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**PARATROOPERS** RKERS' PRESSURE FREED

# NOW Free All Victims of Military Caste

## WHO EXPLOITS The Hotel Workers?

Savoy Hotel Ltd. Chairman Holds 20 Directorships

THE HOTEL WORKERS HAVE NOT BEEN FIGHTING MERELY INDIVIDUAL HOTEL OWNERS. THEY ARE UP AGAINST BIG BUSINESS. ONLY THE SOLIDARITY OF THE WHOLE OF THE LONDON ORGANISED WORKING CLASS COULD HAVE BROUGHT THESE POWERFUL FINANCIAL INTERESTS TO THEIR KNEES.

Who are these industrial and financial interests that own and control the big catering combines?

Law Debenture Corporation, loan promoters on the grand scale, have lent money at certain times, to the coal, steel and engineering industries, and received some very profitable returns from such "investments". This Corporation is trustee for £950,000 debentures of the Savoy Group, one of the trustees for £1,188,795 debenture holdings of the Gordon Hotels Ltd. company. And is also a trustee for £746,384 debentures of Grosvenor House (Park Lane) Ltd.

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Hotel Strike Victory

Newspapers Ltd.

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The debenture holders of these hotel trusts draw the maximum benefit of the profits from the large hotel and restaurant trade. Every year has seen an average profit of \$\frac{1}{2}\), \$\fr

### French Coalition Disgusts Masses

THE FRENCH CONSTITUTION, AGREED ON BY A COMPROMISE OF THE OFFICIAL WORKERS' PARTIES WITH THE M.R.P. (CATHOLIC REPUBLICANS), WAS ACCEPTED BY A MAJORITY OF A MILLION VOTES IN THE OCTOBER 13th REFERENDUM.

Almost 8,000,000 abstained from the vote, while 9,143,310 voted for, and 8,084,067 voted against. Thus, despite the fact that the present constitution was supported by the coalition of the C.P., S.P., and M.R.P., it received less votes than the June referendum.

In June the M.R.P. opposed, at the last minute, the agreed Constitution, which it had designed along with the official workers parties. However, the June Constitution, oposed by all capitalist parties, and only supported by the official workers parties received.

5,000,000.

This is a measure of the defeat suffered by the M.R.P.

The present Constitution is more reactionary than the one proposed in June. Not only does it sanctify private property, colonial exploitation, as did the previous one, but establishes a two Chamber parliament (with an upper second house to act as a check on the Assembly and a President with special powers.

In spite of the fact that the present Constitution makes concessions to de Gaulle.

The mow humbly accepted this. The position of the Stalinists in France was strikingly summed up by one of their spokesmen A. Croizat, Stalinist Minister of Labour who stated in a speech given in Marseilles, "France's future lies in a peaceful collaboration between Business and Labour"!

On the other hand the M.R.P. whilst supporting the Constitution against de Gaulle and the parties of the extreme right made basic concessions to de Gaulle.

In spite of the fact that the present Constitution makes concessions to de Gaulle. The fear which united the stalinists, Social-Democrats and the M.R.P., the fear that perpetuates the disgrace of tripartism, (a coalition, General de Gaulle opposed it because it is not reactionary enough for his purposes. He

parties, and only supported by the official workers parties received official workers parties received 286,690 votes more than the present one, despite the fact that this time the M.R.P. which was the largest party in France called the largest parties received the largest party in France called th coup d'etat.

The whole history of the succes The workers parties together with the M.R.P. received 15,000,000 total the last general election. The combined vote of the other capitalist parties was about 5,000,000. now humbly accepted this. The position of the Stalinists in France

HE BROKE THE PICKET LINE



SHINWELL eating Scab-served Chicken.

Dorman Long Ltd., and is on the Executive Committee of the Iron and Steel Federation.

The Savoy Hotel Ltd., net the struggle of the catering trades capital, £988,934, controls the struggle of the catering trades workers for union recognition. Profiteers who are anti-labour to Simpson's. This combine made a the Metropolitan Housing Co.

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Why did they suffer these Why did they suffer these enormous sacrifices? Because the employees of the two hotels had struck for trade union recognition, and they were being fed by scall labour.

The first point the the did to popular pressure is clear to everyone. But the lessons that have to be drawn from this episode are by no means so clear.

The first point that must be leaded by that these lads were

received a letter from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking him to boycott functions at hotels or restuarants which refuse to recognise the

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general movement of the working class towards the Left. Millions of young worker trade unionists, conscripted into the army during the war and now returned home are not good ambassadors for the will transport to the paratroopers would home are not good ambassadors for the military caste, its reactionary system, and the vicious character of its semi-feudal laws and discipline. These workers have been active in spreading the truth about army life and taking some interest in the well-being of the lads who remain behind.

never mind their alleged "socialism," these paratroopers would never have been sent to Malaya and Java to restore capitalist-imperialist "law and order". There would have been no filthy camp and therefore no need for a protest.

Bellenger Saves Face Of

LIFE FOR THE WORKERS.

THE REPORT ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON

ITS FAILURE TO SECURE EVEN HALF THE

NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY RECRUITS WHICH IT

CLAIMS ARE NECESSARY TO FILL ITS DEFENCE

PROGRAMME, TELLS A STORY OF INCREASING

LACK OF INTEREST IN THE "GLORIES OF

EMPIRE" OR THE "BENEFITS" OF MILITARY

Coming as it does after the much boosted reforms and

inducements that the army offers, this report reveals a

great anti-militarist feeling which exists as a part of the

remain behind.

It is a step in the right direction It is a step in the right direction when organised Labour takes an active interest in protecting the rank and file of the forces from the whims of the military officers. For the struggle between officers and men is part and parcel of the struggle between workers and appropriate the struggle between workers and parcel of the struggle between the struggle betwee

#### Bellenger Bows to Pressure

Thus, the quashing of the heavy This photograph shows sentences imposed by court martial Mr. Shirwell attending a on the paratroopers and the release of the soldiers is a significant

#### Why The Troops Are In Malaya

That the Government did capitu-

Mr. Shinwell denied that he had noted is that these lads were inducted into the army on the plea that they would have the task of defending democracy and destroying reaction and fascism. Instead, they had been sent to Malaya for the conceiler reasons, namely to the opposite reasons, namely: to suppress the democratic desires, One might think that it would have occurred to a Labour Minister not to help in strike-breaking, leople and to impose a reactionary regime in the interests of British and Dutch imperialism.

### **Colonel Blimps**

grounds that the organised working class was opposed to the sentences and he had to take
cogniscance of the wishes of that
class, having been put into office
by them; on the contrary; he
specifically stated that the soldiers
were mutineers and that their
actions were illegal. Bellenger
quashed the sentences on the
grounds that the trial was not conducted strictly according to military ducted strictly according to military

Labour Government was forced to give way to the clamour from the ranks of the working class, but at the same time it covered up the activities and tried to save the face of the reactionary officers who were responsible for victimising the men.

The army expresses the social system in a concentrated form. The British army is one of the last real strongholds of capitalist reaction. The notoriously antiaction. The notoriously antilabour officer caste, pilloried in the
last few years to some degree by
popular criticism of "Colonel
Blimps", is not a myth, but a grim
reality. Especially that generation
of professional army officers who
were reared on the traditions
glorified by Kipling, the brutal
suppression of the colonial people,
have profound contempt and even
hatred for the working class.
The protest of the young-workersoldier paratroopers at the admittedly foul conditions of their
camp was a direct blow at the professional officers' conception of the

fessional officers' conception of the function of the ranker: Their's not to reason why; their's but to do

#### Release All Victims Of Military Law

The immediate result of the re-lease of the paratroopers is the (Continued on page 4.)

Nazi War Criminals Hang

# British Financiers

WHEN THE HANGMAN'S NOOSE TIGHTENED ROUND THE NECKS OF GOERING AND HIS FELLOW NAZIS, MANY STIFF COLLARED EXECUTIVES IN THE CITY OF LONDON WILL HAVE HEAVED A SIGH OF RELIEF. IF WORKING CLASS JUSTICE COULD HAVE HAD ITS WAY, THEIR COLLARS MIGHT WELL BE REPLACED BY THE HEMP ROPE OF NUREMBERG.

Directors of armament firms, Tory politicians and business ambassadors who touted Berlin for business in the years before the war, stand condemned at the bar of profetarian justice as being equally war guilty as the Napi headmen.

to 1938, had this to say in his liary for October 19th, 1934:

great British armament concern, had negotiated a sale of war material here last week, just before a British Government commission arrived to negotiate of mission arrived to negotiate of the content of mission arrived to negotiate some plan with Schacht for payment of short-term debts of perialism swing by the neck these people can still saunter through the people can still saunter through the mission arrived to negotiate some plan with Schacht for payment of short-term debts of people can still saunter through the mission arrived to negotiate some plan with Schacht for payment of short-term debts of people can still saunter through the mission arrived to negotiate some plan with Schacht for payment of short-term debts of people can still saunter through the mission arrived to negotiate some plan with Schacht for payment of short-term debts of people can still saunter through the mission arrived to negotiate some plan with Schacht for payment of short-term debts of people can still saunter through the mission arrived to necessarily short-term debts of people can still saunter through the mission arrived to necessarily short-term debts of people can still saunter through the mission arrived to necessarily short-term debts of people can still saunter through the mission arrived to necessarily short-term debts of people can still saunter through the mission arrived to necessarily short-term debts of the necessarily short-term d wearisome volumes of legal phraseo-logy paraded at Nuremberg. Here is the glaring proof of the role

Foremost in this band of twentieth century war makers stands the firm of Armstrong Vickers. Mr. Dodd, American Ambassador to Germany from 1933 that a customer has come to grief.

Until his promotion to Cabinet rank in the Chamberlain Govern-"I visited Sir Eric Phipps and repeated in all confidence a report that Armstrong-Vickers, the great British armament concern, had negotiated a sale of war material here last week, just before a British Government company."

Wardlaw Milne, drew fat dividends from the trade with Higher than the Chamberian Governance and Chamberia

ment of short-ferm debts of E5,000,000 due on current deliveries of British cotton yarn from Lancaster. It is impossible, Schacht said to me yesterday, to pay the British debts. Yet last Friday, I reported to Sir Eric, the British arms people were selling for cash enormous quantities of war supplies."

These few lines speak just as, if quantities of war supplies.

These few lines speak just as, if strosities. Their freedom is the strongest indictment of the Nuremberg farce.

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### Stalinist Treachery in Palestine

New light has just been shed on the perfidious, double-dealing role of Stalinism in the struggle against imperialism in Palestine.

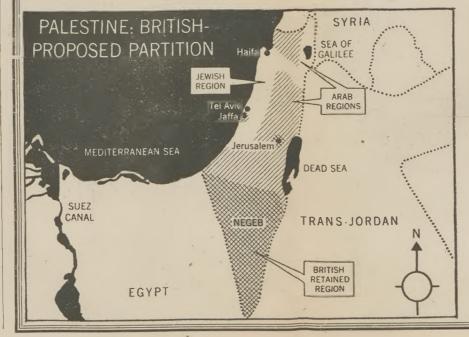
During the recent united Arab-Jewish strikes the Stalinists supported extreme nationalists in both the Jewish and Arab groups who were opposed to a united struggle against the British imperialists.

The Stalinists' habit of dragging after the "nationalists" was displayed in its ugliest form during the last few days. While the Jewish Stalinists launched a struggle against the British White Paper and demanded free immigration and settlement, one of their groups going so far as to join the world Zionist Organization, the Arab Stalinists sing landations to the Grand Mufti, reactionary leader of Arab bourgeois nationalism.

Al- Ittihad, the Arab Stalinist weekly, wrote on June 23, 1946, in honour of the Mufti's arrival in Egypt: "Our struggling nation honours those who sacrifice themselves. The Arab nation in Palestine has shown vitality and faithfulness to its interests and those who work for them. Arab Palestine from end to end celebrated the good news . . . Arab Palestine expressed its feelings in its celebrations and demonstrations for every man who it is sure served his country faithfully."

#### exposes better than anything else the BRITISH SOLUTION real aims of British imperialists in Palestine. Britain would govern Jerusalem; the Jews would get the fertile coastal strip; the Arabs, who constitute 88-89% of the agricultural carving up of Palestine is like carving up the living body. Economically and politicaly it is a single unit. By retaining the Southern Desert with

population of the country, would get 40% of the land and Jaffa. The real control of the country would remain in the hands of the British. The bases near Egypt and Suez, Britain would hold the strategic area for control of the Mediterranean and routes to India and the East. This would separate Palestine from the rest of the Arab world. This is the real reason for British imperialism's interest in Palestine. Thus her policy of "divide and rule." British workers have no interest in this Policy and must demand freedom and independence for Palestine, which means a withdrawal of all British troops.



### ZIONIST SOLUTION would divide Palestine into two separate states — Arab and Jewish.

Jews would get 65% of the land. The entire coastal belt would go to the Zionists, Arabs would get Jaffa. Of course the Zionists would allow the British to retain their military bases near Egypt and Suez, and thus in the final analysis, their domination of Palestine. The Zionists need the British as a protection against the Arab world. Anti-semitism is growing alarmingly in the Middle East. It is clear that neither of these plans provide a solution for the oppressed Jews in Europe, or the Arab masses. Palestine must become part of a Free Arab Federation of Peoples with full equal rights guaranteed to the Jewish minority. Only such a policy can unite Jewish and Arab workers against British imperialism in the struggle for an



At the time of writing. almost balf way through the month, ONLY £25 10s. 6d. has been received towards our October target figure of £120. We still have a long way to

Comrade reader! We hope that you have given serious attention to the appeal for funds which appeared in our last issue. What Stewards, members of the A.E.U. are you prepared to do about it? How can you help?

among your friends and work. the premises to phone his wife. mates? Perhaps you can organise bourhood and take a collection for organize a small rafile on your job, women, came out on strike. in the union branch, or in your

help sustain the paper financially, work pending the result of a Please remember that the future of Works Conference on the issue. your paper depends on your efforts. deavour to contact readers person- Conference was in progress. ally. Please begin by giving Still refusing to call the workers keep on giving regularly.

the paper, or post direct to:

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Sheffield Meeting Jock Haston will speak on

The Future of the Labour Government

November 20th at 7.30 p.m. Burngreave Vestry, Sheffield



EDITORIAL NOTES :

Trotskyists in Conference 'Peace " Conference in Paris Stalinists and Squatters.

U.S.S.R.: NON-PROLETARIAN AND NON-BOURGEOIS STATE By Leon Trotsky

INDIAN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

Resolutions and Material.

### INDUSTRIAL NEWS



### COSSOR WORKERS DEFEND MORMISED SHOP SHEWARDS

After a series of dismissals of Shop Stewards, which has a supermental the great pressure from the been announced, arising from the workers, especially the women, the C.P. could no longer hold them back and the strike was called.

The lesson for the workers is to demand that the E.C. using the four rail convenies till is to demand that the E.C. using the four rail convenies till is to demand that the E.C. using the four rail convenies till is to demand that the E.C. using the four rail convenies till is to demand that the E.C. using the four rail convenies till is to demand that the E.C. using the four rail convenies till is to demand that the E.C. using the four rail convenies till is to demand that the E.C. using the four rail convenies to the trade of the convenies to the convenies to the trade of the convenies to the convenies to the trade of the convenies to the convenies to the convenies to the convenies to the trade of the convenies to the c amounted to five men and one woman, nearly 900 workers at the Highbury Plant of Cossors came out on strike for the reinstatement of their representatives.

Nearly a month ago, five Shop E.T.U., and N.U.G.M.W were instantly dismissed arising from the Will you take a pledge card and drawing up of a report, to be pregive a regular donation, or, better sented to a mass meeting following Demand Executive Councils still a collecting card and raise the victimisation of the Clerks' money for the Fighting Fund Shop Steward for allegedly leaving

Following the high handed social evening or a discussion attitude of the Management in group among readers in your neigh- calling in the outside police to search the Shop Stewards, the the Fund? Or maybe you can factory, whose workers are mainly

With the intervention of the official Trade Union represent-We urge you to do something to stives, the workers returned to

As expected by the workers who Unfortunately we haven't a daily have had experience of the negative press in which to keep this all im- results of conferences, the manageportant matter constantly before ment refused to reinstate the Shop you. But following on our appeals Stewards, despite the demonstrain the paper, the sellers will en- tion of solidarity outside while the

something from your income tax out on strike, the official trade repayment. Make this a start and union leadership and Stalinist controlled Shop Stewards' Committee DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE put the matter in the hands of

Support From Subsidiary Plant

Active support from the workers at the Electronic Tube Ltd., High Wickham, a subsidiary of Cossors has been shown by the decision of a mass meeting to strike on behalf of the Cossor Stewards.

Publicity for support was taken up in the form of a delegation to other factories in the vicinity. The Barking Power Station, now a closed shop, has also been the constant refused to work and found the non-still in the same department. approached.

Support These Strikes

Amazement and disgust is being aroused among rank and file trade unionists at the refusal of the E.C. of the larger and powerful mions in not immediately de-daring strikes official, called in defence of victimised convenors and shop stewards. In this they are helping the employing class to break up the factory organisations.

The demand must go forward The demand must go forward from all Trade Unionists, from their branches and factories that the E.C. of the Unions concerned, officially recognise and support strikes, especially over the rll-important issue of victimised workers' representatives. That is the job they were elected to do. Force them to defend the workers, not the bosses.

#### **Closed Shop Battle Continues**

give the four rail companies till June 29th, 1947, to come to a closed shop agreement with the unions. This applies to the railmen working for the L.P.T.B. as well.

Strengthening the case for the closed shop, 450 workers of Auberoid Co., Enfield, Middlesex, downed tools and refused to work the non still in the same department, the workers immediated resumed the strike, determined to have 100% organisation.

#### 40 Hour Week Strike

Workers at the Ferguson Radio Works, also of Enfield, Middlesex, have recently secured a 42½-hour week with 47 hours' pay, by sidestepping the protracted negotiations between the Unions and the Employers' Federation on this issue. The management's offer of intro-ducing a 9 hour, 5-day week was contemptuously turned down by a mass meeting of members of the A.E.U., E.T.U., and T.G.W.U.

Realising the principle involved, the Ferguson workers staged a one-hour strike, and then a day's strike in support of their demand. The management, having sensed the mood and determination of these workers, climbed down immediately and agreed to discuss the issue with the Trade Union representatives.

DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE put the matter in the hands of another Conference.

Meanwhile, a woman Shop Steward was victimised and due to Steward was victimised was

DEATH TO ALL

The lesson for the workers here is to demand that the E.C. use the organised strength of the trade union movement in strike action, instead of the long drawn out dis-cussions with the employers, which is becoming clear to everyone, are proving fruitless. Only united action on this important issue will win the full demand for the 40hour week without loss of pay.

### Searchlight on Parliament

paratroopers in Malaya was the first prominent issue to confront the reassembled. House of Commons

The occasion was marked by speech in support of the harsh sentences by the new Secretary of State for War, Mr. Bellinger—an appropriate debut for a new "Socialist" minister.

But only two short days were to elapse before Mr. Bellinger was to announce the quashing of the sentences. There can be little doubt that the Government would not have concerned itself with this matter had it not been for the storm of protest that was aroused throughout the working class.

A Bill for Government control of the development of atomic energy was introduced by Mr. energy was introduced by Mr. Attlee on the same day. The Tories supported the Bill, and throughout the debate the speeches of Tories and Labour M.P.s alike revealed their lack of considence in the ability of the capitalist governments to preserve peace and spare humanity the horrors of a future atomic war. atomic war.

Platitude followed platitude. Example: This Bill, by itself will not provide us with protection against the atom bomb'—Mr. Law. Their fears showed nredomin antly through the fabric of their hopes.

During question time on October 10th, the Minister of Labour, Mr. Isaacs, was asked to state the Government's policy in relation to the closed shop issue.

The Minister evaded the question, and refused eren to define what he understood by the term "closed shop." He was challenged on this point by Churchill. "I would be quite willing to tell the House if Hon. Members would tell me what they mean by the 'closed shop'." said Isaacs. "I know what 'closed shop' means in shop'." said Isaacs. "I know what 'closed shop' means in

Now Mr. Isaacs was a leader of the printers' Union, which enforces the closed shop more strictly than any other union in the country. Isaacs therefore, knows perfectly well what a closed shop means. ..

'If the Labour leaders do not wish to commit themselves on this issue, it is because they prefer to remain in the role of arbitrators ("arbitraitors' would be a more appropriate spelling) between the workers and capitalists the better to betray the struggles of the former.

The scheme would act as a deliberate encouragement to employers who refused to pay the average wage and continued to pay low wages. It would also encourage the Trade Union leaders to slack up on demands for higher pay. Bosses and Trade Union

The Test

'Socialist Appeal"

Dear Editor.

As a delegate to the South from the colonies.

It appeared that this would be Quarterly Meeting held on October 5th, I should like to enlighten the readers of your Essex A.E.U. Shop Stewards' paper as to the attitude of relevant and an "investigation" the "Communist" Party to the colonial question arising

the "Communist" Party to the colonial question arising from a discussion on a resolution on the paratroopers in Malaya.

At the close of the agenda, a Trotskyist Shop Steward moved a resolution calling on the E.C. to make representation to the Labour Government for the instant release and demobilisation of the sentenced paratroopers. Further to this, the resolution went on, quite rightly, in my opinion, to deprecate the continued use of British workers in colonial countries, to

10th October, 1946. subjugate and repress the thousands of exploited colonial workers in the interests of the British capitalist class. It demanded the capitalist class. It demanded the withdrawal of all British troops

into the conditions of troops abroad was the way to solve the problem.

### **Rents and Wages** Norwich T. & L.C. Debate

Internationalism -

NORWICH

The burning issue here is the Housing question. One Army camp has been taken over by squatters with the approval of the local authorities. Beyond that the squatters movement has not extended.

A further anti-working to workers demanding wage increases, could say that they should consider them selves lucky as part of their rent was being paid by the Council. It is easy to see the abuses to which this scheme could be subjected. tended.

At the last Trades and Labour Council a debate took place on a proposal of the Labour Group on the City Council—which has a Labour majority—to raise the rents of the new Council houses.

The intention was not to raise the rents on houses already built, but only on new houses. The proposal took the form of a suggestion to charge According to Income. The total income of the household would be taken intohousehold would be taken into account—including family allowances. No rent would be charged on incomes of £3 18s. 0d. oer week, but only 11/- to cover the rates. If incomes rose to £5 18s. 0d., the full amount of 26s. 11d. per week would be observed this per week

the shoulders of the average worker

A worker occupying one of these houses and earning below the average wage would, on receiving a wage increase, have this increase neutralised by the increased rent to which he is liable.

The scheme would act as a de-

leaders in replying to workers de-

A further anti-working class feature of the scheme is that the household income is the basis for assessing the rent. Earnings, how-ever small, of children and other relatives will be taken into account. not to mention old age pensions of aged parents who may be living in the house, and family allowances. This means a Means Test, against This means a Means Test, against which the Labour Movement has

fought. fought.

Behind this scheme is the fear of rising rates. The Labour Council here is getting alarmed at this and claim they can no longer keep rents down at the existing level of about 16/- for the highest rented houses.

on incomes of £3 18s, 0d, ner week, four only 11/- to cover the rates. If incomes rose to £5 18s, 0d., the full amount of 26s, 11d, per week would be charged, this amount to include rates. Incomes between these two limits would have saitable rent levels fixed.

There was vigorous opposition from several delegates to the Trades and Labour Council, who pointed out that though this proposal appeared, on the surface, to be "just", in actual fact it constitued a dangerous attack on the workers. It would not be a question of taking money from the rich workers. This America. It is an American term workers. It would not be a question of taking money from the rich or even the moderately well-off capitalist to help pay the rent of the purpose of causing trouble to the Government." (!) paid to the owners of other industries scheduled for national-ization should not be paid, but ear-marked for Housing and other social services for the benefit of the

It was emphasised that all these at was emphasised that all these necessary reforms were incompatible with the existing capitalist system and meant an all-out attack on the whole set-up. What was necessary was a national plan for housing within the framework of a general socialist plan. There was no other solution no other solution.

Norwick Worker

## WAGES AND

Between July 1945 and January generally results in the employers trades male shop assistants get conceding a fraction of the original demand. By the time this stage 47/-. Men working in the textile, 1946 the actual money earnings of men in the manufacturing industry fell by 7s. 3d. a week, and in the case of women 3s. 4d. In addition, case of women 3s. 4d. In addition, since that date the prices of bread, utility clothing, soap, coal and laundry have risen. Railway fares have increased and the companies are now demanding an additional 3%, while the L.P.T.B. makes strenuous efforts to fleece London's workers still further. On a national scale real carnings are falling and scale real carnings are falling and

prices are rising.

Meanwhile, the official attitude of the Labour and Trade Union movement is causing widespread movement is causing widespread uncasiness among rank and file trade unionists. The Government has approached the T.U.C. to go ensy on wage demands. At the easy on wage demands. At the same time, however, undeniably the most successful negotiation since Labour came to power was conducted when the M.P.s mutually agreed to increase their own salaries; here there was no disagreement.

conceding a fraction of the original demand. By the time this stage is reached, the increase awarded is usually far outstripped by the rise in prices. Recently, for instance, warmen engineers were awarded. n prices. Recently, for instance women engineers were awarde week wage increase. At the same time the price of women's utility

Government publicity services are busy turning out attractive posters calling for work-people to enter "top priority" industries Periodically some M.P. makes a speech about the acute shortage of labour. This is particularly true of agriculture, where the minimum rate for men is 70/- and 48/- for rate for men is 70/-, and 48/- for women. The Rowntree minimum health diet today costs 38/01 for a man, wife and three children. A recent investigation disclosed that food takes 40% of the weekly income of an average working-class family, which means that if this diet standard is to be maintained.

62/- for a 48-hour week, and women 47/-. Men working in the textile, bleaching, dyeing and finishing industries are paid 78/8 per week, and women 49/9. In mining texture with the control of the control minimum wage underground is £5 for a full week, and many workers, time the price of women's utility clothing has increased 6/8 in the £ for outwear and 3/- in the £ for dresses, blouses and underwear.

without saying that there is no rush to enter the mining industry.

From these examples can be seen the ureality of the advice of the T.U.C. to soft-pedal wage demands; if anything is undermining the production drive in certain industries, it is low wages. The Labour leaders were placed in power to obtain a decent standard of life for the masses, yet during their first year of office the profits from 1,063 companies totalled £13 million more than in the previous year, when the Tories were in power: the purchasing power of wages, on the other hand, has wages, on the other hand, has declined.

The falsity of the official Ministry of Labour cost-of-living index is known to everyone, but it is this index which at present forms the basis of wage demands. Some idea family on 70/-? Doesn't this explain the shortage of labour on the land and expose the hollowness of Government speech-making?

The same applies to other in account are explained. Some idea of its inaccuracy can be gained when we note that it was drawn up on the basis of budgets for 1904, and completely fails to take into other in account

nt any expenditure on elec-(Continued on page 4.)



"You See, They Were Behind Them to the End."

ALL PALS TOGETHER

It is common knowledge that the Tories go to work right away in the bars of the House of Commons all newly-elected Labour members, to show that Parliament is just a friendly gathering of ment with some measure of class consciousness, few maintain it in such a demoralising atmosphere.

But the activities of Neil But the activities of Neil Maclean, Junior, Labour candidate for Inverness, and son of Neil Maclean, M.P. for Govan, time that the whole corrupt set-up indicate that the process, in some cases at least, doesn't begin with election to Parliament.

time golfing and enjoying himself with his Tory friends in snobridden Surbiton, where he resides, but recently he went to a Tory Party dance and paid £5 for a bunch of carnations auctioned for their fighting fund.

Perhaps this is an extreme case. Perhaps this is an extreme case. But it is a pointer to the measure of degeneration of the Labour leadership. And not only among the small timers. For Maclean tries to justify his scandalous behaviour by pointing to the haviour by pointing to the Russian - working class succeeded in bringing into being have not asked Mr. Attlee why he entertained Mr. Churchill to dinner their head?

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Another revealing episode is Herbert Morrison's use of a brand new police limousine for his holiday in Ireland. The most significant aspect of this affair politicians all serving the same profession regardless of party (hurchill cynically boasts that they have tamed all the rebels politicians all serving the same detection of this ariar was profession. Morrison's reply to the Tories who questioned it. He rejoined, in effect: "The least said on your part the soonest mended." He went on to imply that if the point who went there. And it is undeniable that even though a similar abuses in conection with Labour M.P. may go to Parlia- the Tory Conference at Blackpool. In short, Morrison says to the Tories: "You dip into the national till, so why not we? Keep your mouths shut and we'll do likewise.'

was laid bare. Herbert Morrison is rather fond of quoting (or, more precisely misquoting) Lenin. Perhaps he would be interested to be Maclean not only spends his reminded of Lenin's ideas on bourgeois parliamentarism:

"The way out of parliamentarism is not, of course, the abolition of the representative institutions and the electoral principle, but the conversion of the representative institutions from mere 'talking shops' into working bodies.

"The title of the Red Army for the land forces of the Soviet Union has been changed to Soviet Army." This cable from the "Times" This cable from the "Times" Correspondent was given just that journal on October 4. It adidn't appear in the "DAILY WORKER" at all. So far-reachworker at all. So far-reaching and frequent are such manifestations of the degeneration of the workers' State that they no longer possess much news value for the capitalist press. The "Daily Worker" conceals such facts from its readers because they bring amburrassing consticut. bring embarrassing questions from

C.P. militants.

"The change is in line with other measures," the report continues. reasures," the report continues, including the replacement of com-

cussing forming their first Government after the seizure of Petrograd, Leuin asked: "What shall we call them?" and added "anything but ministers—that's such a vile hackneyed word." Leon Trotsky suggested People's Commissaries. He replied: Well, that might do, I think. The Soviet of People's Commissaries. That's splendid; smells terribly of revolution!"

missariats by ministries, made in accordance with the policy of enhancing the importance of the State and the authority of its organs."
Stalin does all this while talking of building Communism in Russia. What a travesty of Leninism!

When the Bolsheviks were discussing forming their first Government after the seizure of

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### STALINISM AND NUREMBERG

The Nuremberg Trial closed without one single word being uttered by the prosecution or the defence on Leon Trotsky and his alleged connections with the Nazis. This has served to expose once and for all the character of the and hospitals were crowded with the injured. Moscow Trials of 1936, 1937 and 1938.

It will be recalled that the cream of Lenin's Central Committee, the Old Guard of Bolsheviks, who led the Russian Revolution of 1917, were wiped out for alleged conspiracy with the Nazis. Comrade Leon Trotsky was falsely accused of directing this conspiracy.

Despite the appeal of Natalia Trotsky to the Nuremberg Court, and to the Stalinist prosecution, that these foul slanders be investigated, and despite the request of outstanding intellectuals and public figures in Britain and America which were given wide international publicity, the Stalinist prosecution could not produce a single statement, a single document or shred of evidence, which even hinted at any remote connection between the Old Bolsheviks and Leon Trotsky and the Nazis. Let it be remembered ing India. that almost the entire case against the Nazis was constructed by the Allied prosecution on the basis of the complete secret archives of the Nazis which had fallen into

Thus, the Stalinists stand indicted for the political and physical assassination of the Old Guard of Bolsheviks in the interests of the present anti-Bolshevik, anti-Communist Stalinist bureaucracy who have usurped the power from the Russian masses.

The complete silence of the world Stalinist press on this aspect of the trial, underlines the prostitute character of that press and indicts the leading figures of the national Stalinist sections as falsifiers of history, without honesty or political conscience.

Leon Trotsky stands vindicated, should the Stalinists raise their slanderous accusations against Trotsky and the Old Guard in future, the world working class will point the finger and demand to know, where was the so-called evidence when the investigations were taking place during the Nuremberg Trial?

### PARIS BRAWL IS ENDED

The Paris Conference has concluded its sessions after eleven weeks' deliberations. Its last session took place after the verdict at Nuremberg condemning German imperialism and its tools, the Nazi criminals, as the aggressors" responsible for the last imperialist war. But these sessions gave the lie, more than anything else, to the pretence that peace would blossom once the defeated powers "Germany, Italy, and Japan," had been eliminated.

Far from the "peace-loving" nations gathering together for a love feast to discuss the organisation of a world peace in the interest of humanity, the representatives of Bengal the the world powers conducted their discussions on the level of a public-house brawl.

It was not peace which was being discussed, but the ew power relations established by the imperialist war. new power relations established by the imperialist war. The Stalinist bureaucracy held the whip hand on the

issue of the Balkans by virtue of their control and occupation. They strove to consolidate their hold. The Anglo-American imperialists wish to dominate

Trieste and gain a foothold on the Danube for the purpose of extending trade and markets in the Balkans. But above all, as a means of penetration into the Eastern

sphere of the Stalinist bureaucracy in order to undermine its position both economically and strategically.

All are preparing for the settlement of the struggle now being waged on the diplomatic and economic plane, by the waged on use of military means in the future. If the former "allies" of Stalin do not turn on him and rend him immediately, it is only because of the virtual impossibility of waging war at the present time because of the mood of the masses throughout the world.

Outside of the Conference, invisibly dominating the moves of both sides, were the questions of Germany, the domination of the Dardenelles, the situation in the Middle East, and economic and strategic positions in Asia. Thus the world is one vast and inter-linked field of manoeuvre for the great powers-above all Russia and America.

Russia, because of the reactionary policy of the Stalinist bureaucracy, participates in the revolting extraction of reparations from the defeated countries.

American imperialism, not needing reparations which can in the long run only embarrass her economy, can parade as a "generous" power, not desiring her pound of flesh from the defeated. But she reveals her real aims in demanding compensation for Allied property confiscated in the defeated Balkan states, and "free and equal" trade facilities on the Danube and in the internal economy of these countries, to break down the domination of Russia in these areas in order to establish the supremacy of what Molotov termed "dollar democracy

The Conference has concluded. But the great powers are exactly where they started. Even those decisions taken by a two-thirds majority are only a recommendation to the Conference of the Big Four, who will take the final decisions.

These conferences prove the Marxist thesis that so long These conferences prove the Marxist thesis that so long as the causes of war remain, it will not be possible to eliminate war. The conquest of power by the working class and the overthrow of the capitalist powers and the Stolenist bureaucracy is the sole road to peace.

The conquest of power by the working class and the overthrow of the capitalist powers and the struct its own forces of representation of the protect and greater of the protect and greater of the protect and the reaction draws an ever greater of the protect and the prot Stalinist bureaucracy is the sole road to peace.

# SOCIALIST APPEAL HINDU-MOSLEM CLASHES SINGAPORE

What Is The Cause?

BY C. VAN GELDEREN

AUGUST 16th, SAW THE BEGINNING OF ONE OF THE WORST COMMUNAL RIOTS IN THE HISTORY OF INDIA. ALTHOUGH ALMOST ENTIRELY CONFINED TO CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY, THOUSANDS WERE KILLED AND TENS OF THOUSANDS INJURED IN HINDU-MOSLEM CLASHES DIRECTLY INSPIRED BY JINNAH'S MOSLEM LEAGUE, AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE FORMATION OF A CONGRESS GOVERNMENT.

In Calcutta alone, the Muslim League paper "Star of India" estimates that a minimum of three thousand were killed and seven thousand injured. The correspondent of the "Modern News" puts the number killed at 7,000 and injured at 20,000. Both of these estimates are conservative. The streets of Calcutta were littered with corpses

The direct responsibility for this slaughter rests on the shoulders of Jinnah and the Moslem League, which incited the Moslems in their 'Direct Action" call against the elections in purely Moslem areas Hindus. This played the game of British imperialism.

It was not the Moslem workers and peasants who were responsible for the massacres. It was specially hired criminal elements, known in India as "Goondas", whose occupation is thuggery, violence and nurder. Many were released from the jails in these In the strugle gfor national inches provinces and paid for this criminal activity.

#### BRITISH RULE — THE PRIMARY CAUSE

In ateual fact, British rule is the primary cause for the prevailcommunal antagonisms in

Prior to the establishment of the British Raj, Hindu-Moslem clashes of the type we know today were practically unknown. There were wars between states which might have Hindu or Moslem rulers, but soldiers drawn from both communities would be fighting on each side. Moslem rulers often on each side. Mostem rulers often employed Hindus in high positions, and Hindu rulers employed Mostems. It is also true, that in the States, where British rule is

only indirectly manifested, communal riots were comparatively rare till recent times.

"'Divide et impera' should be the motto of our Indian administration", wrote the "Asiatic the motto of our Indian administration", wrote the "Asiatic Journal' in 1821, and in 1858 this policy of 'divide and rule' 'was officialy endorsed by the Governor General, Lord Elphinstone. In turn, the Moslems and the Hidus were favoured, playing the one against the other, driving a wedge between them to prevent that unity of the oppressed which would make British rule in India impossible. As nationalism began to make headway among the Hindus, the British began to rely more and headway among the Hindus, the British began to rely more and more on the Moslem leaders, and "eavoured to use them in an effort to halt the development of the Indian National Congress. At first, these efforts met with little success. But at the beginning of the property the present century two measures were introduced which greatly sharpened the tension between the

#### Driving Wedge Deeper

The first of these was the vision of Bengal Province into Moslem section and Hindu growth of

The second step taken was to create an electoral system on a communal basis. As a direct consequence, attention was diverted from the political and economic interests that the people had in common, and to concentrate if on appointments. The field, in short, interests that the people had in common, and to concentrate it on futile objects such as the representation allotted to each common, who have successfully fanned the

deeper.
To crown these efforts, the British administration in India deliberately fostered the birth of the Moslem League in December, Report for India" recording: Unprecedented fraternisation be Hindus and the

#### Social and Economic Background

measures greatly the Punjab—Provinces with a proposed dominantly Moslem population and included in Jinnah's proposed "Pakistan"—the wealthier landords, traders and moneylenders are Hindus, while most of the Moslems are poor peasants and debfors. Here the struggle of Hindu exploiters are of the line in the imperialist press as of the in the imperialist press as of anti-Imperialist slogans and of anti-Imperialist

Mohammedan power, which, it is hoped, wil have the effect of keeping in check the rapidly growing strength of the educated Hindu workers. The militant action of the strikers on the picket lines are the strikers of the strikers on the picket lines are the strikers of the strikers on the picket lines are the strikers of the strikers on the picket lines are the strikers of the strikers of

munity. Specially privileged representation was given to the Moslems, in order to drive the wedge between the two communities still deeper.

Who have successing trained and the dormant antagonisms into flame.

It is undoubtedly true that the native Indian bourgeoisie, represented chiefly by Congress, has learned a lesson from British Imperialism and are no less loath than the British to stir up com-munal trouble if it serves their ends. Thus, during the August the Moslem League in December, 1906. This was to serve as a counter to Congress. So strong was the growth of nationalism, however, especially accelerated by the first Imperialist War, that by 1916, Congress and the League had come to agreement and in 1919 we find the official government we find the official government "Report for India" recording: lust by molesting a number of lonely Moslems, which resulted in a furious slaughter.

#### Moslem Workers Aid Hindus

Indeed, one of the features of the together the Hindu and Moslem But this bappy state of affairs was not to last long. Disruptive forces were et work. At the back of the communal antagonisms, splendid discipline of the workers are only workers and peasants. of the communal antagonisms, which have been fostered by imperialism, lies genuine social and conomic causes. In Bengal and the Puniab—Provinces with a present the provinces with a present the present the provinces with a present the present the present the provinces with a pr

"Statesman" leading organ of British imperialism published in Calcutta—"to foster in eastern Bengal the growth of a "Timbut exploited the imperialist press as during industrial struggles in the great mills and factories of Bombay and Calcutta, against the "Hindu sell-out".

#### Indian masses can be aided. In very Trade Union and Labour ouncil, wherever workers meet the demand must be raised that British Imperialism quit India Issue **Manifesto**

Withdraw British Troops!

**Trotskyists** 

Scarcely two years after the war of "democracy against fascism" a military and police dictatorship is being established in Greece.

A terrible repression, reminiscent of the methods that Mussolini, Hitler and Franco used to crush the labour movement, has been smashing down on Greek labour and grows steadily worse. After the monarchist government of as a stain Tsaldaris replaced the leadership of can efface. Greek national trade-union ederation and of all unions by its own straw men, and placed all trade union organisations under police control, we are now on the its outlawing of all independent working-class organisa

So that the country will welcome in "calm" and "order" the royal dictator whom the trumped-up September referendum has puack on his blood-stained throne martial law has been extended throughout all Greece, and com-bined operations by the army, the police, and the reactionary armed angs of the cities and mountains have been launched for a final

"mop-up".
The Greek bourgeoisie, which emerged from the war exhausted and politically and economically deand porticarly and economicarly de-composed, would never have been capable of undertaking such a re-actionary offensive if it had not been from the beginning actively supported by British imperialism.

The revolutionary assault of the

The fact that the present British Labour Government supported Greece, by the presence of British occupation troops, by its material and technical aid, by its diplomacy, the forces of the worst reaction against the exploited masses of the country will remain on its record Against the beheading of the diplomatic authorities:

Against the beheading of the diplomatic authorities: country will remain on its record as a stain of blood that nothing

can efface.

This it accomplished in order that Greece may serve as a springboard in the Balkans of Anglo-Saxon policy against the U.S.S.R., in order that it may remain a strategic and military base of British imperialism in the battern Meditary base. testing the route of Middle Eastern petroleum and the route to the Indies via Suez, the Labour Government has undertaken to consultations. solidate a new dictatorship in

A total victory of reaction in Greece will have repercussions far beyond the frontiers of that country. Two years ago the Greek workers and peasants were in the vanguard of the struggle to bury all reaction and fascism for growd growing to graphical to demand the immediate with-drawal of the British occupation troops.

British Soldiers!

Refuse to carry out imperialism's aims of rapine and exploitation.

Demand to be sent home, fraternise. A total victory of reaction in good, genuinely to guarantee de-mocratic liberties, to keep open the road to socialism. Today they are withstanding the blows of a coalisupported by British imperialism.

The revolutionary assault of the Greek masses against native reaction in December 1944 was broken by British tanks, guns and Spitfires.

Sime of the project of the pr thanks to the security inspired by war.

The struggle of the proletariat tomorrow. everywhere is one and the same struggle, and international prole-tarian solidarity must not be an empty phrase. All working-class organisations should set up a United Front to:
(a) Demand the

withdrawal of the British Occu-(b) Protest to their own governments and to the Greek diplomatic authorities :

Against the terror in Greece-

Against the beheading of the elected Leadership of the Trade Union Movement and its sub-mission to Police Control—Against the projected Outlawing of the projected Outlawing Working-class Organisations. Workers of England!
You raised the Labour Party to

power as a working-class rampart against exploitation and capitalist reaction as represented by Tories, and the Labour Go ment has forged the chains which have bound the hands of your brothers in Greece.

Start Workers of England, workers of veritable storm of protests against this reactionary policy; be the first

Refuse to carry out imperialism's aims of rapine and exploitation. Demand to be sent home, fraternise with the Greek workers and peasants fighting for their freedom.

Ever since the "liberation Singapore one year ago, the Island has witnessed strike after strike. Sometimes just affecting a few workers, and at others, affecting thousands (General Strike January 29th, 1946-170,000 workers involved). During the course of the year there have been almost 200

But the dispute which stands out as a pointer to the future of the Malayan Trade Unions is the strike at the 'Hume Pipe Co., which is about to enter it's third

Here is an account of it, with was told to me by two of the vorkers concerned.

During the early days of July the "Hume Pipe" Labour Union seint demands to the management for, (1) An increase of 100% in Wages. (2) Canteen Facilities.

Arrears of Salary (15 days). where Congress got a substantial for the period prior to the Japanese Invasion; and (4) Recognition of the "Hume Pipe" Labour Union which is a section of the S.G.L.U. (Singapore General Labourers Union). They specified that the section of the sectio majority of the votes—prove, Jinnah's claim to represent the Moslem masses is a deliberate lie. pendence, as in the fight for better living conditions, Moslem and Hindu workers and peasants stand hat a reply was required by July

The number of workers involved yas 600 of which 107 were Chinese, who are organised in the Chinese Engineering Association. The other workers were Indians and Malays who worked in the Concrete, Steel and Asbestos de-partments of the factory. (The Chinese are nearly all Mechanics).

Their wages prior to the strike were as follows: Mechanics, Max. \$4.00 per day, Min. \$2.72 per day, and Indian and Malay Workers, Max. \$3.20, Min. \$0.96 per day, they all received on top of these pattry sums 24cts, per day cost of Marian and Malay workers.

To give you an idea what this means, I have to tell you that the dollar is valued at 2/5d. exchange rate, but since the same the cost of living has gone up 500% so as This fear of the all-powerful to make it's actual value about 6d.

hundreds of millions of Indian workers and peasants is the real reason why Gandhi and As the management did not reply on July 10th, the strike was called on the 11th. The manage ment called for a meeting with the Union Representatives and offered 20cts, per day increase on the daily allowance. The Union representatives refused this and the manager then used obscene and in sulting language to these represent-atives. The unions protested about this but no reply was given. So, for a period of one month, negotiations have been carried out by round about methods via the

Clerical stuff. pore (Mr. Oakley) was approached. and his suggestion to the manage-ment for a 40cts, per day increase was turned down by the bosses.

The deadlock continued for a while and then the management made a new approach offering 20cts per day in basic pay a re-adjustment of the cost of living struggle for better conditions. To free themselves from the bondage of capitalist and landlord there is being forged one of the weapons which will lead India forward to dlord there is allowance, and no victimization, the weapons But at the same time they couldn't re-engage all the workers.

genuine national emancipation and to take her place as a Socialist nation in a Socialist World. When this "readjustment" cost of living allowance was ex-amined it was found that several workers actually would lose mone; rather than get an increase, those workers who would be le turned out to be the Militant workers who were union men and

epresentatives. The Workers turned this down immediately but later in the week Adviser again and presented their counter proposals. (1) would accept 20cts, per day British Imperialism quit India without delay. This would render the greatest service to the cause of unity of the Hindu and Moslem masses. Every pressure must be brought to bear on the Labour Government to bring the troops back immediately. A free, Socialist India, will be the most valuable aly of the Socialist Britain of tomorrow.

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### **Browderism Lives** In American C.P.

"The withdrawal of the Communist (Stalinist) Party from the New York ballot is one of the most cowardly and ignominious acts in the political history of this state". the New York State Committee of the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyists) declared in a statement today.

"This action", the statement continued, "shows how stupid and misleading all the hysteria about the dangerous role of the Stalinists of Governor and Lehman for has been. For withdrawing their senator. candidates in favour of Mead after rs in Greece.

t in your trade-unions, political organisations, a

"No one can take them seriously now, not even their own members. First they sent their members throughout the State in the grueling work of obtaining thousands of signatures to place them on the ballot. They then raised a storm of protest against reactionary attempts to deprive them of their right to run. All this farce was played out so they could withdraw at the proper moment in favour of

For months the C.P. has been denouncing Truman's foreign policy as imperialist, war-mongering and anti-Soviet. They announced in ad-vance they would withdraw in favour of the Democrats on condition that the latter repudiated Truman's foreign policy. The Democrats wrote a platform that supports Truman lock, stock and barrel. The Stalinists withdraw. Obviously, the way to get Stalinist support is to do the exact opposite of what they demand and give them a public kick in their political

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAN SOLIDARITY!

The Executive Committee of the Fourth International—

The Revolutionary Communist Party (British Section of the Fourth International)—

The Internationalist Communist Party of Greece.

20 September 1946.

The pedicy of the Communist of Wall Street. One of his actions as a Wall Street agent was to support Lehman for Governor and Senator."

The workers of New York State at the proper moment in favour of the personent in favour of the Universal Party is a blend of hypocrisy and deceit. A few months ago they expelled Earl Browder as an agent of the Socialist Workers Party of the Socialist Workers of New York State and Individual Party is a blend of hypocrisy and deceit. A few months ago they expelled Earl Browder as an agent of the Socialist Workers of New York State and Individual Party is a blend of hypocrisy and deceit. A few months ago they party is a blend of hypocrisy and deceit. A few months ago they party is a blend of hypocrisy and proposition to the twin capitalist principles and never diverges in its opposition to the Socialist Party is a blend of hypocrisy and party that remains the party is a blend of hypocrisy and pa



like the North-West Province-

shoulder to shoulder against the

principal enemy British Imperial-

It is this growing unity of the

working class of all communities-

n the Trade Unions and Peasant

eagues-which is feared, not only by British Imperialism but also

Moslem) capitalists and landlords.

In this unity they see not only the end of British rule but the end

of all the exploiters. To save their

profits and their skins, they must

fends. "DIVIDE ET IMPERA"

must continue to be their maxim.

Bosses Fear Workers' Unity

Nehru, the representatives of native Indian capitalism, have come to terms with British Imperialism: to share power in

India and to share in the exploitation of the Indian masses. Indian

capitalism, no less than British Finance Capital, needs British troops to "keep order" in India.

But it is preiceely this common exploitation which is welding

are only workers and peasants, without any distinction between Hindus and Moslems. Here there are no separate communal electorates. They are bound together by their common social and economic needs and their common struggle for bytter conditions.

Task Of British Labour

For the British Labour Move

nent there is only one way in which this great struggle of the

perpetuate the

the Indian (Hindu and

### Singapore Wages Strike

worker is sacked after the 3 mouth period then the Union is to be notified.

After the Union's second visit to Mr. Oakley the management came to terms with the Chinese workers (107) and gave them an extra \$1.35 per, day and on the 20th August the Chinese went back to work. The Hume Pipe Company was evidently playing on the old game of Divide and Rule. (There

game of Divide and Rule. (There have been recently several instances of Clashes on racial grounds between Chinese and Malays in Malaya).

The Unions saw through this and so trouble was avoided.

On September 4th, the management sacked one of their oldest employees (The Chief Surveyor) on the grounds that he symmethised

employees (The Chief Surveyor)
on the grounds that he sympathised
with the strikers.

The following day the workers
stouped the Lorry which was
taking the Clerical Staff to work
and requested them not to scab.
They all complied with the ex-

ception of one, who was subsequently manhandled by the angry workers. The Manager's car stopped at that moment and he wented to know what was happen-ing—he was also struck and his car stoned by the strikers. The same day the Unions asked all contractors not to same for

all contractors not to apply for work at the Company (Contractors hire out gangs of labourers) until

hire out gangs of labourers) until the strike was settled.

Ignoring the warning, the following day a contractor went for work and was met by the strikers outside the factory where he also had a rough time and finished up in hospital.

Again, the Unions asked the Indian Agent to negotiate for them and a reply has been promised them for September 9th.

On the 6th September, a meeting

and a reply has been promised them for September 9th.

On the 6th September, a meeting was held between representatives of the Unions and representatives of the Unions and representatives of the Chinese workers.

The Chinese workers.

The Chinese gave \$100 for strike relief and promised that if the strike is not settled soon they would be prepared to help in every way possible including coming out on strike.

From all over Malaya, aid is coming to the workers. The Pam-Malayan Union donated \$150, Batu-Paket Union \$50, Penang Union \$93. R.A.S.C. Clerical Dept. \$160. Singapore Public \$1,000 and more coming in each day. The Bakers Union, branch of the S.G.L.U. also donated 250 llb. loaves of bread. The Union is now trying to get in touch with the Union Rich Company, workers (who normally eat bread and cheese instead of roast chickea and lobster), that will make them attuck capitalism instead of supporting it.

And a working men's rations for all Labour leaders would help a lot in restoring their class consciousness.

Free Military

Caste Victims

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active campaign which it has aroused on the part of prisoners in Dartmoor who are serving long. trying to get in touch with the ume Pipe Company workers Melbourne, Australia, to see what support they can give.

And so the strike continues. Since writing this, 8 workers have been arrested for assault and Bail was set at \$1,000

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tricity, as well as on beer, enter The management refused to consider these terms and only offered their edit terms. In addition, a

The management refused to consider these terms and only offered their old terms once again.

The Hume Pipe Company then obtained from the Military, Japanese Prisoners-of-War Labour to smash the strike.

This attempt by the Company was pointed out by the Union representatives to the Labour in touch with the Colonial Secredary, at that time (Brig. McKerron).

The Labour Adviser promised the Union a reply, but that was three weeks ago, and no reply has yet been received.

So during this period the Union wrote direct to the Colonial Secretary, the new one (Mr. Bryser), and he also has not replied.

The Union then approached the Indian Agent (Government of India Representative) who tried to negotiate but the management refused.

After the Union's second visit to district. Committees rousisting of delegates from these sections should imme-diately be set up in each district, whose job would be to ascertain the real cost of living based upon their collective experience, and forward their findings to the T.U.C. which would present a national index based upon the information from these reports. Much research

from these reports. Much research has already been conducted on this question, and the data can be speedily collated.

Further, a campaign must be opened in the trade union movement for agreements to be negotiated with the employers, to cusure an automatic increase in wages according to the rise in prices recorded by this index.

1. A real cost-of-living index

based upon the experience of housewives, co-op small shopkeepers. co-operators and

2. Union agreements catering for an automatic increase in wages corresponding to the increase in prices shown by this

#### He Broke the Picket Line

(Continued from Page 1.) even without being asked by the Especially since a member e Parliamentary Labour of the Parliamentary Labour
Party, Mr. Lewis, is being attacked
through the courts by these hotel
employers for leading the strike.
But class solidarity, even of the
most clementary kind, is dead
among the Labour tops. What
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among the Labour tops. What they need is a big kick from the workers (who normally eat bread and cheese instead of roast chicken and lobster), that will make them attack capitalism instead of sup-

### Soviet Socialist Constitution because it would move the masses Socialist Revolution. The Stalinists and Socialists made conces-

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active campaign which it has aroused on the part of prisoners in Dartmoor who are serving long terms of imprisonment for military. terms of imprisonment for military offences to have their sentences reviewed or squashed. Some of these

prisoners may have been convicted for murder, rape and the other crimes that the capitalist press attributes to them. But the working class will certainly not accept the statement of the capitalist press, they are too familiar with the victimisation which takes place in the armed forces.

It is the duty of the workers to this the duty of the workers to their fellow members in the armed forces to demand an immediate re-view of all cases of imprisoned soldiers for alleged military crimes. But this review must be under-taken, not by a commission of government selected bureaucrats, but by elected representatives of the working class.

Such a commission would soon reveal, we are sure, that the majority of the imprisoned soldiers are the victims of the vicious discounting of the vicious discounting that the surface of the vicious discounting that the victims of the vicious discounting that the vicious discounting the vicious discounting the vicious discounting that the vicious discounting the vicious dis are the victims of the vicious discipline and often the whims of the officers, no less than the paratroopers would have been but for popular outery. The imprisonment of L.A.C. Cymbalist is a case in point. This worker who played a leading role in fighting for the democratic rights of his fellow servicemen will languish for the next few years in a military prison. next few years in a military prison unless the organised workers insist upon his release.

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## Lessons of the Greek Stalinists Catering Strike

BY G. NOZEDA

THE VICTORY OF THE CATERING WORKERS TO ESTABLISH THE ELEMENTARY RIGHT TO ORGANISE INTO THEIR TRADE UNION, THE NATIONAL UNION OF GENERAL AND MUNICIPAL WORKERS, AND FOR RECOGNITION OF THE UNION AS A NEGOTIATING BODY, IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD FOR THE ORGANISED LABOUR MOVEMENT.

Up to now, the last big unorganised industry, the the catering trade, has long been a black spot for trade unionism. This lack of organisation has enabled the big hotel and restaurant combines to freely exploit their employees to the limit. While the wealthy financial interests who control the big hotel and restaurant chains are reaping enormous profits—the lot of the catering workers has been long hours, poor wages and intolerable conditions of employment.

most hit by the strike were the wealthy parasites who haunt the swank hotels and restaurants of the West End, was an added reason for its popularity.

#### Organised Workers Support Strike

Widespread sympathy and sup-port for the strikers was swiftly forthcoming from other sections of organised workers. In a magni-ficent demonstration of class solidarity, workers at Smithfield and the Covent Garden markets refused to allow any ment or veget-ables to be sent to the strikeables to be sent to the strike-bound hotels and restaurants. London railway workers refused to London railway workers refused to handle any food intended for these places, and the London Trades Council, speaking for its 600,000 members, declared full support for the catering workers' strike. 500 electricians, employed at the swank

hotels and restaurants involved, were called out on an official strike by their union, the E.T.U.

Taxi-drivers, members of the T.G.W.U. boycotted the wealthy patrons of the Savoy, Claridges, Dorchester, Cumberland and other affected hotels and restaurants. These practical demonstrations of class solidarity were followed up by. constant streams of well-wishers, who encouraged the picket lines to stand firm.

work, they are paid a nominal wage and organise substantial support from other sections of the organised workers. With the support of the organised movement, the employers would not succeed in their share of tips come to 15/- weekly. The 'trone' system.

Stalinists and Socialists have re-

fused to come out uncompromisingly on a revolutionary

Socialist programme and for a

into action, and they have long since abandoned the programme of

burdens of reconstruction have been borne by the workers, the

peasants and the middle class in the cities. This has disillusioned

the cities. This has disillusioned the middle class and rendered even sections of the workers apathetic,

Terrible scandals involving Ministries which are headed by

Stalinists and Socialists were revealed on the eve of the poll. Officials of the Ministries of Food,

Production, Supply, have been involved in swindles with big capitalists in the black market which have covered collossal sums. The whole of the last two years has

been a period of uncertainty and despair for the broad masses.

These scandals have come after a period in which the hopes of the

cynical and indifferent.

This strike was one of the most popular and widely supported militant actions of a body of workers, seen in Britain for many years. And the fact that the people

#### Wages And Conditions

The capitalist press painted a picture of well paid, well fed catering workers, sharing the good things enjoyed by the rich at these hotels. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The strike has brought to a head

many long-standing grievances of the workers on this score. As long ago as 1943, Bevin, the then Catering Wages Act, which laid down minimum wages for the industry. Since then, five boards have been constituted to investigate conditions generally in the catering trade, but after nearly four years no such investigation has been completed that covers the big London and West End hotels and restaurants. It is this situation that has driven the catering strikers to take action.

Waitresses and Waiters of all movement. Despite the fact that comparatively very few catering workers were organised, that their strike was not well organised, that their strike was not well organised. It could only have had this success, because of the solidarity and the practical steps taken by other sections of the strikers.

This lesson is underlined by strikes taking place throughout the country by strongly organised

strikers to take action.

Waitresses and Waiters of all grades run themselves to a standstill, 12 hours a day, six days a week, with but two hours off each day. On top of this gruelling work, they are paid a nominal wage and must depend on the tips to

French Coalition Disgusts

Masses

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the middle class is being pushed in

for a future coup, for a smashing of the workers forces even through civil war, and the establishment of a Bonapartist regime. De Gaulle

wanted absolute power for the President, and more power for the

Upper Chamber, in other words " a

strong government." This act of de Gaulle has split the M.R.P. as the

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are looking for a way out; they are not yet prepared to support de Gaulle, but they are not prepared to rally round the official

within its ranks.

After liberation the Stalinist and Socialist parties had behind them the vast majority of the workers and middle class. To-day, after two years of shameful compromise the middle class is being pushed in

the right wing. The large assertion shows that as yet the middle class is not yet prepared to support de Gaulle. The abstentions also show that large sections of French capitalism for the time

also show that large sections of the workers, disgusted with the betrayals of the Stalinists and Socialists, and fed up with the coalition with the capitalist M.R.P., also abstained.

The opposition of General de Gaulle, and around him the extreme Right wing parties, was determined by the desire to prepare for a future coup, for a smashing of the country of the countr

whereby the headwaiters and others, skim the cream off of the tips is a longstanding grievance of the waiters and waitresses. They want an assured wage and a decent working week instead of the present long hard hours of labour and an uncertain income.

Kitchen staffs, porters, cleaners, cooks and the many other grades of 'backstair' workers that go to of 'backstair' workers that go to make life comfortable and easy for the rich parasites, are far worse off even than the waiting staff. These 'backstair' workers endure long hours among the sweat and steam that is part of the life of an hotel behind the scenes. Their hotel behind the scenes. Their wages are paid on a weekly basis, an average wage for the lower grade catering workers in these places is £3 5s. 0d. to £3 10s. 0d. for married men who live out, women workers get £2 5s. Od. to

The strikers were victorious in their struggle for trade union recognition—assured of the active support and solidarity of the organised labour movement.

The next step forward is to wage a struggle and demand: A sliding scale of wages, not dependent on tips, to meet the rising cost of living—the 40-hour week—the recognition of the catering workers right to elect shop stewards on the job. And the 'closed shop' principle in golden to put any end to the ciple in order to put an end to the notorious victimisation of militants that exists in the catering and hotel industry. These are the de-mands that must follow upon the winning of the present strike.

The outstanding lesson from this strike must be drawn by the labour movement. Despite the fact that

new centre for reaction and counter revolution.

The results of the referendum

French Society is faced with in-

French capitalism to its founda-tions could be resolved by a break-ing of the coalition and the be-ginning of a struggle for power by the working class. A fighting Socialist programme, supplementing works with a real struggle against

words with a real struggle against the combines and trusts, would re-kindle the enthusiasm of the

kindle the enthusiasm of the workers and bring to their side the overwhelming support of the middle class. Only the Internationalist Communist Party, French Section of the Fourth International has come forward with such a pro-

come forward with such a programme. They are demanding that the mass workers' organizations

of collaboration with the capitalists

can only lead to disaster and the victory of reaction in France.

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soluble social contradictions. But neither de Gaulle nor the M.R.P

show clearly that the middle class

Tripartism continues

# and Trotskyists Conference

THE GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY AND INTERNATIONALIST COMMUNIST PARTY SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR COMMON DISCUSSION

One month ago, the general secretary of the Greek Communist Party, Zachariades, proposed through the central organ of his party "Rizospastis", to the Internationalist Communist Party (Fourth International) the common organisation of a series of Conferences on the existing differences between both Parties.

Zachariades proposed to hold the Conference in a hall in the centre of Athens which would be rented half and half, by both organisations and to limit access to the hall to an equal number of members of both Parties.

The leadership of the International Communist Party answered these propositions by sugesting (a) That the discussion between both Parties should be published in the press in order that it may be followed by all militants of the country: (b) that entry to the Conference should be free for all workers willing to listen to the Conference: (c) to accept as third speaker in these Conferences, a representative of the Centrist Organisation, the Archeomarxists. Although these counter-proposi tions have not been accepted, the leadership of the Internationalist

Communist Party has signed the following written agreement with the representatives of the Greek Communist Party as regulations

for the discussion :
 'For the best organisation of the common Conferences decided upon by the Greek Communist Party and the Internationalist Communist Party (Fourth Inter-national) the following conditions have been accepted in common agreement:

agreement:
1. The subject of the first
Conference will be: "The Internal Situation of Greece and
the position of the Working
Class."

2. For the following Conferences 2nd, 3rd, etc. . . . each organisation will submit its propositions and in case of dis-

agreement, the question will be solved by a ballot.

3. For the technical organisation of the Conference along the lines of the written agreement, a commission composed of a representative from each a representative from each organisation will be formed.

4. The first Conference will be held in a theatre or a half in the centre of Athens on September 22, 1946.

5. The discussion will be lead by a common presiding of two

ber 22, 1946.

5. The discussion will be lead by a common presidium of two members: each member taking the presidium during the speeches of the representatives of the opposite Party.

The Stewardship of the Conferences will be held by 10 responsible members from each Party.

6. There will be four repeakers, two from each Party,

the first speaking for 30 minutes, the second for 15 minutes, and the speaker who closes the discussion for 20 minutes. Five questions will be allocated

to the speakers of each Party each question taking 2 minutes.

7. The speaker of the Party which has proposed the subject of the Conference will first take the floor, followed by the speaker of the other Party, and that the other transpeakers.

then the other two speakers.

8. The audience will be com-8. The dualence will be composed of members, sympathizers and unaffliated workers, invited by both Parties, having invitation cards printed by the organisational commission, ad responsibly distributed by both Parties.

9. The speeches of both

9. The speeches of both Parties for each Conference must be given in written form to the Presidium before the Conference.

Presidium before the Conference. The questions and the closing speech will be taken in shorthand. All this material, after being examined for accuracy will he handed to the organisational commission to be published in a pamphlet and sold publicly.

10. At the end of each Conference the public will have the right to give their opinion by inscribing on a paper the name of the Party with whose theses they are in agreement and by placing this paper in a special ballot-box upon leaving the hall. A special commission, formed of two members from each Party, will examine this rote.

The following subjects have been roposed by the Internationalist formunist Party, and accepted for he second and third Conference:

Popular Republic or Socialist Soviet Republic in Greece. The war of 1929-1944, the Communist (Stalinist) position towards it, and the danger of a

Athens, 1th September, 1946. For the G.C.P. Signature

Signature ....

### War Criminals

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Mr. Beverley Baxter attended the final session at Nuremberg and on his return belched forth the usual drivel about those "evil men n the dock," But the same Mr.

Baxter had this to say on 26/7/38 in the House of Commons:

"I believe we are very foolish in this House sometimes, those of us who refuse to believe that there is any good in National Socialism, or that there is no unselfishness in men like Hitler and Goering."

and Goering."

Baxter licked the boots of Goering and Company in the years when the world was being prepared for war, whilst his efforts in the yellow press consistently whitewashed Nazism. At a time when thousands of German working close man, and women was ing-class men and women meeting a foul and horrible death in the stinking concentration camps of the Third Reich, this man had nothing but praise for the Nazis. His type of propaganda was just as damnable as that of Goebbels, hut the vellow press still provides him with space to carry on.

The Anglo-German Fellowship and the "Link" were organisations

and the "Liffk" were organisations designed to encourage large-scale "fratting" between British big business and the top-line Nazis. Lavish house parties and large-scale society entertainments were arranged for Ribbentrop, Von Blomberg and Rosenberg (the latter came here as the guest of Lady Baillie in 1933) but the objective was not simply one of the mass workers' organizations should end the coalition with the capitalist M.R.P. and fight for a Communist - Socialist - C.G.T. (French T.U.C. Government on a genuine Socialist programme. The programme of the French Trotskyists is the only way out for the French people. A continuation of the present Stalinist-Socialist policy of collaboration with the capitalists

Hitler, peace and justice are the key-words of his policy."

Lord Londonderry also made frequent vsits to leading Nazis and was the guest of Goering, Hitler and Ribbentrop from time to time. Other members included Lords McGowan, Brocket and Lothian, not to mention Lady Astor, whose notorious residence at Cliveden was the scene of much of the secret horse-trading of the period.

The crimes of Goering and the Nazi Party are not the isolated acts of a gaug of desperadoes running loose on a defenceless world. Their responsibility for the war is no greater than Vickers Armstrong, and British capitalism as a whole. Their crimes are no greater than these emerged in their greater than those enacted in India and the Colonies since the dawn of British imperialism. of Nuremberg provides a merciful ending to lives consecrated to the intensification of world barbarism, but it is only a sop thrown to the angry masses by criminals bent upon greater destruction and human misery.

Let the multi-millionaires and their boot-licking politicians be-ware. The Nuremberg offering gives no satisfaction to the in poverished masses of a war-torn world. As the rope swings the Nazi dregs to their doom, let it be a grim reminder that the voice of international proletarian justice has yet to speak.

lady Baillie in 1933) but the objective was not simply one of 'fun and games." Mr. Elwin Wright, one-time secretary of the Fellowship, explained that:

"It isn't numbers that matter. We want 'Names', otherwise how can we have any influence with the Government or the Foreign Office."

In other words these organisations played a leading role in the game of secret diplomacy and power politics which preceded the war, In public they produced a spate of propaganda designed to strengthen Hitler. Sir Thomas Moore, a leading supporter of the Fellowship and the "Link" declared in 1933:

"But if I may judge from my personal knowledge of Herr

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