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During the past few weeks the capitalist press has carried panic articles on the "coal crisis". Factories in Lancashire and in many other areas have threatened to close down because of the lack of fuel. The biggest of these organised panic campaigns was the threatened closure of the Austin motor factory. Subsequent facts showed that the factory had actually received its allocation of coal and had no need to close down !

It is not at all accidental that this capitalist scare campaign coincides with the taking over of the mines under the Labour Government's nationalisation scheme. It is clear to all that these campaigns have as their object to slander the miners and to discredit nationalisation.

As in the past, the capitalists try to place the responsibility for the present crisis onto the shoulders of the miners. Shinwell and Morrison have directly participated in this campaign by holding that "absenteeism" and "unofficial strikes" are responsible for the present situation. Horser and Lawther, who now "defend" the miners, also participated in this reactionary campaign. These same gentlemen, one of them a "National Production Officer," devoted their whole energies to campaigns for speeding up production, sabotage of strikes, and ways and means of increasing the sweat of the miners.

The facts, repeated in almost every paper, leave no doubt that absenteeism and unofficial strikes have nothing to do with the coal crisis. The coal crisis is a product of a century of plunder by the capitalists, whose only concern is profit. Absenteeism and strikes are themselves products of capitalism.

The nationalisation scheme of the Labour Government places the whole mining industry in the hands of the State, a capitalist State. No less than six members of the Coal Board, which is to manage the industry, are drawn from the top layers of the capitalist class. Nationally and in the pits thomselves the same managers and directors will remain in power under nationalisation.

Already the miners of Whitburn colliery, South Shields, have expressed opposition to the maintenance of the capitalists in power. The "News Chronicle" (30/12/46) reports the Lodge Secretary as follows : "They are disappointed with the Coal Board personnel, and contend that in the main they are the men responsible for the chaotic conditions before nationalisation."

This is the essence of the problem. There can be no solution to the coal crisis and a betterment of the miners conditions so long as the capitalists remain in control. The present nationalisation, that is state-capitalism, can only increase output, pay dividends on state bonds and the hage sums of compensation, at the expense of the miners conditions, wages and safety.

# BEVINISM JUSTIFIED BY L.P. SECRETARY Foreign Policy Discussion in Labour Party BY J. HASTON

JANUARY, 1947.

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FOLLOWING ON THE HEELS OF THE LABOUR "REVOLT" IN PARLIAMENT ON THE GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY, THE SPEL-THORNE DIVISIONAL LABOUR PARTY HAS ISSUED A LETTER TO ALL DIVISIONAL PARTIES CRITICISING THE GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY AND PROPOSING THE OUTLINE OF AN ALTERNATIVE POLICY.

According to the "Daily Worker" nearly 40 replies have been received favourable to the Spelthorne letter. This is about 6 er 7 per cent. of the total number of **Divisional Parties.** 

Divisional Parties, SPELTHORNE LETTER This Spelthorne letter was made public by the "Daily Herald", of Dec. 17th, when Morgan Phillips, secretary of the Labour Party, de voted columns of space in reply to it. Phillips' reply is being cir-culated to all branches and organ-isations of the Labour Party as a printed folder. Thus both docu-ments will be the subject of a widespread discussion in the next. The spelthorne circular is an exact replica of the current foreign policy advocated by the Stalinists in this country. "Tribue", the Stalinist inspiration of the docu-ment, said that: "It bears no purpose, to the Parliamentary exact ment, said that: "It bears no purpose, to the Parliamentary to the Parliamentary in this country." The bars no purpose, to the Parliamentary the stating in this counter, "The Anglo-ment suit replace the calcular is and purpose, to the Parliamentary the stating in this counter, "The Anglo-ment suit replace the calcular is and purpose, to the Parliamentary much as turmed U.O. into a

The recent attempt of fascis-thugs to set fire to synagogues in London, followed by threats of similar action elsewhere, and pro-vocative speeches against the Jewish community, is a warning and challenge to the Labournovement in Britain.

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**Communist** Party BRITISH SECTION of the

## STOP DESPATCH OF ARMS TO GREECE.

THE U.N.O. SECURITY COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO SEND AN INVESTIGATING COMMISSION TO GREECE. THE FUNCTION OF THIS COMMISSION IS MOST LIKELY TO BE THE WHITE - WASHING OF THE BLOODY TSALDARIS ROYALIST REGIME AND TO JUSTIFY THE OCCUPATION OF GREECE BY 50.000 BRITISH TROOPS.

### 14,000 Politicals Deported

### To Islands

Since the Stalinist dominated

politicals have now been sent to concentration camps on the Stalinism become, so often have famous penal islands. 400 they spread a number of the false reported to be on the small island ideas now put forward by Phillips and so false is their alternative line that they have not found the nossibility of anwaring him the

These are the islands to which the bloody Dictator, Metaxas, exiled worker-militants during his reign. The Royalist reaction continues to strengthen its control of all the commanding positions. Soldiers are recruited on the basis of personal invitations, and

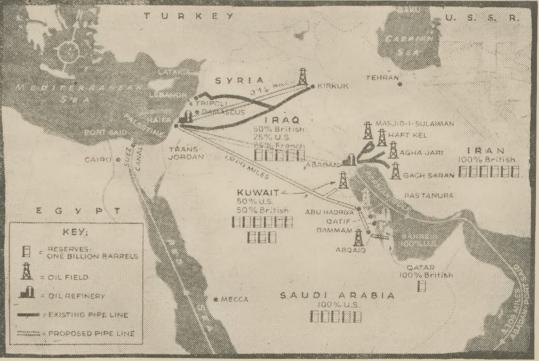
Court martials are functioning uninterruptedly, condemning to death civilians as well as troops. Many of the latter having been Since the Stalinist dominated Left laid down their arms, the situation has steadily deteriorated for the workers. It reported that 14,000 politicals have now been and the first week of the first week of condemnations to life imprison-ment, as well as other heavy penal 12 Republican soldiers, including

one officer and two civilians, were sentenced to death by court martial on the 5th December alone.

British Chiefs Summoned

Meanwhile, British military Meanwhile, British military chiefs were among those summoned to a National Defence Council on the 10th of December, held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Premier, General Gonatas, which undoubtedly discussed the Royalist strategy against the militants who had taken up arms and gone to the mountains as in the heroic days of the Nazi accuration

## THE CENTRE OF OIL IMPERIALISM



The recent attempt of fascist

Anti-semitism, like all race hatreds and prejudices, flourishes wherever anti-working class re-

The British workers must under-stand clearly that anti-semifism is a threat to their own interests. The latest manifestations of this

soldiers by the Jewish terrorists in Palestine. The anti-semitic fascist groupings here have seized upon this dramatic but stupid act of reprisal by the terrorists as an opportunity to spew for their foul racial hatred. forth anew

the Labour leaders then to assist in crystalling Left wing of opposition. Its false orientation gives ammunition to the Labour Such acts as the terrorists have engaged in can only succeed in inflaming and hardening the anti-semitic feelings which unfortun-ately exist among success of the labour below is a welcome pretext and against all dissions on foreign policy within the Labour

Because they say that the members of the National Coal Board and the Northern Region Board are mainly representative of the owners, the miners at Whitburn Colliery have refused to take part in celebrating on New Year's Day the transfer of the pits to public ownership.

The miners of Whitburn have understood that the same managers under a different name will not solve the problem. If the pits are to be run in the interests of the miners and the working class then firm control must be in the hands of pit committees elected by the miners. That would be a real step in the direction of workers democracy, of socialism.

The miners have generally welcomed the taking over of the pits from the hands of the grasping coal-owners. It is indeed a step forward, but only in the sense of economic centralisation.

The miners and the working-class as a whole must conduct a struggle for workers' control of the mines, for the removal of the capitalist managers and directors, who for years have carried out the orders of the coal barons, for an end to the payment of compensation which places colossal burdens upon the miners, and for the immediate application of the miners' Charter.

# **CHARLIE DUKES BRINGS 'PRESTIGE**

make full use of the situation to further inflame such anti-semitic

feelings. In Britain the factors have been encouraged to crawl out of the sewers. **"You Whip — We Burn"** was the slogan chalked on the partly-burned Synagogue. The organised working class must not allow the stupidity of the Zionist terrorists to weaken their determination to keep the che sewers. Burn" por

the Zionist terrorists to weaken their determination to keep the fascists in their place. Profests, unless accompanied to direct, unless accompanied to direct, ations and Labour organisa-ations to prevent the fascists coming out, will encourage the fascists to come out of the sewers.

semitic feelings which unfortun-ately exist among some of the troops stationed in Palestine. Anti-semitic officers in command of the troops in Palestine will not fail to make full use of the situation to The weakest point in the Spel-thorne document, at least that Russia's foreign policy. It is pre-cisely this weak spot that has been

is a fangerous and indeed poison-ous document, which, if it gains support, can divert the attention of

those workers who are genuinely critical of the foreign policy of the Labour leaders and who

change that policy. It is much more likely to help

that of a comparison between Russia's foreign policy and that of

# World Struggle for Oil U.S. to Extend Influence in Middle East BY T. CLIFF

THE ANGLO-IRÁNIAN OIL CO. HAS ANNOUNCED AN CRUDE OIL TO THE STALE OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF "PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY THE PARTIES OF THE AND THE SOCONY VACUUM OF THE OF NEW JERSEY AND THE SOCONY VACUUM OIL CO. FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS.

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POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A PIPELINE FROM THE

PERSIAN GULF TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN."

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### Housing Labour Volunteer on

PAYMENT OF WAGES DURING THEIR WEEK - ENDS ON REPAIR OF HUTMENTS. SHOULD BUILDING TRADE WORKERS OFFER THEIR SERVICES WITHOUT HUTMENTS.

### A BUILDING WORKER GIVES THE ANSWER.

lution

Some time ago Building Trade to have the eviction notices with-around endeavouring to get recruits out wages on a housing site at Bexley, Kent, because of a breach of the Working Rule Agreement. Stalinist Line

More recently a "help-my-neighbour" campaign has been re-sorted to by the local Stalinists in the Hendon-Edgware district, who have been making an appeal to Building Trade workers in the Trade Union branches, and in the Hendon Trades Council to give a few hours of their spare time at week-ends to the repair of some disused Nissen buts on the week-ends to the repair of some disused Nissen huts on the **Arrandene** camp site, Wise Lane, Mill Hill.

### State Of Hutments

State Of Hutments It is some weeks ago since these hutments were taken possession of by a number of squatters, who were in desperate need of a home. An idea of just how desperate was the need of these people can be gained by the fact that the state of the huts was considered by the Borough Council to be so advanced in dilapidation as to render thema absolutely unfit for human habita-tion. Notice of eviction soon followed, and it was then that the squatters the Council of this intention, be-sides demanding the right to dis-cuss the position with members of that he make application for a permit to enable workers on the maintenance staff to work week-end overtime on the site also de-manding that voluntary labour be paid. Representations were made to the Hendon-Edgware Branch of the N.F.B.T.O. asking them to sup-port this line. But that body decided to follow somewhat different procedure, by deciding to urge the Borough Council to have repair work on the huts made Priority No. 4, so as to make it possible to switch the necessary labour force away from work of lesser importance. In answer to this request, the Council will only commit them-selves to saying that they are not prepared to take over the huts but are prepared to take over the huts but are awaiting further instructions from the Ministry. Meanwhile members of the C.P. are going

operatives had to be stopped from drawn, and to have materials sup-working an extra hour a day with plied to make the necessary repairs ingly oblivious to the fact that by As to the necessary labour, the possibility of putting members of the Council's maintenance staff to

They succeeded in having a reso-tion sent from the Trades Council to the Town Clerk demand-are being experienced by other ing that he make application for a permit to enable workers on the squatters.

By accepting the line of the Stalinists the workers in the building trade are finding an easy way out for landlords and Borough Councils who are reluctant to face their responsibilities and in this **particular** case, a **Tory** Borough Council into the bargain !

## From a **Sympathiser**

men struck work. This strike covered five months of bitter struggle, with the employers using insert in one of your publications an article on inflation and deevery method to force defeat. They even went to the extreme length flation, as there is so much of importing foreign labour from Belgium and Germany, whilst the strikers on the other hand, oper-ating through the International Working Men's Association, suc-ceeded in winning over to their side reactionary trash being let loose in the place where I work, that it makes me feel sick every time I hear it, and especially when I hear ceeded in winning over to their side from those very same mouths talk this potential scab labour, until the engineering bosses had to admit such as: "Sweated Labour" Free the colonies", "Down with complete defeat. So great was the solidarity between the engineers capitalism" and such like, that somehow it seems impossible. and the foreign workers that the latter appeared on the strikers'

I was so overwhelmed on read-ing your Mid-November editorial on Italian Labour that I can still feel that true spirit of inter-nationalism crying out again and again wanting to be heard. I showed it to one of my workmates I was so overwhelmed on readshowed it to one of my workmates

(as I normally do with all our literature); he agreed in general with the policy, but the revolutionary fervour wasn't there. Still, I suppose one has to be contented with getting a hearing at the present time. I well remember one time when you couldn't get a hearing at all.

Please find enclosed £1. 0. 0. for your organisation. I wish I could spare more. Every letter of that editorial deserves a pound.

**Comrade** Sympathiser

# EUILDERS PROBLEMS 40 HOUR WEEK SELLE- O BY J. KELLY

The acceptance of the Employers' offer of a 44 hour 5-day week by the Confederation of Engineering Unions was a betrayal of the fight for a shorter working day.

Ever since the emergence of trade unionism in the engineering industry this fight has been to the forefront. If the ghosts of past militant action had been present at the conference table, they would have roundly condemned the lengthening of the 8 hour day, regardless of any excuses peddled by such spineless leaders as Scott, Tanner and Hodgson.

## History Of The Struggle

The struggle for the nine-hour lay first began in the North East, day first began in the North East, where the militant President of the Sunderland A.S.E. led the guns into the Clyde, the strike engineers out on strike on April 1, played by the leadership of the A.S.E. to the movement (there were Scotts and Tanners in these were Scotts and Tanners in those days also), the local employers agreed to introduce it on June 1st. This was refused, however, by the Strike Committee, who insisted that it should operate from May 2nd, and the threat of continued strike action eventually ended in strike action eventually ended in complete victory for the men. The movement in Sunderland quickly spread to Newcastle, where the "Nine Hour League" was formed from elected shop repre-sentatives. The local employers, who had banded themselves into an association, contemptuously re-incted the demands of the League

jected the demands of the League, and in a short while 6,000 to 7,000

jobs for them. There is only one remedy. Reduce the number of hours." After two weeks of

afterwards. An article in the A.S.E. Journal during that period talked about the "immediate necessity of now demanding our place in the sun ... tomorrow will be too late." These words are a warning to the en-gmeering workers today. From all over the country news is forth-coming about the "get tough with the stewards" policy which is being pursued by the Employers' Federation. Today the A.E.U. and the Confederation are in the strongest possible position to drive home the demand for the forty hour week; that is why after all the struggle and propaganda that has been even of out in its favour, the decarried out in its favour, the de-cision to accept 44 hours by increasing the length of the 84-hour day cannot be classified as other than a defeat.

The trade union leaders who have agreed to the sell-out, not only betray the historic struggles of the past, but contravene the rethe lengthening of the T.U.C. against the lengthening of the working day. Is it not despicable when a man like Sir Mark Hodgson can lay down the law at the T.U.C. against the lengthening of the working day, and then turn around as Chair-man of the Confederation and man of the Confederation and accept on behalf of the engineers, just such a proposal? At the T.U.C. and Trade Union Confer-Town Maor. The "Nine Hour Town Maor. The "Nine Hour League" assisted many of them to go home. This great struggle re-sulted in a historic victory and by the Spring of 1872 every important district had won the 9 hour day. The 8½ Hour Day Eght days after Worlf War I came to an end, the Employers Federation agreed to the 47 hour week. At that time there was considerable opposition from the storm centres where the shop stewards' movement had been strong during the war. This was climaxed in January 1919 by the strikers was expressed as follows: "Thousands of workers are being demobilised from the Army and

achieved and the militant tr "Thousands of workers are being demobilised from the Army and Navy every day. Over 10,000 workers have been dismissed from civil employment. They are now looking for jobs. There are no Facts in this article based on the

book approved by the A.E.U., "Story of the Engineers" by

## **Conditional Decasualisation** for the Dock Workers BY N. PENTLAND

For many years dock and port workers have been con-stantly pressing their union pressing the pressing officials to secure a scheme of work that would abolish casual labour and ensure regular employment.

In the years of slump and unemployment between the two wars, dockers were a section of the work-ing class who suffered most at the hands of the cyclical depressions engendered by the chaos of capitalism.

Never sure of a job from one day of the "hire and fire" agents of the Port Authorities and shipping owners, dockers are determined not to go back to such conditions.

Regular employment after the war was a reform promised to the dockers in urging them to "go to it", a promise made by Churchill's Minister of Labour, Ernest Bevin, the "Dockers' K.C.".

With the coming to power of the Labour Government some sem-blance of this promise had to be implemented, the outcome of which is the recent recommendations of Sir J. Forster, K.C., as provided for in the October 1945 Dock Workers' Bill.

This Bill, when enacted, replaces the existing National Dock Labour Corporation.

recommendations of this The recommendations of this capitalist K.C. brings very little consolation to dock workers. These recommendations fail to strike at the roots of the problem of unemployment and only mean a reshuffle of employment for a comparatively few registered workers registered workers.

## prepared to undergo direction during the war with all the in-conveniences it entails, direction in peace time" will not be tolerated for the privilege of being a registered worker.

tered worker. Sir John recommends also that only ports with a high volume of trade would come under this scheme. This • undermines the whole idea of decasualisation. While the busy ports of Liverpool, London, Bristol and Glasgow will be "covered", the many other ports like Grimsby, Hull and Middlesbrough will be left out. Such ports all round the coast employ many workers. Having recommended "full" em-

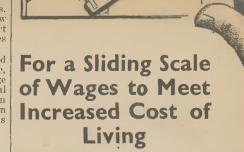
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Dock workers having experienced Dock workers having experienced this wartime measure of suspen-sion, will find little solace in the fact that they may "appeal" against such arbitrary decisions. They know only too well just how "impartial" the appeal court really is, and how these measures were used against militants. Even all this which is supposed

From all this, which is supposed o make the dockers' job secure, the worker is to receive a wage which is half-way between national average the dockers can earn when employed. The exact amount has not yet been recommended !

No Real Report

The recommendations made contain no real solution to the problem of unemployment and casual labour. While trade and shipping remain in the hands of the capital-ist class there will always be unemployment and casual labour.



RISING



Dear Editor, Could it be possible for you to

### Fewer Dockers Recommended

One of the main recommenda-tions suggest that ports should only register just sufficient men to efficiently handle the volume of work which is locally handled. This, in essence, borders on the old method of discrimination and victimisation, and work for only a few, and is far from the dockers ideas of full employment.

Against this proposal must be the demand for a shorter working day without loss of earnings which will allow for every dock worker to be employed.

ness to be transferred and directed port.

" London Bureau."

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, stationed near Hanover, Germany, gave up their chance of Christmas at home so that they could give a party to German children. They

News in Brief ...

## While the ports and shipping lines are still left to the mercies of the ups and downs of capitalist booms and slumps, no real security for the dock workers can be assured. All the pious recommendations in the world will not alter the workers' conditions..

The first steps the dockers must take is the struggle for a **living** minimum wage, a Sliding Scale of hours to absorb casual and unemployed labour, the abolition of all disciplinary organs, used so effectively by the capitalist to victimise trade unionists.

The demand must be made to the Forster further recommends in return for a comparatively privil-eged few being employed, the docker must hold himself in readi-the demand must be made to the Labour Government to nationalise without compensation under the dock workers' control, all manage-ment of port and shipping trans-

of the Bolshevik Leninist Party of India) have been elected by large

## **U.S. COLLABORATORS** GO FREE

When Ribbentrop and his fellow He also referred to the German connections of the Underwood-Elliott-Fisher Co., Eastman Kodak, General Motors and the Ford Nazis swung from the gallows at Nuremberg, many a big business man and financier in this country and in America must have said to himself "There but for the grace of God . . ." During the whole drawn-out process at Nuremberg they must have experienced many anxious moments lest one of the defendants should expose to the world the close tie-up between British and American capitalists

Confirmation of this close link

every worker why the American Government, representing the American capitalist class wanted this report suppressed and why the Department of Justice dropped the prosecutions of Standard Oil, General Electric and many other big American concerns for business dealings with Nazi cartels. It should also be clear why there has been no investigation in this country about similar activities on the part of Imperial Chemicals and other British capitalist concerns. Confirmation of this close link comes with the news from Wash-ington that Assistant Attorney General O, J. Rogge has been summarily sacked under orders from President Truman himself. Rogge was responsible for drawing other British capitalist concerns.

porations with the Nazis.

arrested. The French Stalinist "PHumanite", commenting upon his release, repeated the usual slander that he was a "Trotskyist agent of Franco." Maurin never belonged to the Fourth Inter-national, but belonged to the P.O.U.M., affiliated to the centrist "London Bureau." Three members of the Lanka-Samasamajist Party (Ceylon Unit

gave up their chance of Christmas at home so that they could give a party to German children. They had saved their rations for weeks in preparation for the party.

**BY AGITATOR** 

It should now be quite clear to every worker why the American

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## the International Telephone and Central Park. They cost £168,750.

Telegraph Co., whose President K. Gromyko, Russia's permanent Sosthenes Behn, was also a director delegate on the Security Council of the German Standard Elek-trizitats Gesellschaft." will occupy one. . . .

"The Russians now own four under Russians now own four properties in Manhattan and a million dollar estate with a 51-room mansion—apparently one for every U.N.O. nation—at Glencove, Long Island." On Sunday, Nov. 26, in Athens, the third public discussion between the Greek Communist Party and the Internationalist Communist

In these sumptions premises, the representatives of the Workers' ject: "The war and the tasks of Fatherland can be quite sure that the communists". The first they will not come into contact with the working class of New York.

well known in Mayfair, has opened an antique shop in danger of a

Third Greek C.P. v. Trotskyist Debate

### ATHENS, Dec. 2-

Party of Greece (Fourth Inter-

ject: "The war and the tasks of the communists". The first speaker was a Trotskyist. He

analysed the attitude of the com-York. FOR WORKERS AROUND MAYFAIR MAYFAIR

"Mrs. JOHN CHURCHILL, and integrity of the country,"

fashionable Sloane Street, Against a background of rare and beautiful things, the dainti-ness of her fair skin shows to full elemetrary the stalinist speaker, justifying the "democratic-progressive char-

The auditorium was less numer On Sunday, Nov. 26, in Athens, the third public discussion between the Chird public discussion between 641 people.

The C.P.G. obtained 411 votes, the P.C.I. (Fourth International) 204 votes and there were 24 white bulletins and 2 abstentions.

The minutes of the three dis-cussions will be printed in common pamphlets by the C.P.G. and the P.C.I.

## GERMAN YOUTH

gentlemen, who still voice their In concluding he insisted on the anger of a Third World War response of German P.o.W.s to the programme of socialism, I wish to record one fact. The Luebeck Young Socialists organisation has erty in the service of Hitler's Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, who said that he had come to the United States in 1940 in order to strengthen connections capitalist interests.
The German envoy told Rogge:
"My most important connection with American business was with increased its membership fivefold



Maurin, General Secretary of the P.O.U.M., Spain, jailed for 10 years, was released together with other workers' leaders. It is rumoured that he has again been arrested. The French Staliniet An HOW "THE WORKERS" important section of the report confirms from Nazi sources, the dealings of America's leading cor-

Despite Molotov's negative atti-tude at most sessions of U.N.O., After his dismissal, Rogge told a meeting in New York that he had questioned a Berlin attorney, form-erly in the service of Hitler's Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, who said that he had come to the United States in 1940 in order to strengthen connections between American and German

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# Stop the Forces Victimisations !

### BY G. NOZEDA

A series of court-martials has commenced at Tel-el-Kebir, in the Middle East. 10 soldiers are under arrest charged in connection with the demonstrations and protest strikes which took place there in November against the decision of the Labour Government to slow down the demob programme.

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among the troops there of a mass petition protesting against the demob delay and demanding that the Labour Government reverses its policy and speeds up demob. Appeal To A.E.U. Former members of the A.E.U. The responsible for the petition which is expected to be signed by 10,000 troops. The petition appeals to the A.E.U. to take up these demands of the soldier-con-scripts and put pressure on the Labour Government to speed-the petition, "has one ambition, to get out-and get home for good." These words sum up the feelings of

## the conscripted worker in the

separately, that "unless they made a statement on their part in the demonstrations, they would get 10 years imprisonment." Similar protests against the has been made by B.A.O.R. troops in Germany. A British soldier is now awaiting court-martial there on a charge of "fomenting discon-tent about the slowing down of demobilisation". The charge arises out of the circulation among the troops there of a mass-petition protesting against the demob delay and demanding that the Labour Government reverses its policy and speeds up demob.

The record of French imperialism in Indo-China is one of bloody repression and vicious econonic exploitation. Since the "liberation" over a year ago, 100,000 Viet Namese have been massacred and hundreds of thousands gaoled and interned. 8,500 French soldiers have lost their lives and over 50 milliard francs have been carried out by its own ministers.

Role of Socialists and Stalinists

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PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH RECOGNISING 'THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE VIET NAM REPUBLIC, THE FRENCH IMPERIALISTS HAVE LAUNCHED A

By this act of imperialist brigandage, the Blum "all socialist" Government is

demonstrating to the French ruling class that it is as capable of carrying out the

ONLY A FEW MONTHS AFTER THE FRENCH MINISTER FOR THE

traditional policies of colonial conquest and exploitation as any of its predecessors.
The ostensible excuse for the attack is the refusal of the Viet Nam Government to allow the French to control the customs at Haiphong. This would have been in sharp contradiction to the terms of the French-Viet Nam Agreement and would have been a pistot pointing straight at the heart of Viet Nam economy. In actual fact, French imperialism is fighting to maintain its strangle-hold on this, the richest of the French clonnia is strangle-hold on this, the richest of the French imperialism is fighting to maintain its strangle-hold on this, the richest of the French Trong is the determination of the Bank of Indo-China to retain its monopoly control of the country.
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methods the rulers of France try to maintain their hold over the

French "Socialists" and

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writes :

(Trotskyists) called a meeting on December 6th to protest and con-demn the massacre of the Indo-Chinese people by French imperial-ism. The meeting was bauned by the police and at the subsequent open air meeting called to protest against the ban, several Colonial and French comrades were arrested and many more were bruised and and many more were bruised and beaten up by the police. These acts of police terror have not stopped the French Trotskyists from taking the lead in calling on the French workers to give full support to the struggles of their fellow-toilers in Indo-China.

## All Aid To The

**Colonial Revolution !** 

The workers in this country must give every support to the people of Indo-China in their struggle for liberation from the French yoke. All arms shipments to France must be stopped lest it be used against the Viet Namese Every Trade Union, Labour Party and Co-operative branch must send resolutions of protest to the French Embassy against this latest Im-perialist outrage. A demand must be made that the World Federation





INDO-CHINA By Charles Van Gelderen Against Franco As the result of a resolution passed at the United Nations Assembly, the British Government has withdrawn

its Ambassador from Spain. This action follows the demand from the T.U.C. that

all relations with Franco Spain should be broken off.

This platonic gesture has been undertaken because of the discon-tent of the British and world working class at the continued

support by Anglo-American Im-perialism of the bloody totalitarian 30s. A 30s. Á Week

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regime of Franco in Spain. But in itself, while commercial relations between Britain, Spain and other intensified, it cannot help in any way the struggle of the Spanish workers and peasants to overthrow the dictatorial regime of Franco to **Foreign trade between Spain and Britain has increased during the last year thus helping Franco to temporarily prop up his shaky regime.** 5005. A week "The average weekly wage of a skilled worker is 30s. A meal in a moderate restaurant cat least £2. A loaf of bread on the black market costs 4s. 6d., a pint of olive oil, the people's only fat about 24s., and rice, another staple food, from (5s. to 7s. a lb. One egg costs 1s. 3d. Flat rents are high, and the cost of clothing ,though un-rationed, is exorbitant.

regime. Despite the fact that Spain was not directly involved in the im-perialist war and devastated as were other European countries the conditions of the masses is almost the same as that of a defeated country. The pairing in Socie of clothing , though un-rationed, is exorbitant. "The only way a Spanish workman can earn enough to keep himself and -his family from starving is by having two jobs and continuing to work after his official is not so easy pow, as descite

The position in Spain has been colourfully described in an article in the "Daily Telegraph' of December 5th by John Ridley and we make no apology for extensively quoting him. He writes i

ceptionally unpopular. If it were possible to have a free election and the people could vote for or against him, there would be a 95% ballot against him...

### The Budget

Dying Of Starvation "You see on the fashionable Gran Via in Madrid, among the sleek, well-fed people and luxurious limousines, wretchedly ragged women, boys and girls stretching ont their hands to snatch a biscuit, a piece of sugar, or a few crumbs from the cafe tables. Go into the country areas, and particularly down South in Andalusia, and you find men, women and children literally dying of starvation. Queues of hungry mothers with their half-naked, famished children clinging to their skirts wait for the meagre plate of lentils or beans doled out to them by relief organ-isations. Families of decent working people live like animals in caves and holes in the ground. Onulent Restaurants "The Army . . . and it must be remembered that Spain has been at peace for more than 7 and a half years and possesses hardly any half years and possesses hardly any modern equipment—absorbs 22% of the general Budget. The Minis-try of the Interior, whose respon-sibility includes the maintenance of civil order, takes 10.8%. In striking contrast the Ministry of Agriculture, in a predominantly agrarian country, is allotted a mere 0.9%, while the Ministry of Education, on which one might reasonably suppose the future of Spain depends, receives only 4%....

Officers Well Treated-

2s. A Week For Privates

## **Opulent Restaurants**

**Dying Of Starvation** 

"Yet on the other side of the "Yet on the other side of the picture one finds opulent restaurants and hotels which serve meals of the rarest foods and wines, and magnificent shops where you can buy all the clothes and luxury goods you could possibly require. But all these are at a price, and that price is far beyond the means of 9% of the people. **2s. A Week For Privates** "Franco is first and foremost an army man, and, rightly realising that his precarious power depends on the Army for its life blood, he treats the Army well. An Army officer or n.c.o. eats well and is superbly uniformed and well beyond the means of 9% of the people. be made that the World Federation of Trade Unions organise an inter-national embargo of all material to the troops of French imperialism. The fight of the colonial people is our fight. All aid to the Colonial revolution ! Down with imperialism !

better still, draws unlimited rations—a large proportion of which is sold on the black market —from the Economata Militar, a 

arracks. "Thus one finds these are often a productive field for the efforts of the underground movement, who

the underground movement, who flood most barracks with clandes-tine newspapers, and although the penalty for a soldier being found with a copy is death they are widely read. "Travelling round Spain, as I have done during the next five have have done during the past five mouths, one might quite reason-ably imagine that the country was Everything is on a war

With such refined and "civilized"

BLOODY ATTACK ON THE YOUNG STATE.



The record of French imperialism

In France today there is "Socialist" Government. Vet thousands of fresh French troops are on their way to indo-China to drown the struggle of the colonial drown the struggle of the colonial people in blood. They will join the expeditionary army already there, which contains 80% of former Waffen S.S. forces. The Communist Party (Stalinists) is the most powerful party in the country yet all it demands is: "The rapid resumption of negotia-tions between the Viet - Nam Republic and the French Govern-ment" ("Daily Worker", 26 December, 1946). It has not made a single serious protest or called

Metropolitan-Cammell Carriage and Wagon Company, precious labour, steel and timber, which could have been used to greater advantage in building houses for the people who need them so desperately, have gone into the making of eight special railway coaches which have been described as "the last word in elegance and luxury."

The Royal Train

On February 1st the King and Queen accompanied by their two daughters, will be sailing to South Africa in

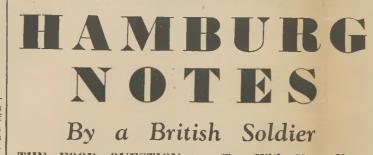
H.M.S. "Vanguard". In the Birmingham works of the

There are separate coaches for the King and Queen and the two Princesses. The material and furnishings which have gone into each would provide one or two working class families with more comfort than they have ever dream of. What working class home can compare with the following description of the King's suite? Theo Wing's suite?

of Native Affairs announces that at least 300,000 houses for Native required. The King's Suite "It comprises a small study and a spacious stateroom with an adjoining bedroom. The stateroom walls are veneered with figured English chestnut, with skirting and mouldings in English walnut. A built-in wardrobe is finished in the same manner. The furniture is a English walnut with handles in sycamore. There is a tub easy coloured labour in skilled jobs. In the tribal areas housing con-ditions are, if anything, even more primitive, a family usually occupy-ing a squalid mud hut and a hope-lessly inadequate strip of land. It has been estimated that the average income of a Native family is about £20 per annum, which works out at about 2½d. per day per head of the population. Out of this he has to pay his taxes, buy food and clothes, and meet all the incidental expenses of daily life. English walnut with handles in sycamore. There is a tub easy chair, and a fitment at the bed-side has a drawer, cupboard and side has a drawer, consider and space for books, and on top stands a telephone. The floor is covered with a hand-made beige carpet and the windows have art-silk curtains and pel-mets, net curtains and silk

neve art-silk curtains and pel-mets, net curtains and silk spring roller blinds. Near at hand is a workroom for the King's valet, bedroom for the equerry, and another for the King's physician."

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### THE FOOD QUESTION Tea With Frau F.

moron who scares herself silly in print about the awful possibility of being starved to death by a vindictive Labour Government. The German food shortage is a indictive Labora shortage is a The Germans the German food shortage is a myth according to these ignorant British housewife, faced with hard black bread, tasteless ersatz tea black bread, tasteless ersatz tea and coffee, and watery milk, would invore it.

To what depths of stupidity can

Frau F— prepared tea, and told me what the simple snack we ate together represented in German rations. For purposes of com-parison she ignored the difference in quality between the roughest army food and the best foodstuffs the Germans can have But no



FAINTING MAN had collapsed when he came out of Hamburg factory for air. In a fortnight he had fainted three times. In one day 30 workers collapsed from hunger.

for instance

Frau F—'s monthly ration of wife who suffers the most, of course. The people with the cash, who are still around in spite of

potatoes a month, but she has to stand in long queues to get them and she never knows from day to ' de-nazification ", can live on the Herr K-

war. basis, with mass movements of troops and all the fantastic display of a totalitarian State—gandy uni-forms, brightly polished jack-boots, police armed with automatic rifles and revolvers, extreme poverty and extreme riches."

### Fear If Franco Goes

It is on this background portrayed by Ridley, that the manoeuvres of the Imperialists in regard to Spain must be considered. They wish to save the Franco regime but are desperately seeking some alternative to substitute for They wish to save the Franco regime but are desperately seeking some alternative to substitute for him in the event that the pressure of the masses should threaten to culminate in revolution in Spain. That is why they are holding in reserve the possibility of the restoration of the monarchy at a suitable moment. If they are hesitating at the present time it is because they fear that the removal of Franco from the top would un-leash the pent-up feeling of the masses in revolutionary upheaval from the bottom. So as long as possible, they wish to prop up the tottering Franco regime. Mirkes have already broken out among the heroic workers of Barcelona, who began the revolu-tion in 1936 as a reply to the counter-revolutionary uprising of the Army Generals; and in other towns in Catalonia. In these strikes the workers risk the firing sunds and the survey is and in the se

towns in Caratonia. In these strikes the workers risk the firing squads and the concentration eamps in which hundreds of thousands of the flower of the Spanish workers are still held under incredibly vile conditions.

Workers' Parties For

### **Capitalist** Republic

The old workers organisations who were responsible for the dis-astrous defeat of the working astrous defeat of the working class in the civil war, are coming forward with the demand for the restoration of the status quo as it existed before the Franco regime, i.e. for the capitalist republic. Some sections of the Socialists have even been negotiating with the Monarchist reaction in order to win the support of Anglo-American Imperialism for the oust-

American Imperialism for the oust-ing of Franco. This they hope will reconcile the imperialists to the change, as the Monarchy would

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## Middle East Labour's Foreign DEMAND ACTION **Oil Deal** broken them up among the peasantry. At the same time they nave nationalised all large German monstries in their zone and purged Policy **AGST. FRANCO** (Continued from Page 1.)

U.S. Extension Plans

this would mean a great reduction in the route of the Arabian oil, since the route around the Arabian Peninsula through the Suez Canal is 3,300 miles long

According to another calculation, if the American plan for construct-ing this pipeline materializes, it will be necessary to build refineries Haifa to refine 300-350 thousand barrels a day, i.e., two of three times the output of all the

Middle East oil output) will be a drawback, in case of a war with Russia

### Russia And Oil

It is quite clear that the masses to the international working class in Iran were not very enthusicstic to break down the barriers of about the Russian-Iranian Agree-ment, which gave a concession to operate the oilfields in the north This foreign policy of the dictator-of the country to a joint company ship of the Russian medetwict. It appended the mass of the workers in Britain. They believe these acts to be in-spired by genuine social democratic aims. The facts, however, are somewhat different. The rising discontent of the mass There is much talk about the extension of the network of pipelines in the Middle East. At the moment oaly one pipeline exists leading from Kirkuk in Iraq to taifa. The length of the whole line is 974 miles. There has been talk recently of doubling the carry-ting capacity of the Iraq-Haifa of the traq-Haifa of it. There is also an American plan to construct a new pipeline to it. There is also an American plan to construct a new pipeline to it. There is also an American plan to construct a new pipeline to it. There is also an American plan to construct a new pipeline to it. There is also an American plan to construct a new pipeline to it. There is also an American plan to construct a new pipeline to it. There is also an American plan to construct a new pipeline to Haifa or to Haifa would be 1,000 miles; this would mean a great reduction in the amute of the American and Stalinist government in the amute of the American maters the attitude of the Iranian maters in the attitude of the Iranian maters in Stalinist government in the amute of the American and Stalinist government in the amute of the American and Stalinist government in the amute of the American and Stalinist government in the amute of the American and Stalinist government in the amute of the American and Stalinist government in the amute of the American and Stalinist government in the amute of the American and Stalinist government in the amute of the American and the amute of the American and the formation of the amute of the American and the American and the formation of the amute of the American and the American and the formation of the amute of the American and the formation of the amute of the American and the formation of the amute of the American and the formation of the amute and the formation of Azerbaijan—all go to show that the wars. They led to conditions the attitude of the Iranian masses, for the development of modern to Stalin's plans as regards their capitalism and the development of country is by no means sym-human culture. But the modern pathetic. The recent Anglo-American agreement is a new point progressive features at all. They scored for Anglo-American im--perialism in their struggle with

### For A Socialist Federation Of The Arab East

Of The Arab East In the struggle against the fields of investment for finance American and British oil octopus, capital. The over-production of in-the toilers of the Middle East can-dustrial goods for which modern

(Continued from Page 1.) the press, wireless and the most important means of influencing (Continued from Page 1.) (Martin Stopped the Blitzkreig.

This foreign policy of the dictator-ship of the Russian proletariat, formulated by Lenin and Trotsky, was the most progressive the world has ever known. Inevitability of Imperialist these areas. The masses are de-

Inevitability of impertation War Morgan Phillips knows perfectly well that there is a difference be-tween ancient wars and 20th wars for the destruction of fendal-ism, for the unification of the principalities and the formation of the modern nations were progrescapitalism and the development of modern human culture. But the modern world wars of imparialism have that the Labour leaders, and would possibly have risked a war. After all, it is their Empire! But the Labour leaders, while seeking to protect the Empire as effectively as Churchill himself, suffer from the pressure of the working class. It is this conflict of interests and do not lead to the progress of mankind but to the destruction of

human culture. Modern imperialist war is the result of the struggle for markets, pressures that leads to partial re-treats and gives Labour's foreign policy a slightly more liberal colour than that of the Tories.

the Nazis. But these actions have been accompanied by an organised tooting which had a parallel only in the areas which the Nazis con-

All important agricultural machinery has been looted and shipped to Russia, instead of being handed to the peasants to work the large estates as collective farms. The stripping of German industrial equipment has devastated the economy in the Russian Zone. At the same time, the remaining industrial productive forces have not been handed to elected repre-sentatives of the German working class but are controlled by Russian bureaucrats and the over whelming bulk of the products of the German workers are shipped to Russia as reparations. Any in-dependent political or industrial action by the working class is immediately suppressed and crushed

m a totalitarian vise. All this has nothing in common with communism or socialism, and s not the foreign policy of Marxist government, but is a policy of blatant robbery.

It is true to say that in the British Zone the conditions have not been as ruthless with the ex-

Nazis, even if a greater freedom is allowed to the independent activities of the workers. The Labour leaders also carry out policy of loot and plunder. If the Labour leaders are now calling a Labour leaders are now calling a halt to this policy it is not because they have remembered a few socialist phrases from their youth but largely because they hope to create a base among the German population which can be used as a Liberal capitalist barrier against the arterior of Davie in the second

priated, especially in the face of American pressure. Socialist workers in Britain can

have nothing in common with the policy of Stalin or of Bevin, with Spelthorne or of Phillips, but must fight for a genuine socialist polic in Germany. That is to say must be for the complete the drawal of all foreign occupation troops and for the German people to decide their own fate. That means an end to the policy of robbery; it means the unification of Germany into an economic and

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(Continued from Page 3.) demanding action from the Labour act as a bulwark of the capitalists Government. The failure of the Labour Government to take such and landlords. action is a blot on the whole of the

Trotskyist Policy

Labour movement. The workers must demand that the Labour Government and the Union leaders The Fourth Internationalists while supporting the demand for the overthrow of Franco and the condeclare an embargo on all goods coming to or from Spain to vening of a Constituent Assembly Britain elected by universal suffrage, put forward this slegan to mobilise the have not waited for governments to take action on issues of this nature. The railwaymen transworkers of Spain as a transitional stage in the fight for the Socialist to take action on assure an ature. The railwaymen trans-port the goods, the dockers load them, the scamen carry them abroad. They have the power to stop all goods coming to and from Spain ! The workers in the Union branches must demand that the Union leaders organise such a company throughout the country, revolution. At the same time they warn that it was the capitalist Republic which shielded the army conspirators and that it was under its protection that the generals pre-pared their insurrection in order to crush the organization of the working class. The advanced workers must understand that uncampaign throughout the country, less they organise under their own class banner and class organiza-

in conjunction with the inter-national trade unions abroad to declare all goods to or from Spain black until the overthrow of the class banner and class organization declare all goods to or from spann tions and take power into their own hands, they can fall into a new frightful impasse which will prepare the way for a new Franco. For International Class Action The gesture of the withdrawal of the British ambassador from Madrid is mere hypocrisy if it is not supplemented by actions which will strike real blows against the weeks or days under the combined Spanish working class. No reliance on cheap and

In the past the British workers

will strike real blows against the fascist regime. It is not sufficient for the Trade Union leaders to send deputations to the Cabinet Cabinet No reliance on cheap and demagogic gestures from U.N.O. ! Independent class action on the part of the world working class can destroy Franco !

# The Policy of the R.C.P.

1. Nationalisation of the land, of all atomic processes, of all large financial, insurance, industrial, distributive and transport enter-prises without compensation, and the operation of these enterprises on the basis of an overall production plan under control of workers' and technicians' committees. Abolition of business secrets. All company books to be open to inspection by trade unions and workers committees. Distribution of food, clothes, fuel and other consumers goods in

- 3.
- bistribution of root, control of committees cleated from the co-ops, distributive trades, factories, housewives and small shop-keepers which will eliminate the black market. The control and allocation of existing housing space in the hands of tenants committees; a state financed national house-building plan to be directed by the building trades unions and tenants committees
- tenants committees.
- rising scale of wages to meet the increased cost of living with a guaranteed minimum and a falling scale of hours to absorb the unemployed, who must be fully maintained while not working; a 40-hour week maximum without loss of earnings.
- Abolition of the Monarchy and the House of Lords; full electoral rights for all from the age of 18; and full political and civil rights for men and women in the forces; the immediate repeal of all strike-breaking and anti-labour laws. 6.
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- all strike-breaking and anti-fabour laws. Abolish Conscription: For the dissolution of the standing army and its substitution by a workers' militia. For the abolition of military law; clear out the reactionary anti-labour officer caste from the armed forces; for the election of officers from the ranks. For the establishment of military schools by the trade unions at the expense of the State for the training of worker officers. 9.
- Full and immediate freedom for India and the other colonies to choose their own form of government; the immediate withdrawal of British troops from all colonial countries. End secret diplomacy and a peace of vengeance and plunder; end race hatred, anti-semitism, Vansittartism and the colour bar; the withdrawal of British troops from Europe and Asia and a peace-based upon the self-determination of the peoples of Europe, Asia and the world. Unconditional defence of the Soviet Union against all imperialist nowers: for the overthrow of the privileged Stalinist bureau-
- powers; for the overthrow of the privileged Stalinist bureau-cracy and the re-introduction of workers' democracy in Russia bureau-Full support and active co-operation with the European workers against all occupying forces, for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a United Socialist States of Europe; unity

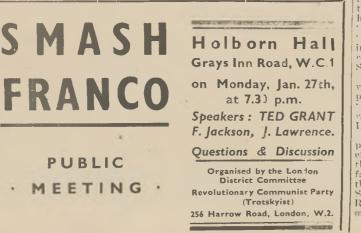
had the audacity to discover a source of oil round the Dead Sea. They confiscated his sketches and denorted him: today, after World War H. U.S.A.'s power compared Winnore actions to be taken against her terms that the stability of the peace demended on agreement being winning numbers. resources, and among the matters names of the winners will be to be put before the Peace Con-published in the next issue ference, there was nothing more important than oil. In the tussle over the question behind the scenes of the Conference, the American capitalists, of course, ex-pect to get the lion's share of the

The relative weakness of British imperialism compared to American, reveals itself very clearly in all the oil deals in the Middle East. As we have already shown, the American oil companies are taking the biggest part in all the new plans to construct refineries, oil pinelines etc. The new agreement the biggest part in all the new plans to construct refineries, oil pipelines, etc. The new agreement shows that the American capital-ists have entered even the holy of holies of the British Empire, the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. This agree-ment is motivated not only by economic, but also by strategical reesons. The concentration of the refineries in Abedan (which today refines about three-fifths of all the Prize: No. D 156; W. Dowd, the Prize: No. D 156; W. Dowd,



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GERMANY

The following item concerning the Trotskyist paper "SOLYDARITAT" published by the R.C.P. in the German language, appeared in the "New York Times", December 15th. Readers of the "Socialist Appeal" are already familiar with "Solidaritat". It was one of the publications which Comrade Bill Cleminson of Sheffield gave to the German Prisoners of War and for which he was brought to court and fined £10.

JOIN IN REVOLT

IN

Berlin, Dec. 14—A mimeographed pamphlet entitled "Solidarity," announcing the formation of a German section of the Fourth Internationale, has been circulated recently in Berlin. The publica-tion was definitely old line revolu-tioner Computing volucier or what

"REDS ASK GERMANS TO workers' parties are inseparable from the traditions of the Socialist and Communist parties,' the article continues: 'These parties were un-

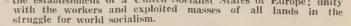
From today's speeches and to-day's programs by these people we see they have learned nothing from that catastrophe. Conse-quently we intend to build up an independent revolutionary party, the German section of the Fourth Internationale.

and ing the policy of maintaining apitalism and the inevitable

The reactionary activities of the Labour Government, especially in Greece and in relation to Franco

Greece and in relation to Franco Spain, has aroused considerable protest in the ranks of the work-ing class. The protest of the T.U.C. and the British Trade Union delegation to New York are a reflection of this discontent. The parliamentary revolt of Labour M.P.'s collapsed at the first serious test. New the large bloc mg class, T.U.C. M.P. s collapsed at the first serious test. Nevertheless, the large bloc of abstaining votes undermined Government spokesmen in the foreign chancellories and in the international councils of the powers. At the same time, it con-siderably shook the Labour leaders, making them much more hesitant about a direct and open link with American imperialism and more

(Continued in next column.) working class.



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critics. On the contrary, it was a aild defence of his policy. Despite this, the action of the Labour leaders in circulating the Phillips letter and opening the campaign on force of the comparison of the compar In the November issue of "Socialist Appeal" in reporting the elections in the United States, foreign policy, is a clear indic

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