock worker will consider this attack by the Denovans and Deakins as an attack upon his rights and

very life blood of our publishing activities. Without it we cannot carry on. Yet over the past couple of months the flow seems to be drying up.

The purchasing power.

to Campbell

the voice of sanity in a world made mad by capitalism; for the formation of a more democratic one. For two weeks Frank Campbell, Chairman of the

"The policy of this organisa-tion has been changed but I am not making any statement as to why. We have no connection

wish to say that his two weeks campaign for a break-away was to fool somebody? The only people he fooled, if this is the case, were the rank and file dockers. This is the truth of the matter. Perhaps he wished to compromise the position of our party?

The Policy

November 1945):

"Both in Liverpool and Loudon the Strike Committees have explained the fate that would await those dockers' who tampered with the ideas of splits from the unions. At this stage they explained, such splits would play into the hands of the Donovans and the Deakins. No splits, but a struggle within the union to oust the present leadership has been the programme of the Strike Committees. In this the dockers have made a very important contribution to the Labour and Trade Union movement."

This has always been the policy

movement."
This has always been the policy of revolutionary communists. Not only is Frank Campbell's statement inexplicible, but it reveals dishonesty and irresponsibility. As with his attacks upon our Party during the dockers' strike—the only party to stand with and aid the dockers, his attacks to be a stand with and aid the dockers—his attacks today can only aid the bosses and their agents. All militant dockers must demand an end to such methods, which can only hinder the dockers' struggle for better conditions and union

The dockers are bitterly opposed The dockers are bitterly opposed to the Donovans and Deakins, they are determined to defend the 29 and the correctness of their past struggles. But they are also opposed to any suggestion of breakaway, knowing that these can only lead to disorganisation of the struggle and the strengthening of the official leaders. P. Callanan expresses this view clearly and correctly. For a Militant **Programme**

The defence of the 29 militants from the attack of the corrupt leadership, the preparation for future struggles, all this is only possible if the lessons of the strike are understood clearly. As we stated in the above quoted issue of the Socialist Appeal:

"However, it is not sufficient to know that one must fight the union leaders on their own ground: it is necessary to advance a programme of struggle against the present constitution and structure of the trade unions. This programme can only be: For union democracy, for annual re-election of all officials, who will be paid the average wages of the workers. If the unions are to be converted into militant organisations of the working-class then these must be the slogans of a national dockers' movement."

the crowds of children, all ages—and all begging, begging, begging. It's pretty horrible, I can assure you, for obviously one can only give to a few, even with the best will in the world.

Lovely kiddies, too—some are thin but some seem quite normal. They follow for ten minutes or so in order to pick up one's cigarette ends. Time after time, one is approached by men who wish to buy cigarettes—the accepted rate apparently is 4 marks each, which is about 2/-.

The housing is mainly flats and "However, it is not sufficient are to be converted into militant organisations of the working-class then these must be the slogans of a national dockers' movement."

Without such a programme, without consciously preparing and training the workers for these tasks the Merseyside Welfare Committee, as with all other committees, will degenerate into an obstacle to the dockers' struggles. obstacle to the dockers' struggles against the bosses and their agents.

Defend the 29! For a militant Workers' Progromme—Build Job Committees. No splits-For Union Demo

GERMANY

From A Soldier Abroad

ON A TRAIN

Bielefeld, 11th August.

appears as something opposed to the real wages of the workers, is declining. This we workers, is declining. This we something decided by a small clique of top officials.

After this meeting Frank Campbell made a most amazing statement to the "Daily Mail":

why. We have no connection with the Revolutionary Communist Party, who came to distribute leaflets outside our meeting thinking our policy was to break-away. We laid a trap for them and they fell into it."

What is the meaning of this statement? Does Frank Campbell wish to say that his two weeks

Cuxhaven, 10th August 1946.

The outstanding thing here is the crowds of children, all ages—think the way we are being overthink the way we are being over-fed is a degree more than disgust-

kiddies I've seen usually go bare-foot. One of the last youngsters I saw begging on the railway lines was a little girl about 7 with a leg

off—trying to wave standing on crutches. Do I need to comment?

14th August. Since I have been in Germany I haven't seen any factories at work, and most of those I have seen are just in the seen are

ruins. "A Rotten Affair"

The housing is mainly flats and as Cuxhaven is a smallish fishing port, it is not far to land free from buildings—result: plenty of allotments which are quite obviously well tended.

The girls are friendly—for practical reasons, of course.

We are waiting for a train bound for Rielefeld. It is now about 1 p.m. and we have recently passed through Luneburg and before that the outskirts of Hamburg.

"A Rotten Affair"

17th August. En route to some where in the Ruhr, we passed through Osnabruck—or what was left of it, for if anything it was the most badly damaged place I have seen. The only houses that I saw that might be said to be still standing, were usually short of at least one wall—and people were living in those.

This business of B.A.O.R. wives it a rotten affair—did I tell you that I heard of a street in Bielefeld where the people had notice

saw that might be said to be still standing, were usually short of at least one wall—and people were living in those.

This business of B.A.O.R. wives is a rotten affair—did I tell you that I heard of a street in Bielefeld where the people had notice to quit complete with a list of furniture to be left for use by these British families. About 10 days notice, I believe, and if you can imagine what that would mean to you, and try to picture yourself finding accommodation in condifinding accommodation in conditions about 100 times worse than had something—they rarely eat the food given it's usually carefully carried home. Just think, we have a N.A.A.F.I. on the train

tions about 100 times worse than
in Birmingham, then you may have
some idea how these people must
feel about this infernal scheme of
our Socialist Government.

1st September... Did I ever
mention the shock I got when I
first noticed that folks were living
in cellars of ruined houses, (and
I mean ruined — completely
wrecked) and in makeshift shelters carried home. Just the train have a N.A.A.F.I. on the train and can buy fancy cakes, etc., enough to make ourselves ill for a week. By the way, we have had nothing but white bread, and yet the bread I have seen in the civilian shops looks really grim.

3.p.m. We are waiting at Hanover just now. This area is terribly damaged from air-raids, rather like Battersea.

Westphalia. This is all up to date.

A British Soldier



To Harry Pollitt from the R.C.P.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO HARRY POLLITT, SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY FROM THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY

The Political Bureau of the Revolutionary Communist Party, at character of the actions of the Comits last session, discussed the munist Party and its members in question of the attack launched by the Labour Government against the squatters, and especially against the Communist Party and its members for the assistance given the treather moreover of the squatters. to the movement of the squatters. | Communist Party, it is the duty

Kiddies From Nowhere

Whenever the train stops the whenever the train stops the kiddies seem to spring from no-where to start begging. The lads respond very well to these children, and when the train leaves all have

> The Political Bureau decided "That in view of the progressive of all organised workers and working class bodies to rally to the assistance and defence of the Communist Party while the Government attacks it for the support given to the squatters."

The P.B. of the R.U.P. decided, The P.B. of the R.C.P. decided, therefore, to issue a statement pledging full support to your Party while it remains under attack in defence of your actions in aiding the squatters. The P.B. also decided to appeal to all other bodies of the working class to do likewise, and to form a united front on this practical issue of the class struagle.

for a united and common front of struggle. With this end in riew, the P.B. of the R.C.P. is prepared to place its forces side by side with the Communist Party forces in defence of the squatters and members

of the C.P. who are under attack. With the object of bringing about a speedy concentration and maximum unity of all militant forces in mum unity of all minimum forces in the country, we propose that a deputation from the Political Com-mittee of the R.C.P. meet a deputation of your organisation to find the maximum field of agree-ment in defence of your members

resolution of our Political Bureau which explains our policy on the squatters movement and trust that we will receive a speedy and favourable reply to our proposals.

JOCK HASTON, General Secretary, Revolutionary Communist Party.

Have you stopped to think of the burden voluntarily under-

Defend Victimised Convenor

small and valiant band of in defence of their convenor,

duction of a revolutionary journal.

All this falls on the shoulders of a very small group of comrades. Yet there are thousands of readers of "Socialist".

That same night the Dro-duction of a revolutionary journal, and to return to work to give the readers of "Socialist".

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couple of foreign cables to a of Nuffield Exports Ltd., Shop Stewards and succeeded in bourgeois newspaper. Twice Oxford, came out on strike getting the majority of them to agree with their strike-breaking

The D.C. could not wait for the mass meeting that was called for mass meeting that was called for gets into your hands, comrade reader. All the time we are faced with a growing burden support of the whole of organised labour,

From LEFT and RIGHT

. . . Landlady Mrs. Eleanora Tennant, Chairman of the ultra-Vansittartist "Face the Facts Association" has been

Mrs. Tennant

charging no less than £3 7s. per week! The Chelsea Rent Tribunal reduced this to £1 18s. 0d. a week. This decision Mrs. Tennant declared "savoured of the

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BY AGITATOR

on Stalin's recent claim of building "Communism" in Russia and

are extending into some weird fields. The Moscow Correspondent of "The Times" recently wrote:

"A commission has been appointed to investigate charges of vulgarity and paucity of ideas made against the Soviet musichall. There is, it is asserted, too little material performed reflecting the mood in which the Soviet people are expected to set about fulfilling the Five Year Plan. Exception is also taken to the quality of the repertory of the Russian State Jazz-Band, directed by Leonid Yutesoy, who according to most of his critics, has recently made unsatisfactory the daway in evolving a Soviet type of Jazz different from the contract of the Russian State fields.

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Jazz (and in passing they might note that the latter is a product of America not western Europe) reflect the level of education of the masses, which in turn is conditioned by the economic base of society. It is a peculiar commentary on Stalin's recent deign of bailed and parasites from the Mayfair drawing bassador of the Workers' State would have expected to number as "distinguished" friends, not the parasites from the Mayfair drawing rooms, but leading revolutionaries in the working class movement.

and of the squatters and to seek to extend that agreement to wher sections of the working class. I am enclosing with this letter a

Yours Fraternally,

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New Purges in Russia

BY TED GRANT

In the last few weeks, news reaches us of the new wave of purges in Russia which is affecting all strata of the lower strata of the bureaucracy. Managers in industry are being dismissed and replaced in thousands on charges of graft and corruption, bureaucratism, incompetence, swindling and misuse of funds of the state.

In agriculture the collective farms are being purged. And a tremendous campaign against "ideological" backsliding in a capitalist and nationalist direction

"ideological" backshung in a capitalist and nationalist direction in literature, the arts, the press, cinema, science, the schools, the army, has been begun at a signal from the Kremlin.

These convulsions have shaken the political superstructure in the Soviet Union. They are a reflection of the discontent of the population after the great efforts and exertions of the masses during the war. The Soviet population put up with greater hardships and endured greater privations than any of the other main belligerents. Now, after the war is over they see that the bureaucrats still intend to maintain their inflated standards of life, while the Soviet peoples continue to exist on a level of lunger and privation not much peoples continue to exist on a level of hunger and privation not much higher than their incredibly low standards during the war. The corruption and degeneracy of the officials with whom the masses come in contact—that is, the lower ranks of the bureaucracy who ape their superiors in the heirarchy of officialdom right up to the Kremlin bosses—arouses their disgust and antagonism. antagonism.

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resurrect phrases about Socialism and the society of the future. This also serves to hull the workers abroad, who have become alarmed at the inequalities and sumptuous the horizontal sumptuous and the society of the horizontal sumptuous are to be ruthat the inequalities and sumptuous standards of the bureaucracy, and by the iron dictatorial regime established by Stalinism. But in reality nothing fundamental is changed. Only a different varnish

A few quotations will illustrate of the workers and peasants.

But this does not many the control of the big major of the workers and peasants. the process taking place. The foreign press reports "Drastic purges" in the Communist Party of the Ukraine for "failure to make careful selections of party and administrative personnel, a prevalence of bourgeois-nationalist ence of 'bourgeois-nationalist ideology' among the intelligentsia and widespread bribery."

According to "Bolshevik" the 'theoretical" journal of the Russian C.P., the Stalinogorsk Coal Trust "never fulfilled its plan," but simply inflated its figures to make up monthly quotas, e.g. reported a daily production of 544 tons when the real production was only 150 tons. (Quoted from "Time"

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'Le Monde" reports on September 13th, that Gorechenine, Soviet Attorney-General, has started investigations, and 'Pravda" comments: "The Party must play a preponderant role in the re-establishment of national discipline."

The Union of Writers of the

The Union of Writers of the U.S.S.R. has expelled the novelist Mikhail Zoschenko and poetess Anna Ahkmatova, on charges of "apoliticalism". The Central "apoliticalism". The Central Committee has attacked the entire committee has attacked the entire rinema industry, particularly singling out the Cinema Minister Bolchakov and Eisenstein, worldfamous producer. The Arts Committee which produced Soviet plays is accused "of having tried to poison the consciousness of Soviet plays are interesting with an idealors, bustle. citizens with an ideology hostile to Soviet society, to revive the residues of capitalism in people's minds and customs."

ds of the state.

Sollective farms' distributable income; to misappropriation of public lands on a mass scale through the extension of private allotments beyond the legal limit and the allocation of common land to various local organizations; to the pilfering of collective farm property by local state and party officials, some of whom, it is stated, are dipping their hands into collective property as if it were in their own pockets; and, finally to slackness on many farms in holding general meetings and electing leaders, a habit which is debarring workers from taking part in the farms' affairs.

The decree calls for a decisive end to these violations of the collective farm charter and threatens offenders with prosecution under the criminal code. It demands an immediate correction of abuses, including the expulsion from the collective farms of all 'drones' who fail to contribute a minimum quota of labour, and, by cancelling a war-time measure, it brings to an end the practice by which local authorities are empowered to take over common land for their own subsidiary enterprises."

This indicates how far the collective farms had disintegrated under

antagonism.

Stalin and his bureaucratic clique are, to a certain extent, leaning on the masses in order to restore the pre-war equilibrium within the bureaucracy. The usual Stalinist method is being employed: making scapegoats of the lower ranks for carrying out a policy decided by the Kremlin. The nationalistic and middle class ideology put forward during the war, glorifying the Czarist past of toppressors of the Russian people as Ivan the Terrible and Peter the Great, of such Czarist hangmen as the Generals Kutuzov and Suyurov, this chunvinist ideology was ordered and encouraged by the Kremlin in order to serve the needs and interests of the bureaucracy itself.

But while the masses could be reconciled to such chauvinistic and racial outpourings about the superiority of the Slavs at a time when they were directly menaced by the tratest of German Fascism, they could not be inspired to make further sacrifices for the Five Year Plan under this banner once peace had been restored. The fruits of victory for the workers in Russiah has been the perspective of harder and harder toil under the regime of Stalin for the indefinite future, in order to rebuild and expand the power and industry of the Soviet Union. Thus, in the endeavour to reconcile the workers and peasacts to this, the bureaucracy has had to resurrect phrases about Socialism and the society of the future. This indicates how far the collective farms had disintegrated under the pressure of the war, the destruction of tractors and other the pressure of the war, the destruction of tractors and other the pressure of the war, the destruction of tractors and other the pressure of the war, the destruction of tractors and other the pressure of the and cliquid class and other individual plough, individualistic and small capitalist tendencies were inevitably produced. More and more the most back on old primitive methods and the individual plough, individualistic and small capitalist tendencies were inevitably produced. More and more the most back on old primitive

lessly crushed, as they were during

But this does not mean that But this does not mean that capitalist tendencies will be eliminated or curtailed. On the contrary they will receive an impetus during the new Five Year Plam, but in a different direction. Far from moving in a Socialist direction: towards greater and greater equality and the abolition of privilege for the favoured officialdom: this is to be increased during the next few years.

As Lenin ceaselessly hammered, differences of this character are capitalist differences which have nothing in common with Socialism. Yet "Labour Research" controlled by the Communist Party, blatantly declares in its issue of July, 1946:

"Certain developments in Soviet organization apparent to

Soviet organisation apparent be-fore the war are emphasised in this plan. Wage differentiation, a stimulus to efficiency and exhibition of skill, is to increase within each industry. . . . There is greater eash stimulus for good work by technicians and organisers."

isers."

The sharpness of the measures in the Soviet Union demonstrate that even under the totalitarian regime of Stalin the class struggle still goes on. The discontent of the masses, particularly the soldiers, who have seen the lies and propaganda of the bureaucracy exposed by the fact that the exposed by the fact that the standard of living in the countries they have invaded is higher than minds and customs."

The purge has been very extensive in agriculture. The "Times" of September 24th, reports a Decree of the Council of Ministers and of the Central Committee of the Central Committee of workers and peasants. The reand of the Central Committee of the Soviet Union, signed by Stalin and Zhdanov jointly:

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DUTCH SOLDIERS AND WORKERS SUPPORT INDONESIANS

As the Dutch Imperialists, assisted by the Labour Government, prepares for a renewed offensive to crush the Indonesian masses, the workers and soldiers of Holland are showing, through militant action, their solidarity with the oppressed Indonesian people. On Tuesday, September 24th, dock workers, transport, public service and factory workers of Amsterdam staged a 24-hour strike as a protest against the embarcation of fresh troops for Indonesia.

In an attempt to break up a demonstration organized by the strikers, the police opened fire several times and charged the demonstrators with drawn swords. The 24-hour strike was the culmination of growing resentment on the part of the Dutch workers against the war against the Indonesian people.

Hundreds of young workers are today languishing in Dutch jails because they refuse to go out to the Far East to fight against the Indonesians. The father of a conscript who had refused service met the police who came to arrest him

'On many occasions the Amsterdam dockers and seamen have been to the fore when it came to defending the interests of the Dutch proletariat against the Dutch exploiters. During the February strike in 1941, directed against the crimes of German capitalism the dock. German capitalism, the dock-workers stood at the head of the struggle. Now it is once again necessary, through action to prenecessary, through action to prevent a new crime by Dutch capitalism. This crime is the war against the Indonesian workers and peasants. To regain its throttlehold on this people, already squeezed for 200 years, Dutch imperialism seeks to bloodily suppress the Indonesian revolution. The exploiters, who live only on the blood and sweat of the workers, want to compel thousands of Dutch workers to break the resistance of their class-brothers in Indonesia.

. . The leaders of the Big | Trade Union organizations, the N.V.V. and the E.V.C. have often declared in the past that work in the docks and on the ships would come to a standstill if it actually became a question of violence being used against the Indonesians. That moment has now arrived. Now that it is a question of deeds, however, there agentlemen have another these gentlemen have openly betrayed the cause and declared betrayed the cause and declared that the sending of tens of thousands of working - class youths to the slaughter is a POLITICAL QUESTION. -- The Dutch workers have made it implicitly clear, through resolutions, that they have no desire to suppress the Indonesian Republic or to restore colonial. desire to suppress the Indonesian Republic or to restore colonial exploitation... At this critical moment, the leaders of the big working class parties, the Labour Party (Party van de Arbeid) and the Communist Party of Holland (Stalinists), also remain silent. By paper action they attempt to divert the militancy of the workers. Neither petition nor protest meeting can prevent the Dutch bourgeoisie from commencing their war against the Indonesian Republic. (Only the united struggle of the working class can achieve this.

Dockers, Seamen, the lives of thousands of Dutch and Indonesian comrades are in danger. The Dutch capitalists demand sacrifices from us, so that they

will be able to haul in their profits in the near future again. Only the working class has the power to prevent it.

NOT A MAN NOT A CENT FOR THE OPPRESSORS WAR AGAINST INDONESIA! NO TROOPS AND ARMS FOR INDONESIA!

NOT A DROP OF BLOOD FOR THE OIL AND RUBBER CAPITALISTS !

COMRADE DOCKERS AND SEAMEN, INTO ACTION !

The Dutch workers, through their 24-hour strike, have given a great lead. Only class action can call a halt to the great offensive in which a great number of British troops will be involved. The organised Labour Movement in this country must follow the example of their Dutch comrades and take action against any future shipment of their Dutch comrades and take action against any future shipment of men or munitions to Indonesia. Pressure must be brought on the Government, through the Trade Unions, Co-operatives and other working class organizations to withdraw all British troops from Indonesia. The Labour Government must be compelled to recognize the Indonesia Brunblic nize the Indonesian Republic.

END THE WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE INDONESIAN REPUBLIC! WITHDRAW THE TROOPS!

SUPPORTERS YUGOSLAVIA ular. Because of the

policy of Stalin-ism the workers are divided on racial lines instead of being united on a



The statement to the C.P. Statement to the C.P. In view of the recent expulsion of Comrade O'Donoghue from the Hanwell Branch the Communist Party, we, the undersigned members of the C.P. and Y.C.L. have Capitalism We have appealed to the militants in the Labour Party and Common desires and interests, Even when Mussolini compelled the Slavs to accept the Italian language as the only language taught in Venezia Guilia schools; even with the oppression of the Slavs as a minority, the working class leadership can only end in further defeats of our class and the third towards Fassism. Both the Italian and Yugo-Slaz workers were imprisoned for anti-Fassist activity. Tacial hatred furthering the ends of blind nationalism. We have appealed to the militants in the Labour Party and Communist Party in the past; compelled the Slavs to accept the Italian language as the only language taught in Venezia Guilia schools; even with the oppression of the Slavs as a minority, the workers working class leader-ship can only end in further defeats of our class and the third towards Fassism. Both the Italian and Yugo-Slaz workers were imprisoned for anti-Fassist activity. The fourth International declares, and our Italian and Yugo-Slaz workers were imprisoned for anti-Fassist activity. 4 Y.C.L'ers JOIN R.C.P.

of the Communist Party, we, the undersigned members of the C.P. and Y.C.L. have decided to issue this statement to Party members and sympathisers.

Comrade O'Donoghue, a Party member of several years standing, recently raised for discussion within the Branch, on a notice of motion a question of great Political importance, namely, the speech of the Chief of the Propaganda Section of the Central Committee of the C.P. Leadership is fear-of the Central Committee of the C.P. Leadership is fear-of the Soviet Union—Alexandrov (Feb. 1st, 1946). In this speech the entire Marxist-Leninist Theory of the State is openly revised. Instead of this matter being discussed in a democratic manner, Comrade O'Donoghue break off the central Committee.

At this meeting, after being the definition of the So-called Communist Party.

Skyists, and the demand that Comrade o'Donoghue break off such contact—a demand that no genuine Party claiming to be based on democratic Centralism can defend—demonstrates quite clearly that the C.P. Leadership is fear-ful of the impact and strength of Trotskyist ideas.

This experience has led us to seriously study past and present C.P. policy.

The unprincipled belly-crawling manner in which the affiliation campaign was conducted, its terrific defeat and the subsequent attack on the Labour Government, show the dishonest non-Marxist character of the So-called Communist Party.

that they were never pursued. The additional charge that he was in contact with Trotskyists, which he had never concealed and which was in fact known to leading and rank and file Party members, was the only reason given for his subsequent expulsion.

In view of Comrade O'Donoghue's good record as an active Party member, this expulsion bears all the hall marks of a heresy hunt and political victimisation. The refusal of the local leadership to accept for discussion in the Branch a matter raised in a correct and democratic manner, clearly exposes the claim of our Party to be a devocation. local leadership to take pure cussion in the Branch a matter raised in a correct and democratic manner, clearly exposes the claim of our Party to be a democratic Party as utter humbug and hypocrisy. A full discussion around Alexandrov's speech, would clearly show all honest Party members—as it has shown us—that the principles of Marxism in dealing with the State has been rejected by Stalin. No wonder that the local leadership recoiled from a discustion.

Party is Communism and principles of Communism are now carried on by the Revolutionary attending the meeting in order to Communist Party, British Section of the Fourth International.

Many ex-C.P.ers, disgusted by the Politits and callachers—and the local satellites—have found their way into its ranks and we intend to take our place by their side.

COMMUNIST WORKERS: Stalin. No wonder that the local leadership recoiled from a discus-sion on this theoretical question, for not a word in speech or print has been given by the leadership of the British C.P. on this matter. There was, and still is, no "line"

At this meeting, after being of the so-called Communist Party uestioned for more than an hour, The somersaults of the Party for At this meeting, after being questioned for more than an hour, charges of disruption and distributing Trotskyist literature to Party members were made against him. These charges, which were sent to the London District Committee were so stupid and baseless was founded by the Bolsheviks to that they were never pursued. The assist the World Revolution, was

FOR A SOVIET BRITAIN! FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF

B. GRIMES,
(Sec. Hanwell Y.C.L.)

The above statement was sent to every local member of the C.P. and Y.C.L. together with a notice of a meeting to be held with Comrades George and J. O'Donoghue

among the speakers. among the speakers.

This meeting, on Monday, September 23rd, was picketed by three prominent local members of the C.P. for the purpose of (1) Preventing their members from attending, and (2) Reporting those members who did attend for the purpose of taking action against them.

These Stalinist pickets were approached by local R.C.P. members and offered ample time from the floor of the meeting in which to put forward their own case and to denounce the ideas of the platform. Needless to say, this democratic offer was rejected.

G. Chapman, a member of the London E.C. of the Y.C.L., hotly criticised them for not accepting this offer and their refusal to defend their ideas when challenged;

The gain of four members to the R.C.P. from the C.P. is the result of the first direct contact in the Hanwell area between the two parties, and we go forward with optimism for future gains.

TRIESTE

Hotbed of National Hatreds

BY ENRICO

Towards the end of the first world imperialist conflict, alongside the reformists, are Togliatti, carrying out the orders of Stalin knows that his task is turning the workers' struggle away from their real enemies, to the national defence of to the national defence of the national to the national defence of their "own" capitalist state on the one hand, or to the defence of Stalin's reactionary foreign policy on the other. Only when the working class realise this, will they understand and reject these politics of betrayal. It is for this reason that we, of the Fourth International, appeal to the militants in the Labour and Communist Parties to examine

to speak for Venezia Guinn being in the Yugo-Slav Republic will antagonise the Yugo-Slav Republic will antagonise the Italian working class, who feel strongly on this issue. Already thousands of nilitants are demanding to know why Togliatti supports Stalin's claim of £25 millions in reparations. They know, as all class conscious workers know, that capitalism was responsible for the war and that these reparations will not be squeezed from the Italian capitalist class, who feel strongly on this issue. Already thousands of nilitants are demanding to know why Togliatti supports Stalin's claim of £25 millions in reparations. They know, as all class conscious workers know, that capitalism was responsible for the war and that these reparations will not be squeezed from the Italian capitalist class, who feel strongly on this issue. Already thousands of militants are demanding to know why Togliatti supports Stalin's claim of £25 millions in reparations. They know, as all class conscious workers know, that capitalism was responsible for the war and that these reparations will not be squeezed from the Italian capitalism the Labour and the first of the fi ALL AID TO THE COLONIAI. Communist Parties to examine the role of their leaders in the disputed territories in general, and Trieste in partic-

Intense National Hatred In Trieste

It goes without saying that Trieste is of the utmost import-ance to the contending powers, Russia and the Anglo-American

bloc.

The walls and streets of Trieste and other disputed cities of Venezia Guilia are covered with anti-Tito and anti-Italian slogans. High on the hills overlooking Trieste itself, supporters of Tito have written "We want Tito" and slogans demanding the inclusion of Venezia Guilia in the Yugo-Slav republic. Far below, in the husy streets, the uneasy page is disturbed by mass demonstrations and counter demonstrations. tions and counter demonstrations, the battle of words being transformed into actions, both sides spilling blood. Both sides around the sides a

class have grown accustomed to the betrayals of Social Democracy and have long believed Stalin's policy to be communist, due to the traditions of the October Revolu-Four months ago, the Stalinists

Four months ago, the Stalinists in Italy, in line with their international degeneration, split on the issue of Trieste, and they had to split. But as we now see, both sections serve their Muscovite master. The pro-Tito, Venezia Guilia Communist Party, aided by Yugo-Slav officers are behind many acts of terrorism against the acts of terrorism against the minority of Italian nationalists. In Trieste, Manfoncone, Gorizia and Pola, they and their controlled trade union "Sindicati Uniti" have led, and are leading strikes which are in fact reactionary in the average. the extreme. Not one class issue is involved, not one demand for higher wages to meet the terrible cost of living. The one demand that is in evidence is that Venezia Guilia must be included in the Yugo-Slav Republic.

Meanwhile, the capitalist Christian Depleter to the capitalist.

tian Democrats, Italian Socialist Party and Camera-del-Lavoro (Italian T.U.C.) are not idle. They in turn conduct strikes and demonstrations in the interests of Italian capitalism, the pawn of British and American imperialism.

> Role Of Stalinism In Italy

Venezia Guilia serve the Soviet Bureaucracy alone. We claim that the Italian Communist Party serves the same bureaucracy. Togliatti, not daring to condenin the spirit of international solidarity was in great evidence. climaxed with the international actions of the workers in defence of the first workers state, the Soviet Union. To-day, this spirit is sadly lacking. The Soviet Union is not the spearhead of the struggle, The Stalinists.

Togliatti, not daring to condemn the reactionary role of Tito, speaks of "Justice" and urges the working came to believe that the problem can be solved by U.N.O. His party does not conduct a struggle against the Italian capitalist class. On the contrary, his party participates in that government, Togliatti being a minister himself, in that very Government which is called imperialistic and Fascist by both the Soviet Delegation in Paris and the struggle. The Stalinists, Soviet Delegation in Paris and the Venezia Guilia Communist Party.

not in an admirable position. Who knows, the Soviet delegation may yet come to an agreement with Britain and the U.S.A. on Trieste. The Venezia Guilia Stalinists may yet be the next scapegoats of Moscow's power politics.

We have written much on the role of official working class leaders but this could not be complete unless we begin to realise the policy of the Allied imperialists through A.M.G., a policy for which the British Labour Government must be held responsible. which the British Labour Government must be held responsible.

A.M.G. has a huge police force of British trained, pro-Italian, nationalists, also the British 1st Armoured Division, 56th London Division, and the American 88 Division to keep "law and order". But they serve the interests of Western imperialism against Russia. This occupation only tends to antagonise Tito's followers further, resulting in terrorist attacks against British and American troops. This serves to widen the gaps already existing to widen the gaps already existing between the workers and occupying troops.

Workers! Unite Against Capitalism

and Yugo-Slaz workers were imprisoned for anti-Fascist activity. Together in the Partisan movement they conducted a bloody struggle, first against Fascism and then against the German occupation under the red flag of internationalism, not as today under the nationalist flags of Yugo-Slavin and Italy.

Why The Change?

Why then, this change of heart? Why then, this change of heart? Why then this terrible split in the ranks of the workers? The responsibility can be laid directly at the doors of the 'Communist' and reformist leaderships. We will go further, and say at the doors of the Stalinists alone, for the working class, have grown accounted to the Communist of the Stalinists alone, for the working class, have grown accounted to the Contact of the Balkans within the United Socialist States of the Contact of the Balkans within the United Socialist States of the Contact of the Balkans within the United Socialist States of the Contact of the Balkans within the United Socialist States of the Contact of the Balkans within the United Socialist States of the Contact of the Balkans within the United Socialist States of the Contact of the Cont the United Socialist States Europe and a Socialist world.

Seamen's Solidarity

FRENCH SEAMEN IN NEW YORK JOIN AMERICAN SEAMEN'S STRIKE

New York, 19th September.

1,000 French seamen in New York, members of the World Federation of Trade Unions, joined the strike of the American seamen, members of the National Maritime Union, C.I.O.

A resolution from the French eamen states

"We salute the American seamen. We want to express We want to express seamen. the solidarity of the international working class, whose ties are bound closely in common struggles for emancipation from exploitation and wage slavery. The "Militant" (organ of the Socialist Workers' Party (Trotskyist), gives in its issue of 14th September, more examples of this excellent demonstration of international solidarity. It reports that Swedish, Danish and Norwegian seamen's union instructed their prion branches to do executiving What then, is the role of the union brunches to do everything Stalinists in Italy proper? We have seen that the Stalinists in striking seamen.

NEW **PURGES**

(Continued from Page 3.) the Stalinist regime will survive the immediate crisis, and far from weakening the bureaucracy will strengthen the hold which it has over the country temporarily. The masses do not see any alternative in Russia at the present time, and are fearful of intervention from the capitalist states in the West.

the capitalist states in the West.

The Soviet economy will make giant strides despite the abuses of the bureaucracy, because of the superiority of state ownership and planned economy in comparison with the private ownership of capitalist countries. Consequently, these measures taken to eliminate private ownership on the land, and the weeding out of certain inefliciencies in production will assist efficiencies in production will assist the bureaucracy in overcoming the difficulties inherited by the war and the excesses of the bureaucracy itself.

But even great economic advances cannot solve the problems of the Soviet Union. The menace of the capitalist differentiation within Soviet society; the uncontrolled domination over the lives and destinv of the peoples of the U.S.S.R. by the despotism of the Kremlin: the bureaucratic graft and privileges; these arise out of the Stalinist system and will still remain. This is not socialism. Only by the overthrow of the Stalinist bureaucracy and the restoration of control by the workers within the Soviet Union, will these capitalistic tendencies be curtailed and eliminated. But in this task the workers will require the assistance and support of the international working class.

The real dilemma of the Bureaueracy and their method of over-coming it, is indicated by the new position now outlined by Stalin in his interview with Alexander Werth the correspondent of the "Sunday Times." In a series of questions obviously arranged by Stalin himself, he asked:

"Do you believe that with the further progress of the Soviet Union towards Communism the control towards Communism the possibilities of peaceful co-operation with the outside world will not decrease as far as the Soviet Union is concerned? Is 'Communism in one Country' possible?"

Answer: "I do not doubt that the possibilities of peaceful cooperation far from decreasing may even grow, 'Communism in one country' is perfectly possible, especially in a country like the Soviet Union."

This is a complete revision not only of Leninism, but the position held by the Stalinists in the past. Stalin but forward the theory of "Socialism in one Country" as the. way out in his "Foundations of Leninism" for the first time in 1924, throwing overboard all that Marx and Lenin, and what he him-

Marx and Lenin, and what he himself had put forward in the past.

Now, according to Stalin, not Socialism, Communism can be achieved in a single country. This conception has a dual purpose. On the one hand it is intended as a re-assurance to Anglo-American Imperialism that the Soviet Bureaucracy has not gone back to the programme of "Trotskyism", and does not threaten the overthrow of world imperialism but still wishes to compromise with it and is still opposed to the proletarian revolution in the West. At the same time, it re-assures the Imperialists that the attacks on capitalism and that the attacks on capitalism and the re-furbished phrases about Socialism are only intended to fool

their lot can be accomplished by this method.

The fiction that socialism has been achieved in Russia sounds very hollow to the overburdened Russian masses. Consequently. Russian masses. Consequences hold out some other perspective for the future. Having abandoned the the future. Having abandoned the perspective of world revolution, the Stalinists cannot hold out any hopes to the Russian masses of revolution in the West to come to their soil and control to the soil and control to their soil and control to the soil a revolution in the West to come to their aid and assist in building a new world for all. Stalin must develop "Communism" as the perspective before the Soviet masses in order to try and get them to accept new sacrifices and new burdens after the uninterrupted "Who does not remember the great fight of the Poplar Councillors in 1921, led by the late George Lansbury. That Council was not intimidated by threats and neither shall we be." Two days earlier, Stanley Henderson, said that tear efforts and exertions of the last

But the workers of the West, and the Russian workers, will have the last say. For there is no solution other than world communism. Without aid from the workers of othe-lands, without the extension of the October Revolution, Russia cannot achieve a socialist system of society in isolation. That is what Marx taught. That is what Lenin taught. That is what the Trotskyists teach.

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Our Rulers Assisted Nazis

As the trial dragged on, the As the trial dragged on, the crimes of the Nazis since 1933 were catalogued by the prosecution. That the British, French and American ruling class held up their hands in horror at the war preparations of the Nazis was

B.O.A.C. STRIKE

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Militant workers throughout the country will readily understand the frustration felt by these workers and their desire to get things done. It is necessary, however, to point out and emphasise again and again that break-aways cannot solve, but on the contrary can only hinder the solution of these problems. 'Independence' from the mass working class movement can only lead to "dependence" on the boss

Already the Ae.E.A., and the Transport breakaway the N.P.W.U. are being used by the capitalist class as a point of support in their fight against the inroads being made by the workers in the struggle for the closed shop.

A great responsibility therefore rests on the rank and file of the "affiliated" Unions in the B.O.A.C. to win back to their ranks the workers in the Ac.E.A. But this cannot be done by mere talk. Deeds not words must be the slogan. They must show in action that they are prepared to struggle both against the employers and against all and every undemocratic practice in their own organisations. Only in this way can they renew confidence among all the B.O.A.C workers.

To this end they have the responsibility of taking the lead in hammering out a programme of concrete demands around which can be mobilised all the workers in civil aviation, and which can form the basis of linking the workers in civil aviation to those in the Aisgraft Industry, as a workers in civil aviation to those in the Aircraft Industry as a whole. A programme which would not only deal with wages, hours and conditions, but also with the fight for speedier negotiations, democracy in the Unions, rank and file representation, etc.

democracy in the Unions, rains and office representation, etc.

In this way the inter-Union strife can be ended, and a united movement securely based on the rank and file throughout the country and on the mass working class movement be forged, which would be a real step forward for the whole movement.

It is common knowledge in the Labour movement—the facts have been repeated from a thousand platforms—that the British, American and French rulers gave political, financial and moral supthe purpose of making war on the Soviet Union.

Goering taunted them for their role during this period when he declared that "all foreign governments had recognised the Hitler regime and the entire diplomatic corps came to the Nuremburg callies."

Before the war, the chemical, plastic, oil and rubber monopolists of America aided their German counterparts and divided the world up between them. That was shown in a recent Government auti-trust enquiry in America. Gunter Reiman in his "Patents for Hitler", disclosing that Sir Henri Deterding of Royal Dutch Shell was one of the earliest financial backers of the Nazis, gives as his reasons that "he was interested in discovering those forces which would eliminate once and for all would eliminate once and for an the dangers of social or colonial revolutions". This sums up the attitude of the British ruling class. Part of the profits of Royal Dutch Shell together with a stream of political and financial aid went to bolster up Hitler as a barrier against revolution and for war on the Soviet Union. It was only when it became evident to the rulers of Britain and America that German Imperialism had decided to match its strength against them first, that this policy was ended. Hitler's greatest crime in their eyes was that he double-crossed them.

Stalinists Stand Guilty Too

The Soviet Bureaucracy also stands guilty of aiding the Nazis. Stalin's cynical disregard for the world working class, led him into the pact with Hitler. In violation of the Leninist principle of self-determination for all nations, and open diplomacy, he made a secret agreement for the division of Eastern Europe. It was revealed at the trial that, in this Pact, Hitler and Stalin defined their spheres of influence in Poland, Finland, the Baltic countries and Bessarabia. Stalin agreed, not to permit an active hostile position to be taken up by Turkey, or permit the passage of British or French warships through the Dardanelles. We can comment, in passing, that recently Soviet propaganda against Turkey attacked her for remaining neutral during the war and taking up the very position which

During the first world war Lenin was a consistent and bitter opponent of secret diplomacy. When the Russian workers and wary course, trying its peasants made their revolution, the Bolsheviks immediately opened the Czarist archives and published the secret international agreements to port to Hitler, regarding the Nazi barbarians as the saviours of civilisation from the menace of bolshevism. They assisted Hitler to strengthen himself by the seizure of Austria and Czechoslovakia for the consternation of world imperialism. That the Soviet Bureaucracy felt the same consternation when reminded of this Pact with the Nazis, was shown at Nuremburg when the Soviet prosecutions and Czechoslovakia for the Nazis, was shown at Nuremburg when the Soviet prosecutions are constructed to the same consternation of world imperialism. cutor objected to it being taken as evidence as "the court was in-vestigating the case of the major German war criminals and not the

foreign policy of the Allies.' This secret agreement divided out Eastern Europe and the Soviet bureaucracy thus covertly agreed to the invasion of Poland by Nazi im perialism. At Nuremburg, the perialism. At Nuremburg, the Nazis ironically introduced evidence to justify this invasion by quoting the approving telegram which Stalin sent Ribbentrop when the pact was signed. "The friendship of Germany and the Soviet Union is based on blood commonly shed and has all the prospects of being enduring and steadfast." enduring and steadfast."

Later in 1939, Molotov could talk of the permanent friendship with Germany and sharply attack the British blockade for violating nternational law.

"I Shall Shake Hands With Stalin "-Hitler

Today, it is the Nazis whom the Soviet bureaucracy accuse of violating international law. How-ever, it was with these same Nazis that the counter revolutionaries of the Kremlin negotiated their secret agreement. On Aug. 22ud, 1939, Hitler spoke to his commanders, stating "Our economic position is such because of our restrictions that we cannot hold out more than a few years", then he declared, in triumph, "viithin a few weeks I shall shake hands with Stalin, and undertake with him a new distribution of the world" tribution of the world"

It was that handshake, that secret pact, hidden from the masses, which let loose the second masses, which le world slaughter.

Embarassing Evidence Hidden

Had all the war criminals been on trial in Nuremberg, prosecuting and prosecuted alike would have been in the dock. In his concluding speech, General Rudenko, almost lyrical hypocrisy, declared that, on the battlefield the Allies "had determined the sublime and noble principle of international co-operation, recallty of mankind and the human rules of social community." The mud slinging, the recriminations at the new thieves kitchen of U.N.O, which were a Stalin in 1939 guaranteed Hitler continuous background to the trial he would ensure.

steered a wary course, trying its utmost to prevent any echo from the squabbles at U.N.O. entering the court room. At the same time it kept a quick eye for any revelations embarrassing to those in high tions embarrassing to those in light places in Britain, America and the Soviet Union. The contents of the German-Soviet pact were refused as evidence. Likewise, a statement of Rosenberg's relations with the Hearst press and his connections with members of the ruling class of Britain, was ruled out as irrelevant. irrelevant.

Purpose Of Nuremberg: To Whitewash Allies

It is evident, that, during the It is evident, that, during the ten months of Nuremberg, there was no real attempt to sift out those guilty of the monstrous crime against the working class, which the past six years of slaughter represent. How could there be when those responsible for the indictment were as guilty as those indicted? The Nuremberg tials were not meant to create a basis for future. meant to create a basis for future peace, their purpose was to white-wash the Allied criminals.

Yet the workers can learn from Nuremberg. From the recital of the crimes and atrocities of fascism they can learn that there is no brutality or horror to which capitalism will not stoop in description in description of the stoop in description of the stoop of the s fending its decadent system. And let no worker believe those brutalities could not happen here. The thin veneer of capitalist civilisation soon disappears in a capitalist state rendered desperate and endeavouring to find a way out by crushing the working class.

We must learn also that the genuine struggle against the war criminals is a struggle against imperialism the world over, and the counter—revolutionary—Soviet Bureaucracy

As war criminals, responsible for the suffering of millions of the world's workers, we must indict, not only the Nazis and the ruling class of Germany, but the landtheir politicians, ruling the Allied capitalist nations and with them the Bureaucrats in control of the Soviet Union.

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billeting in the under-occupied hundreds of the rich, under the control of Committees of workers armed forces, are being trained and trol of Committees of workers and housewives in cottaboration with the Trades Council.

armed forces, are being trained and shipped overseas to police and serve as the unwilling oppressors (2) Nationalisation of the Building Industry and Industries producing building materials (India, Palestine, Indonesia, Malaya, India, Palestine, India, India, Palestine, India, India Malaya, Japan and elsewhere, worker-conscript armies of British imperialism, are being forced to play a reactionary role in the in-terests of British imperialist strategy and profits.

It is clear that the paratrooper recently court-martialled, and hundreds of thousands like them forced to exist in unhealthy camp conditions abroad want no part of share in oppressing Indonesian and Mayalan masses. The workers conscripted into these armed force conserpted into these affined forces have more in common with the oppressed and starving peoples of these countries than they have with the interests of British imperialism. But the Labout Government acting as the agents of British capitalism, continues to enforce conscriped working class youth to play the role of an oppressing force overseas.

The Immediate and Unconditional Withdrawal of All British Armed Forces Abroad.

and CAPITAL

BY KARL MARX

CHAPTER III BY WHAT IS THE PRICE OF A COMMODITY

DETERMINED?

By what is the price of a commodity determined?

By the competition between

The same commodity is offered for sale by various sellers. Whoquality most cheaply, is sure to drive the other seders from the field and to secure the greatest market for himself. The sellers therefore fight among themselves for the sales, for the market. Each one of them wishes to sell, and to sell as much as possible, and if possible to sell alone, to the exclusion of all other sellers. Each one sells cheaper than the other. Thus there takes place a competi-tion among the setters which forces down the price of the commodities offered by them.

But there is also a competition amony the buyers; this upon its side causes the price of the proferred commodities to rise.

Finally, there is competition between the buyers and the sellers: these wish to purchase as cheaply as possible, those to sell as dearly as possible. The result of this competition between buyers and sellers will depend upon the resellers will depend upon the relations between the two above mentioned camps of competitors, i.e., upon whether the competition in the army of buyers or the competition in the army of sellers is stronger. Industry leads two great armies into the field against each other, and each of these again is engaged in a battle among its own troops in its own ranks. The army among whose troops there is less fighting carries off the victory over the opposing host. Let us suppose that there are one

hundred baies of cotton in the market and at the same time purchasers for one thousand bales of cotton. In this case the demand cotton. In this case the demand is ten times greater than the supply. Competition among the buyers, then, will be very strong; each of them tries to get hold of one bale, if possible, of the whole one hundred bales. This example is no arbitrary supposition. In the one bale, if possible, of the whole one hundred bales. This example is no arbitrary supposition. In the history of commerce we have experienced periods of scarcity of cotton, when some capitalists united together and sought to buy up not one hundred bales, but the whole cotton supply of the world. In the given case, then, one buyer seeks to drive the others from the field by offering a relatively higher price for the bales of cotton. The cotton sellers, who perceive the troops of the enemy in the most violent contention among themselves, and who therefore are fully assured of the sale of their whole one hundred bales, will beware of falling into one another's hair in order to force down the price of cotton at the very moment in which their opponents race with one another to screw it up high. So, all of a sudden, peace reigns in the army of sellers. They stand opposed to the buyers like one man, fold their arms in philosophic content, and their claims would find no limit did not the offers of even the most importunate of buyers have a very did not the offers of even the most importunate of buyers have a very definite limit.

If, then, the supply of a com-modity is less than the demand for modity is less than the demand for it, competition among the sellers is very slight, or there may be none at all among them. In the same proportion in which this competition decreases, the competition among the buyers increases. Result: a more or less considerable rise in the prices of commodities. It is well known that the

opposite case, with opposite result, nappens more frequently. Great excess of supply over demand; desperate competition among the sellers, and a lack of buyers; torced sales of commodities at ridiculously low prices.

But what is a rise, and what is fall of prices? What is a high, and what is a low? A grain of sand is high when examined through a microscope, and a tower is low when compared with a mountain. And if the price is determined by the relation of supply and demand, by what is the relation of supply and demand, by what is the relation of supply and demand determined?

enforce conseriped working class youth to play the role of an oppressing force overseas.

NOT FOR THIS was the Labour Government returned to overwhelming power by the working class in Britain—NOT for the continuation of imperialist oppression abroad! NOT so that reactionary militarists could dragoon and penalise worker-militants in the forces who seek to voice just grievances against bad conditions! The voice of the organised Labour movement in Britain must be raised against the shameful and capitulatory policies of the Labour Government and their continued subservience to imperialist interests.

The entire organised working class movement in Britain must take up a struggle to exert pressure on the Labour Government and demand—The Immediate and Unconditional Release of the 255 Victimised Paratroopers.

The Immediate and Unconditional Withdrawal of All British Armed Forces Abroad.

If he receives in exchange for his goods a quantity of other goods whose production has cost more, he has gained. And he reckons the falling or rising of the profit according to the degree at which the exchange value of his goods stands, whether above or below his zero—the cost of production.

We have soon how the changing

We have seen how the changing relation of supply and demand By the competition between payers and selects, by the relation of the demand to the supply, of the call to the offer. The competition by which the price of a commodity is determined is threefold.

The competition of supply and demand causes now a rise, now a fall of prices; now high, now low prices. If the price of a commodity rises considerably owing to a failing supply or a disproportionately growing demand, then the price of growing demand, then the price of supply or a disproportionately growing demand, then the price of supply and demand causes now a rise, now a fall of prices; now high, now low prices. some other commodity must have fallen in proportion; for of course the price of a commodity only expresses in money the proportion in which other commodities will be given in exchange for it. If, for example, the price of a yard of silk rises from two to three shillings, the price of silver has fallen in relation to the silk, and in the same way the prices of all other commodities whose prices have remained stationary have fallen in relation to the price of silk. A relation to the price of silk. A larger quantity of them must be given in exchange in order to obtain the same amount of silk. Now, what will be the consequence of a rise in the price of a par-ticular commodity? A mass of icular commodity? A mass of apital will be thrown into the capital will be thrown into the prosperous branch of industry, and this immigration of capital into the provinces of the favoured industry will continue until it yields no more than the customary profits, or rather until the price of its products, owing to overproduction, sinks below the cost of production.

Conversely: if the price of a commodity falls below its cost of production, then capital will be commodify falls below its cost of production, then capital will be withdrawn from the production of this commodify. Except in the case of a branch of industry which has become obsolete and is therefore doomed to disappear, the production of such a commodify (that is tion of such a commodity (that is, its supply), will, owing to this flight of capital, continue to decrease until it corresponds to the demand, and the price of the commodity rises again to the level of its cost of production or exthem its cost of production; or, rather, until the supply has fallen below the demand and its price has again risen above its cost of production, for the current price of a commodity is always either above or below its cost of production.

We see how capital continually emigrates out of the province of one industry and immigrates into that of another. The high price

The determination of price by

ost of production.

The determination of price by the cost of production is not to be understood in the sense of the bourgeois economists. The economists say that the average price of commodities equals the cost of production: and this is the law. The anarchic movement, in which the rise is compensated for by a fall and the fall by a rise, they regard as an accident. We might just as well consider the fluctuations as the law, and the determination of the price by cost of production as an accident—as is, in fact, done by certain other economists. But it is precisely these fluctuations which. certain other economists. But if is precisely these fluctuations which, viewed more closely, carry the most frightful devastation in their train, and, like an earthquake, cauce bourgeois society to shake to its very foundations—it is precisely these fluctuations that force the these fluctuations that force the price to conform to the cost of production. In the totality of this disorderly movement is to be found its order. In the total course of this industrial anarchy in this this order. In the total course of this industrial anarchy, in this circular movement, competition balances, as it were, the one extravagance by the other.

We thus see that the price of a commodity is indeed determined by its cost of production, but in such wise that the periods in which the price of these commodities rises above the cost of production are balanced by the periods in which it sinks below the cost of production, and vice versa. Of course this does not hold good for a circle.

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SQUATTERS' MOVEMENT The Lessons: paign in the Labour Movement, aimed at exposing the scandal of empty properties, the role of the Labour Leaders as defenders of Private property, and the need for (Continued from Page 1.) and for an investigation into the intolerable conditions in this and other camps. This step of Nally's is one that the entire Labour movement they confine themselves to demanding a Ministry of Housing and "stricter control". For years they have been carry. (Continued from Page 1.) and for an investigation into the intolerable conditions in this and other camps. This step of Nally's is one that the entire Labour movement will support. The Labour Government must be forced to face basis for the struggle. (1) Immediate requisition and for an investigation into the intolerable conditions in this and other camps. This step of Nally's is one that the entire Labour movement will support. The Labour Government must be forced to face basis for the struggle. (1) Immediate requisition-

the world and Russian working class. On the other hand, simultaneously, a new means of reconciling the Russian masses to their lot can be recomplished to the recomplished to t would have meant that the squatters would have had behind them a vast power and would have been in a position to challenge the

Government.
But the Communist Party did not conduct such a campaign. As result, the moves had the character of an isolated adventure. The squatters were keyed up to fight and were then let down. On Sept. 12th. Harry Pollitt declared: "Who does not remember the great gas could not move them. A week later, the Communist Party leaders were leading them out, and the "Daily Worker" was admitting that they have "nowhere to go".

In spite of the lack of political

preparation, there was instinctive mass sympathy for the squatters. Given a bold lead, this could have Given a bold lead, this could have been organised into a great movement of support. But the C.P. Leadership deliberately held the movements back; for example, on the London Trades Council, a motion of "strong support" was opposed by leading C.P. delegates, in favour of a motion of "symposium of in favour of a motion of "sympathy". The fact is that Pollitt and Co. feared that a mass movement of a revolutionary character might arise and get out of their

This failure of the C.P. Leader this failure of the C.P. Leader-ship to prepare seriously for a struggle brands their action as irresponsibility. If they had not prepared to fight, they should not have led the squatters in. The squatter and C.P. worker militant expected to fight, but the leadership betrayed them. That is the ugly

Reformist Outlook

This failure is not merely accident. It was inevitable, because the C.P. leadership has the same reformist outlook as the Labour leaders. Their programma is no different. Instead of a revolutionary alternative to

tion. It would have been a miracle for them to become revolutionaries overnight! Their sudden swing to the Left is only the result of Stalin's foreign policy clashing with that of Bevin. It has no genuine revolutionary basis, and can only deceive and demoralise the workers who follow them.

The Lesson

The lesson is clear. The next stage is a stubborn and prolonged fight within the Labour movement to convince the majority of workers that only revolutionary measures solve the housing problem in workers' interest. It means a

(1) Immediate requisitioning of all available housing space, including compulsory billeting in the under-occupied homes of the rich, under the control of th

without compensation, ellimina-tion of big and small profiteers, and centralised planning of building operations workers' control. under

(3) Nationalisation of the land without compensation.

This is the road forward from the Squatters' Movement! In deepening and extending this struggle, all working class mili-tants, especially those Communist the workers' interest. It means a stubborn strugle to dispel the illusions that the majority of workers still have in Reformism, a bitter fight against all class bitter fight against all class. Party militants who have done valiant work in support of the construction. Our Party will participate in squatters, must collaborate. The this fight with all our strength. Our numbers are small, but wherever our comrades have been who help to prop it up.

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