

Workers of All Lands

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BRITISH SECTION of the 4th INTERNATIONAL

"Work Harder!"-For Whom?

Labour Leaders Oppose Shorter Hours

THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EMPLOYERS, ARE EXHORTING THE WORKERS TO "INCREASE PRODUCTION", TO WORK HARDER" IN ORDER THAT THE PRESENT MANPOWER SHORTAGE CAN BE OVERCOME.

The answer to the present economic difficulties of Britain, "... first and last is by increasing production", states the Government in the White Paper, "Economic Considerations Effecting the Relations Between Employers and Workers."

At the same time Government Spokesmen oppose publicly the demands of sections of the workers for long overdue wage increases and the shorter working week of 40 hours.

A. Bevan Swings Right

Such a one-time "Left" Labour leader as Aneurin Bevan, says:

"This is not the time to be pushing claims for shorter hours, or for throwing spanners into the economic mechanism. . . The Government is looking to the working class population to put forth a greater production effort."

It is evident by this and other speeches of the Labour leaders, and

Workers' Burdens **Employers' Profits**

The White Paper emphasises that wage increases have been workers or the past year, and implies that any further demands must be curbed. However, there is no mention of the fact that the rapid increase in the cost of living has already outpaced any wage gains made in 1945-6. The real position is that while wages increased by 8%, the wholesale price index reveals that prices are rising even more rapidly than during the war—the price of manufactured goods has increased by 11½%—which means that real wages lag well behind the cost of living.

For the employers however the past year has been very profitable. 1,836 companies have netted £452,500,000 compared with £430,000,000 in 1945. The profits of 604 companies in 1944 were 107.3%, in 1945 were 109.5%, and in the second quarter of 1946 were 120.3%, of those for 1943. All of which indicates how the increased industrial output of the past year has enriched the bosses. The White Paper emphasises | Is it to be doubted that the

The "Right Prices"

it is not only probable, but absolutely inevitable that within a few years the cry for increased production will be changed to wails about over-production. Millions will flock into the Labour Exchanges the past."

It is evident that what is meant by "right" prices are prices which can compete with the products of other capitalist countries. This is (Continued on Page 4.)

Here is the core of the problem. [The White Paper attempts to

FREE THE SUDAN

The Key to the Nile

The main reason given by Bevin for the breakdown of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations was that no agreement could be reached regarding the fate of the Sudan.

To assure its rule over Egypt, | Egypt and increased the supply to British imperialism maintains two footholds: (1) a Iarge army concentration in neighbouring Palestine, and (2) The rule over Sudan through which flows the Nile.

Distribution of the British Commander, Lee Stack.

The Sudauese masses struggling

does not intend to liquidate these two footholds. In order to keep the first, it poses as the protector of peace between Arabs and Jews. In order to keep the second, it poses as the protector of the Sudanese from the Egyptian oppressor.

Officially, the Sudan is under Anglo-Egyptian joint rule. In

Anglo-Egyptian joint rule. In actuality, large British land companies exploit thousands upon thousands of Sudanese in the Sudan, and the rule of the Egyptian King over Egypt and the Sudan. thousands of Sudanese in the fertile lands of the Sudan, while it is the Egyptian tax payer who bears the burden of the large ad-

The fate of the Egyptian masses, as also of the Sudanese masses, is bound up with the Nile. He who holds the key to the Nile can decide the life and death of these countries. It is therefore natural that the Egyptian masses resist British imperialist control of the Nile. They remember that on more than one occasion, as a re-

British imperialism, of course, for independence have no interes

The Egyptian masses have common interests with the Sudanese masses. A growth of the Estates ministrative apparatus and the military forces in the Sudau. British imperialist exploitation wears an Egyptan mask.

The fate of the Egyptian masses, and some masses. A growth of the Egyptian landlords or the profits of their capitalist class brings no benefits to the Egyptian masses. It is therefore no accident that in the mass demonstrations are consisted last year by the "Com-

more than one occasion, as a retaliatory measure, the British have decreased the water supply to neighbouring countries!

Deakin's Last Line of Support DOCKERS PREPARE Scene After Stratford Haulage Strike Meeting

We have a Labour Government, but this remains a capitalist country. All industry is run for profit, including the nationalised industries. With the increased competition on the world market it is not call the profit of the profit. The white Paper attempts to assure the workers that the old days of over-production and uncomployment are gone. "... providing our prices are right, the old fear of prolonged bad trade and unemployment should be a thing of attempted to break the strike.

While the capitalist army protected the employers interests against the strikers, This is the capitalist police protected Deakin.

> Members of his Union called out at him Scab!" "Serve the men not the bosses!" and "Who Pays You?'

That Deakin should have police proection when attending a meeting of vorkers he is supposed to represent, is an

indication of how he fails to represent their interests and democratic opinions.

The rank and file must campaign for the democratisation of the Union by the re-election of officials every year. Those officials who fail to serve the rank and file must be removed and replaced by militants who do.

The leaders must get the same wage as the men, falling when the workers' wages do and rising when the workers get a rise. The bureaucrats will soon fight on behalf of the rank and file if they had the same

Haulage Workers to Deakin:

Class Solidarity Brings Victory BY J. DEANE

THE DIRECT ACTION OF THE HAULAGE WORKERS IN THEIR RECENT STRIKE PRODUCED THE QUICKEST NEGOTIATIONS IN TRADE UNION HISTORY, IT TOOK THE WAGES BOARD NINE MONTHS TO DECIDE TO REJECT THE WORKERS CLAIMS. AFTER THE STRIKE, IT TOOK LESS THAN THAT NUMBER OF DAYS FOR THEIR MAIN DEMANDS TO BE MET. DETERMINED MASS ACTION GOT RESULTS.

The magnificent demonstration of solidarity on the part of market workers, dockers and other sections, and the militant stand of the haulage workers, compelled the Government and the employers to grant a 44 hour week and a regulated day, without a reduction in pay. The capitalist press recognises this as a "complete victory" for the strikers.

The solidarity of the organised workers has taught the Labour Government that the workers will not lightly stand by and see the use of troops to break strikes.

Dockers, porters and others engaged in the transport industry stopped work as soon as the troops marched into their places of employment. Other sections, railway, passenger transport workers, gas and petroleum workers. shop assistants and caterers, were ready for strike action if the use of troops was extended.

Although a carefully selected and trained section of the army was used, the sympathy of the soldiers was demonstrated by the collection of money by R.A.F. and Army personnel forced to blackleg, on behalf of the strikers.

T.U. Leaders On Side Of

Bosses

The leadership of the Transport and General Workers' Union showed once again that it stands on the side of the employers against the workers. The gap between the T. & G.W.U. leadership and the rank and file is unbridgeable; it represents the most ingenious methods, the top clique appoints officials and the Constitution is so framed as to make it almost impossible to elect new officials.

So bitter are the rank and file at the reactionary policies of the top officials, that at the Strutford meeting attended by about two thousand workers, the reception given to Deakin, the General Secretary, was such that he had a police escort to protect him from the rank and file. At this meeting he was shouted down when he called for a return to work and the workers demanded that he leave the meeting. There were shouts of "Resign!" "Chuck him out!" "Senb!" Serve us, not the bosses!" Above the uproar, (Continued on page 4.)

FOR STRUGGLE

Against Forster Report

Once again the Dockers are pushing forward for a working class solution to their problems. At a representative meeting of dockers called by the National Port Workers' Defence Committee at Canning Town, on Sunday, 26th January, in the bitter cold, approximately 80 to 100 dockers attended.

pare the first action against the Forster Report on Decasualisation published last month which as pointed out in the last issue of the "Socialist Appeal" brings no real solution to the problem of unemployment and casual labour or the last issue of the "Chance Towns of the last issue of the "Chance Towns of the last issue of the "Chance Towns of the last issue of the last issue of the "Chance Towns of the last issue of the ployment and casual labour on the

Dock Leaders Take Militant Line

Bro. H. Constable's opening re narks as Chairman referred to the omplacency of the Trade Union leadership, and said they were com-pletely out of touch with the

He ended with a call to nationalise the Port Transport In-dustry without compensation and its operation in the workers'

He then introduced Bro. McLoughlin, who outlined the part played by the Dockers in the re-

The meeting was called to preserve are the first action against the Point Charter of 1945, including

T.U. Leaders Will Be Given Chance To Struggle

On every occasion, the Trade Union leaders will be given full opportunity to fight in the men's interest. Failing this, the Defence Committee will go ahead and prepare for what could develop into a protracted struggle. The organisation of cars, motor cycles and other practical details were being worked out.

He informed the Dockers of the

He informed the Dockers of the Committee's work to organise a national co-ordinating committee, including haulage men, leading to a link with the railway workers,

The Defence Committee recognise

the need to link up with other industries as the organisation

TROOP TRANSPORT

Soldier Exposes Conditions in Monty's Modern Army

I am one of the men who was present at King George the Fifth's lock, Scotland, at the time the five hundred refused to get on the ship.

We have not seen the newspapers or heard the news, and therefore do not know what the people at home know about it. So we trust that your readers

will be interested in the happenon our way over from Malaya it was generally believed by the troops that there had been a wireeless statement from Singapore that all troops on the high seas on November 26th, would get an ex-tension over Christmas. On top of his, statements were made in the

this, statements were made in the press, that all troops on leave from S.E.A.C. would get their leave extension if they were in England ten days before Christmas.

When we were on our way back to Southampton on the morning of the 16th, it was clear that chances for an extension were repetically for an extension were practically

As you can guess we were well fed up. So it was decided that we should get in touch with the press and get our grievances published.

Some Facts

BY A. ROSS

A new wage agreement has been negotiated between the Newspaper Proprietor Associations and the Trade Unions. This means that our costs will be increased by 121%.

We missed the Mid-January issue because we had no money!

We could not purchase our new allocation of paper until the members of the R.C.P. came to the rescue by subscribing a levy of £1 per member.

As the result of wage increases, our printers' costs; have gone up by 121%.

Paper prices have increased.

We did not cover our costs before. We can only keep going if we have your support. comrade Reader.

.We need another £250 to meet our bills. Make this the target!

FOR JANUARY

CONTRIBUTIONS, see page 4. marathon-pacing is no surprise. He



Miners Are

BY JOHNNY JONES GWAUN - CAE - GURWEN

JANUARY THE 1st, 1947, BROUGHT TO THE MINERS OF GREAT BRITAIN NATIONALISATION OF THE MINES. ON THAT DAY, A FEW WEEKS AGO, THE FLAG OF THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD, GREEN IN COLOUR WITH "N.C.B." IN RED LETTERS IN THE CENTRE, WAS TO BE SEEN ON EVERY PIT-HEAD.

The flag denoted a change of ownership. Yet also on that day, the managerial representatives, the same personnel as before the new regime, with due ceremony proceeded to all the pit-heads to address the miners. With a change of heart, bordering on the miraculous, these managers of the old hard-boiled school, stressed their desire for the success of the New Venture.

At the same period, as if in a | is now a staunch believer in state co-ordinated effort, the capitalist newspapers of the whole country featured as their "hot news", the scarcity of coal, and also published the closure of various enterprises because of lack of fuel.

While on "our" side, A. L. Horner, Miners' Secretary—a bitter opponent of capitalist nationalisation in the past—dashed with haste to South Wales because of a "No Confidence" vote of a desgar conference of miners of that area in the personnel of the administrative body in charge of the region

Horner's Promises

The spectacle of Mr. Horner

Role of Stalinists

Exposed at London T.C

Elect Stewards

BY DAVE WEST (THAMES VALLEY)

From our members working on the land we learn of certain significant steps taken during recent weeks by the agricultural workers in Surrey, which point to a growth of militancy in this hitherto backward section of the working class movement. We are given to understand that in the Egham district farm-stewards have

The Trotskyist Programme

In sharp contrast to the treacherous reformist policies of the Stalinists—and Socialists, the Partito Operaio Communista (Workers' Communist Party), the Italian Section of the Fourth Interest of the Stalinist Section of the Fourth Interest of the Stalinist Section of the Fourth Interest of the Stalinist Section of the Fourth Interest Struggle against the ruling class, then organisation such as the Egham workers have established is essential. In the space of a few years the membership of N.U.A.W. The struggle against the ruling class, then organisation such as the Egham workers have established is essential. In the space of a few years the membership of N.U.A.W. The struggle against the ruling class, then organisation such as the Egham workers have established is essential. In the space of a few years the membership of N.U.A.W. The structure of the stalinists of the stalinists of the ruling class, then organisation such as the Egham workers have established is essential. In the space of a few years the membership of N.U.A.W. The stalinists of the ruling class, the properties of the stalinists of the ruling class, the properties of the stalinists of the ruling class, the properties of the stalinists of the ruling class, then organisation such as the properties of the stalinists of the ruling class, then organisation such as the properties of the stalinists of the ruling class, then organisation such as the properties of the stalinists of the ruling class, then organisation such as the ruling class, then organisation such as the properties of the stalinists of the ruling class, then organisation such as the properties of the ruling class, the properties of the ruling class of th

Italian Section of the Fourth International, puts forward a short-term transitional programme, the achievement of which will immediately alleviate the condition of the people. The 'struggle for this programme will lead the Italian workers and peasants forward and program thom for the final hattle of the condition of the fight to mean them. For the final hattle of the condition of the fight to mean them.

workers and peasants forward and prepare them for the final battle against capitalism and for socialism.

This programme demands a vigorous struggle against the policies of the Socialist and Stalinist misleaders of the working class. The Togliattis and the Neunis must be compelled to break their coalition with the capitalist parties and to seek power on the basis of this programme. In this way, their treacherous, class-collaborationist roles would be completely exposed.

nationalisation under capitalism. In the "Daily Worker" of January 1st, 1947, he wrote:

"All things now become pos-Charter can speedily be realised. Wages can be higher, conditions safer, work less arduous, compensation raised to level of wages, these and other reforms

sible," why is it necessary to such fabulous salaries to the gentlemen who comprise

Nine Men -£48.500 Yearly Salaries

As most miners know, these at Lord Hyndley, Chairman, £8,500

r Arthur Street, Deputy Chairman, £5,000.

Lord Citrine, Manpower an Welfare, £5,000. Mr. Ebby Edwards, L. bent Relations, £5,000.

Charles Ellis, Scientific, £5,000. Mr. J. C. Grindly, Marketing, £5,000.

Mr. L. II. Lowe, Finance, £5.000. Charles Reid, Production, £5,000.

Young, Production £5,000.

nate to the figures mentioned.

Misgivings

On the second point—"The Future is in our hands"—the miners are worrying Mr. Horner. They are asking the question: "What will happen when the markets of the world are full to capacity again?"

A very large section of the

A very large section of the niners realise that under the wages, these and other reforms can come about."

"The Coal Board is prohibited from acting in a manner which may be contrary to the well-being of the miners and their families, or be detrimental to the efficient production of coal our country needs so badly..."

Perhaps Horner can reply to the host of "unbelievers" in the coalfield. If he sincerely believes, as he states "All things now become possible," why is it here stry to pay such fabulage and other reforms and their minds, and the nature of the minds, and the nature of the coalfield. If he sincerely believes, as he states "All things now become possible," why is it here stry to pay such fabulage and the reformed action will be taken on the part of the state machine against the workers. With just such unpleasant memories of the past in their minds, and the nature of the coalfield. If he sincerely believes, as he states "All things now become possible," why is it here says to be considered to the contrary to the well-being of the miners of the state machine against the workers. With just such unpleasant memories of the past in their minds, and the nature of the state machine against the workers. With just such unpleasant memories of the past in their minds, and the nature of the state machine against the workers. With just such unpleasant memories of the past in their minds, and the nature of the state machine against the workers. With just such unpleasant memories of the past in their minds, and the nature of the state machine against the workers. With just such unpleasant the memories of the past in their minds, and the nature of the state of the miners realise that under the economics of capitalism, unemploy



WOMEN FIREDRICK STAMPERS D PRESSERS

will tell if the administration will act for the well-being of the miners and their families. But the most conservative miner is thinking conservative miner is thinking about the implications of the payment of colossal compensation—£165,000,000—to the mine owners plus £150,000,000 for reorganisa-tion purposes, as well as the con-tinued employment of hosts of per-sonnel with huge salaries on various Regional Coal Boards.

Miners Are Working Harder

Yet although there is consider able criticism, because no alter-native measure has been placed before them by the miners' leader ship, the miners of the whole country have adopted a "Go To It" policy, which is proved by the following figures:

erease of 170,000 tons a week with labour force of 3,400 fewer employed, compared with last year. Over the Christmas period, while capitalist newspapers howled at absenteeism, 1,000,000 more as the produced then in the presente some 4,000 fewer miners to love in the 1946 period. Yet still there is a clamour for

ore coal.
These production figures show that despite misgivings about the fabulous saluries and the composi-tion of the Coal Board, that the rainers are doing their best to make the Labour Governments

The Only Solution

The future, unfortunately, will prove the utter hypocrisy of the nutionalisation plan under capitalism, which up to the present has brought no higher wages, no better conditions nor less arduous work, but on the contrary more work and the same conditions as of old.

ease the minds of many namers, who invariably re told in "tit bits on the radio, and in the press that they (the miners) are earning alarmingly high majority, in the region of £4 10s. of the working class. They are and £5, less deduction, except for a minority of piece-workers who earn more, but who lose much time because of the arduous work, which makes their average approximate to the figures mentioned.

STAMPERS

O PRESSES

on minimum waze of 10/- a week, 1913. This picture was published by the National Antisweating League. Today women are still the most exploited section the working class. They are used as cheap labour and receive less—sometimes less than half than men for the same job. Workers must demand the rate for the job in the interests of their class as a whole, and for the miners and workers as a whole, and for the miners (Charter.



S.E.A.C. Soldiers Learn Demonstrations

Editor, "Socialist Appeal"

27th December, 1946.

Dear Comrade,

In Malaya there is a Malaya Command Training School in operation and this School sends in structions round to all the Infantry Battalions to show the correct way of dealing with demonstrations, etc.

The instructors pick out two sections, one of which is supposed to represent the Garrison troops, and the other section is to repre ent the demonstrators.

The rest of the Battalion has to ome and watch the procedure.

The section representing the demonstrators, are dressed in native clothes and are given banners and posters to carry with anti-Imperial-ist slogans on them—"Clear out

the British", "Unfair Treatment to Strikers", etc.

A tape or chalk line is put across A tape or chalk line is put across the training ground which is supposed to be a road. As the "rabble" advanced, the troops give them the order to disperse once. As soon as they cross the line, the order is then given to fire. But where it differs from past orders is

Pre-war, the troops were ordered to fire over the heads of the de-monstrators. Now, the order is "Shoot to Kill."

At this period while the press out here is full of talk about "The New Constitution for Malaya" which is going to give the people Freedom, Self Government, etc., the troops are being instructed in methods of squashing demonstrations.

Signed G

From a Liverpool Haulage Worker

Dear Comrade, I feel I must not allow this

opportunity to pass without drawing your attention to the very imminent danger there has been and still is of continuing a system mationalisation plan work, so that and still is of continuing a system of working conditions which many of you have experienced in the prewar days, and which are still the acknowledged regulations around which any revision of your conditions and wages must be considered by the Central Wages Board. Although these conditions were immediately shelved on the outbreak of war, it does not necessarily mean they have been

attendant horrors.

Very many of you here will recall the birth of this wicked and pernicious system, and how it was forced upon us by those whom it did not affect, and how agreements for its adoption were pressed home with the excuse that if we did not accept them our job must inevitably come. accept them our job must inevitably cease to crist we did not accept them our job must inevitably cease to exist. (What lies and distortions these excuses were when you consider that the Railways had already acquired this branch of transport for use by themselves and coming at a time when there were millions of unemployed).

You who were affected will re-Not who were affected will remember them. Going out at all hours of the day or night, standing about in cold wet streets, waiting for the normal public to get up so that you could find somewhere to pass away the period until your vehicle was returned to Liverpool Transport Striker.

This letter written during the Haulage strike gives a picture of the conditions against which the workers conducted their victorious struggle.

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Dear Comrade.

you to be brought back. This was your off duty period, which could only be filled in by walking about and waiting anxiously and hopefully for the return so that you could jump abroad again and sget home. Often being only too glad to stay on it whilst it continued on the conditions with the conditions are the conditions against which the conditions are the conditions against which the conditions a its way with a relief driver. Never being free for one hour of the 24 and always the uncertainty of when you were again to start work, day or night. Conditions so

work, day or night. Conditions so putrid that a martyr would shy at it. If recounted to an ordinary member of the public it would be received with incredulous belief that such things could really exist in Christian England in the 20th Century

This trouble has not come be ause you want more money. The bread that the cumulative week ontbreak of war, it does not necessarily mean they have been permanently discarded or abolished. It is the reverse that naturally must now occur as they constitute the only hasis on which to work the only hasis on which the well at the cultural the cul must now occur as they constitute the only basis on which to work during revision by the Wages Board. I refer to the Cumulative Working Week with all its attendant borrors.

> worry about £. s. d. Think of the life your women led under this system. Ask them if they would like such conditions to return and having asked them act accordingly for until you once and for all kill this mouster whose return is imminent, you will not enjoy a minute's peace of mind or body.
> And resolve today that come what

for 5 day Week

BY N. PENTLAND

there have arisen in the past few months, "official" and "unofficial" movements to Egham district farm-stewards have been set up to function on the same broad lines as shop-stewards in the factory and workshop.

This move speaks well for the growing consciousness among the union is pressing the Government for the abolition of the tied cottage, which vicious system has secure the 5 day week.

for 44 hours in 5 days. This represents a retreat on principle in the engineering industry, the 8½-hour day having been vigorously held on to since 1919.

week would have an adverse effect on their building programme and the trade of the country!

Such a statement by Sir Robert derelict Tyneside and Jarrow shipyards are a memorial to their

Since this arbitrary statement, shipbuilding workers of Belfast, Merseyside, and Glasgow have taken co-ordinated action by refusing to work on a Saturday morning. Since Saturday, 11th January, approximately 60,000

The Glasgow A.E.U. District dockers.

and have circularised their support to all yards along the river.

Stand Firm On The Demand For A 40-Hour Week

The real demand that must be voiced by every worker is that of the 40-hour week. The 44-hour agreement lengthens the working day and proves to the employing class that the official Trade Union E.C.'s accept inroads into trade union principles without resistance.

The task for all workers must be that of continuing the struggle for an S-hour day, 5-day week. This demand is within our reach.
Through Trade Union Branches
and Workshop Committees must go
forward the demand that the E.C.'s use the organised strength of the movement to gain this demand. Conferences and protracted negotiations have resulted in retreat from original demands. using the militant methods on which the trade union movement was founded, can our demands be

Belgian Dockers Lead Struggle

The fight of the Belgian taken co-ordinated action by refusing to work on a Saturday morning. Since Saturday, 11th January, approximately 60,000 workers on the Clydeside have not reported for work each week-end. Except for a small yard at Govan, the stoppage was 100%.

The Glasgow A.E.U. District Computitive has endered this action.

The fight of the Belgian of the Saturday of the Saturda

The dockers resisted all attempts of the Government, bosses and Trade Union officials to break the strike, and held out for a month against a vicious campaign of inimidation and pressure.

Only the Trotskyist P.C.L., Belgian Section of the Fourth International, has undertaken a ourageous campaign of solidarity

On the 6th January, the P.C.I called a meeting of solidarity attended, by over 1,000 dockers which was addressed by Comrade Vereeken of the P.C.I. and Com-Dooremans, a leader of the

The Call For The General Strike

In face of the mounting pressure, the Belgian T.U. Federation was the Belgian T.U. Federation was forced to organise mass demon-strations on December 5th. In some regions the demonstrations were sabotaged by the leadership. But in the big cities like Antwerp, Liege, and especially Charleroi, the demonstrations and the mass meetings accompanying them witnessed a mass demand from factory dea mass demand from factory delegates to end the policy of class collaboration and go over to the organisation of a General Strike in order to bring wages and working conditions in line with the continued rise in the cost of living.

Stratford Rail Workers Victory

BY P. NORMAN

on existing rates.

wage total of £6 5s, 0d, per week. Provincial rail workers increase will be slightly less. Despite the will be slightly less. Despite the fact that this may appear substantial, it is only half of the amount claimed. When in September the E.W.O. was lifted and a 47 hour week was instituted, earnings fell by as much as £2. A claim for 30s, increase was forwarded by the men, but was rejected. This led to an instant ban on overtime, not a go slow

Terrific Local Press Campaign

During the period of the ban a

The main object of this campaign | selves.

Railway Men Win Dispute

After two months ban on overtime, Railway Shopmen of the
Stratford L.N.E.R. maintenance
sheds have recently won wage increases amounting to 33½ per cent.
on existing rates.

Not content with vile state-This means that craftsmen and ments from press and radio, the This means that craftship the labourers will receive approximately campaign brought reactionary and 16s. Sd. per week rise, making a unfounded accusations from the Walthamstow coroner, who blamed the men for the deaths of two platelayers. Such lackeys of private enterprise forget the many hundreds of railway workers killed each year by the profit hungry, anarchic rail transport companies, They merely pass these deaths as "acts of God" or "misadventure."

Wages Must Rise With Cost Of Living

The task of the railway men must be that of demanding through their Unions a scale of wages that meets the present real rise in the cost of living.

£40 million yearly has been guaranteed to the rail companies for the past 6 years. The Trade Unions must demand that the

coming nationalisation must be accomplished without compensation and the industry must be run under the control of the workers them-

Oppose Leninist Motion During the autumn of 1946 the ambiguous attitude of the Labour Government in relation to the nationalisation of the Iron and Steel Industry caused considerable uneasiness among the rank and file of the Labour Movement. Many resolutions were sent in to Government Ministers, M.P.s and the T.U.C. Although the general character of these protests re-flected reformist ideas, there are signs that the working class is beginning to develop a critical attitude to the Labour Party's

At the December meeting of the London Trades Council the following resolution was moved by the delegate from Camberwell Trade

This meeting regrets that the Government is apparently preparing to capitulate to the capitalist interests of the Iron and Steel Industry. The unsatisfactory character of the existing nationalisation steps—high compensation and no workers' control—have caused uneasiness within the movement.

ITALIAN STRIKES

(Continued from page 3.) Congress, which received such ful-

Congress, which received such fulsome praise in the editorial
columns of the London "Daily
Telegraph" and other reactionary
sources. It is precisely "private
initiative", which received ample
encouragement from the British and
American occupation authorities,
which has led-Italian economy into
its present blind alley. Within
the framework of capitalism there
is no way out for the Italian
masses. Only a direct struggle for
socialism can achieve this.

The Trotskyist Programme

ocialism can achieve this.

of Labour's programme in the case of iron and steel.

We therefore call upon the Labour Movement to bring the strongest pressure upon the Government in order to secure a much firmer policy against private industry in Britain."

What is of significance is what is of significance is the minority vote. In a meeting of a body dominated by the Stalinists, one-third of the vote was given against the Labour Government's policy of partial state capitalism.
The growing tendency among the advanced workers to raise the questions of compensation, work control and socialisation of

cottage, which vicious system has rendered the greater part of the farm workers impotent to wage a

fight for better conditions. We have been told that the Labour

Party are worried by this demand which interferes with the property

rights" of farmers, they seek only to bring farm cottages within the scope of the Rent Restrictions Act

but the union leaders under the pressure of their rank and file in-

tend to press their claim.

If these demands are going to become realities, if the farm workers are to take their place in the front line of working class struggle against the ruling class.

tend to press their claim.

During the debate the Stalinist secretary of the London Trades Council intervened in opposition to this resolution. He argued that the press were waiting to make front page news if the Council passed the resolution and thus went

The effect of this statement together with the assurances from Labour leaders secured the defeat of the motion by about 400 votes

entire economy is a welcome sign to road transport and the end understanding among the rank and tremely probable abandonment file of the working class.

on record as opposing the Labour Government.

This amounts to £48,500 yearly This question answered would ase the minds of many namers,

Land Workers Token Strike

Arising from the failure of the Labour Government to institute a 40 Hour Week,

E.C.'s Retreat

The most recent "official" move has resulted in the Confederation of Engineering Unions E.C.'s arriving at a patched-up agreement

Directly after this agreement had been made known, a statement was issued by Cammel-Lairds of Merseyside to the effect that the management would resist every attempt by the Trade Unions to institute a 5-day week. The reasons given were that a five day work would have an advance offset.

60,000 Shipbuilders

Take Action

Johnson is sheer hypocrisy in time of temporary boom. The shipof temporary boom. The sup-building fraternity who allowed men to rot on the streets during the slump did not then have the 5½ day week as their slogan. The profit-hungry callousness.

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What is Happening in Stalinist Russia?

BY T. CLIFF

We publish here the first of a series of articles on the Soviet Union with the object of bringing before the British workers the real situation in Stalinist Russia, based on facts. The workers in Britain are becoming more and more uneasy about what is taking place in Russia, and in order to answer these growing doubts, the Stalinist Parties have poured out a spate of lying propaganda about the situation in Russia. These articles are based entirely on official Russian material and their accuracy cannot be challenged. Even when other sources have been quoted, they have been checked with the original Russian sources. — Ed.

The Bureaucrats in Industry

I. WHO CONTROLS PRODUCTION?

Immediately after the revolution, | bureaucracy tried to undermine the Immediately after the revolution, it was decided that the management of every plant would be in the han s of the trade unions. Thus the programme of the Communist the programme of the Communist party of Russia (Bolsheviks) adopted at the Eighth Party Congress (held March 18 to 23, 1919) that the Workers' Committee of the plant "may not intervent directly in the running of the conduction."

gress (held March 18 to 23, 1919)
coclared:

"The organised apparatus of social production must primarily depend upon the trade unions...
They must be transformed into huge productive units, enrolling the majority of the workers, and in due time all the workers, in the respective branches of production.

"Inasmuch as the trade unions are already (as specified in the binding on all the workers. He They must be transformed into huge productive units, enrolling the majority of the workers, and in due time all the workers, in the respective branches of production.

"Inasmuch as the trade unions are already (as specified in the laws of the Soviet Republic and as a specified in the laws of the sovieties), participants.

realized in practice) participants in all the local and central organs in all the local and central organs administering industry, they must proceed to the practical concentration into their own hands of the work of administration in the whole economic life of the country, making this their unified economic aim. Thus protecting the indissoluble union between the central State authority, the national reducency and the broad musses of aim. Thus protecting the indissoluble union between the central State authority, the national economy, and the broad masses of the workers, the trade unions must in the fullest possible measure induce the workers to participate directly in the work of economic administration. The participation of the trade unions in the conduct of economic life, and the involvement by them of the broad masses of the people in this work, would appear at the same time to be our chief aid in the campaign against the bureaucratisation of the economic apparatus of the Soviet Power. This will facilitate the establishment of an effective popular control over the results of production."

(Quoted from N. Bucharin and E. Preobrazhensky, "The A.B.C. of Communism" published by the Communist Party of Great Britain, London, 1927, pages 401 and 402.)

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Communist Party of Great Britain, London, 1927, pages 401 and 402.)

Participating in the running of industry together with the workers' plant committees, were the party cells. Together with these, and under their control, worked the technical manager. These three together formed the Troika.

Of this workers' control nothing remains today. For some years the

II. THE PRIVILEGES OF THE INDUSTRIAL MANAGERS

THE INDUSTRIAL MANAGERS

After the Orbiton revolution, the compared with that of 1919 insofar he license of the people. On the other and they seed with a roughly strive for the lighest equality in the income of the people. On the other hand they seed who had fermently worked hand in glow with the exploiters under the capitalist system, and who were not explosed in the surface of the people workers.

The Ilishevike solved in this continued the continued the exploiters under the capitalist form the workers, and secondly by giving the technicians higher people workers, and secondly by giving the exploiters, and secondly by giving the technicians higher people workers. There were certainly secretary houses more than the flower three higher people workers. There were certainly secretary houses and the maximum was 4,800 rubbes and the maximum was 4,800

CRISIS IN AMERICAN C.P.

NEW LEADERS - SAME OLD

BY DAVID JAMES

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A SEVERE CRISIS. DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS MANY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS, FROM TRADE UNIONISTS TO PROMINENT INTELLECTUALS, HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE PARTY FOR CRITICISING THE LEADERSHIP.

Heaton Lee Has Accident

when the Trotskyists were expelled, the opposition groups are conducting an organised fight after expul-

in May 1944, its leadership abandoning all pretence of standing for socialism and supporting the capitalist Democratic Party. This was carried through under the leadership of Earl Browder.

A year later, following on a sharp article by the French Stalinist, Duclos, which criticised Browder for betraying Marxism, the Party was reconstituted. William Z.

for betraying Marxism, the Party was reconstituted. William Z. Poster became the new leader.

Both of these remarkably cynical actions were carried out under the instructions of Moscow. The first, like the dissolution of the Comintern itself, was the price paid by Stalin for collaboration with American imperialism. The second occurred when relations between Russia and America worsened, and Stalin felt the need of a means of blackmailing his "allies".

Browder, Foster and Duclos acted as puppets of Stalin. The "Marxism" of one meant no more than the opportunism of the other.

than the opportunism of the other. But as usual, Stalin's infallibility must be maintained, so Browder was attacked as the villian of the piece (although all the Stalinist leaders had supported him at the time), and he was expelled from the Party.

" Continuity "

It soon became clear that nothing had really changed. Foster indulged in more radical talk, but it remained talk. In every essential Browder's line was carried on.
Thus the C.P. continues to support Truman's Democratic Party,

ing an organised fight after expulsion, attempting to change the Party's policy and leadership. This, as well as the numbers involved gives the event a most serious aspect.

Death and Resurrection of the American C.P.

The American C.P. was dissolved in May 1944, its leadership abandoning all pretence of standing for the independence of the workers from the capitalist parties, it urges support of charalatans such as Henry Wallace.

The worst example occurred last autumn during the elections for Governor and Senator in N.Y. State. After putting up a hard fight to get their own candidates on the ballot, they withdrew in favour of Mead and Lehman, capitalist candidates of the Democratic Party, and violent anticratic Party, and violent anti-

Of course, they were immediately expelled. There is no freedom of discussion inside the Communist Party. Criticism is only allowed if Francisco, rank and file un it is inspired by the Kremlin; if it comes from the rank and file workers it is ruthlessly crushed.

Expulsion of Opposition
Groups

Although the Stalinist leadership does its best to miseducate and poison the rank and file, there remain a large number of honest workers in the ranks of the C.P.
The great strike struggles, and the increasing sharp tension between the workers and capitalists

Workers it is ruthlessly crushed.

But the expelled groups have been very active and have issued bulletins for circulation within the C.P.
There are several different groups, but they appear to have one thing in common, namely that they attack the present leadership but retain confidence in Stalinism as an international movement.

Thus a group called the "New Committee for Publications", in its

Many comrades will sincerely

regret to hear the news that Comrade Heaton Lee, the Party's

Provincial Organiser, has met with

an accident whilst travelling on his motor-cycle on party work, and is

now in hospital. At one stage it

was thought that he would lose one

leg, but we are pleased to say this

will not be the case. He will,

however, have a permanent stiff

hospital at least until March, and

comrades and friends are invited to

write to him at F.O.U., Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon.

Comrade Lee will be in

For the first time since 1930 alleging that there are "prothen the Trotskyists were expelled, the opposition groups are conductin a organised fight after expulon, attempting to change the of the workers from the capitalist of the workers. The Stalinist line of class collaboration is ever more of the workers from the capitalist of the workers. difficult for them to swallow. Many have rebelled, and seizing upon the "Marxist" criticism levelled at Browder by the present leadership as usual." When they refused as usual." When they refused with a ruling: 'The ists, instructing its members to attack the strike leaders as Tret skyite, "which was a damned liannounced, with a ruling: 'The will be no discussion of this.'

Four maritime workers in 8 Francisco, rank and file unio leaders, were expelled for sayin the Party is "too conservative" and "reformist." It will be re membered that Harry Bridge Stalinist Union leader on the Wes as in war time.

The Illusions of the **Oppositionists**

The fact that the expelled

But if they retain this outlook they will be unable to find their way to a genuine Marxist policy. In order to understand the actions of the American Stalinist leader they must be viewed as part of the corruption of the world Stalinis movement. Otherwise it is possible to understand why they was no opposition to their cours from any Communist Party, ctuding the Russian, but indeed much support (e.g., from Harry Pollitt). It is impossible to under-stand the unanimous endorsement of the Russian proposal to dissolve the Communist International, Statin's embracing of the Church

breaking carried out by the French and British Stalinists. To under-

The Stalinist betrayals which are now leading to this opposition were forecast long ago and have been closely followed and analysed in the light of Marxism by the Trotsky-

Coast, made the famous proposition in 1944 for the no-strike pledge to ecome permanent in peace as wel

nembers still remain Stalinist in outlook, and believe that in fighting the present reformist line they are defending a "true" Stalinist detending a true Statinist policy, shows that the crisis is really serious. This is not the disillusionment of a few individuals but the internal decomposition of

Stain's embracing of the Church, It is impossible to understand why the French C.P., which the opposi-tionists believe to be truly Marxisc, has claing to a coalition with the capitalists and supported colonial oppression. Or the poticy of strike-lycaking considered by the French and British Stallmists. To understand these facts means to link them together, find their origin through the class-collaborationist Popular Front to the first rise of the conservative Stalinist clique in Russia, the fountain-head which has destroyed the Communist Interpretional International.

The Role of Trotskyism

TROTSKYIST PAPER PRINTED BY STRIKERS WITHOUT PAY

In its issue of 12/1/47, the "Observer's" Paris correspondent recorded that during the great strike of Rotary operators which prevented the publication of all the French dailies and most of the weeklies, was able to buy only the Amarchist "LEBERTAIRE", and the Tratsleyist "LA VERLITIE" and the Trotskyist "LA VERITE." During the strike itself, the Trotskyist "La Verite" was per-

Trotskyist La certic was permitted to appear by the strikers. Trotskyists the world over share with their French brother party its pride in this reward for loyal and faithful service to the cause of the verbing class.

From the first "Ln Verite" was to only working class paper which proclaimed its solidarity with the striking printers and during the strike, with the ex-operation of the Strike Committee, it came out with special issues, giving the widest possible publicity to the men's

case.
In addition to this, the Editorial Board of "La Verite" placed itself at the disposal of the strikers in case they wanted to publish their own paper. In appreciation of this gesture of solidarity, the Rotary workers printed the special issues of the approximate the special sucs of the paper without pay.

The Stalinists And "Socialists"

The strike once again revealed the strike-breaking role of the Communist (Stalinist) Party and the "Socialist" Party. Rather than agree to the demands of the workers, which would have enabled them to bring out their own papers, they preferred to show their solidarity with the newspaper millionaires. nillionaires.

millionaires.

In France, as elsewhere, only the Trotskyists prove themselves to be on the side of the workers in their struggles against the bosses, All the other so-called working class parties show ever more openly that they serve the interests of the enemies of the working class.

again to Stalinism, which comes to the same thing.
The Stalinist leaders know this.

They fear the attractive power of Protskyism, which is emerging on They fear the attractive power or Trotskyism, which is emerging on the American political scene as a party to be reckoned with. Consequently they are making desperate attempts to silence the Trotskyists by physical violence. In Youngstown and New York, Stallinist gangs have attacked sellers of the "Millitant" (American Trotskyist paper): in the latter case which happened at meetings of the C.I.O. National Maritime Union, one comrade was beaten unconscious and four girl comrades were injured.

But just as the expulsions cannot stop the dissillusion which is setting in in the ranks of the American C.P., such attacks cannot stop our comrades from showing the correct Marxist policy, and in the final analysis gaining the support of the mass of worker members of the "Communist"

an independent class conscious, revolutionary position." They contrast the American C.P., with its brother parties in Europe, and with the teachings of Stalin, which they claim represent genuine Marxism.

Most important, workers' groups have been expelled for opposing the C.P.'s industrial policy. A group

binding on all the workers. He alone shall select, promote and re-move personnel "taking into

move personnel "taking into consideration" "the opinions of the party and the trade union organisations," but is not to be bound

The Troika was officially buried in 1937. In the Plenum of the Central Committee Stalin's second-in-command, Zhdanov, declared:

m-command, Zhdanov, declared:

"... the Troika is something quite impermissible... The Troika is a sort of administrative board, but our economic administration is constructed along totally different lines." ("Pravda," 11 March.

In Indo-China, the soldiers of the Stalinist and Socialist deputies

HEATON

WAR AGAINST

SUPPORTED BY FRENCH SOCIALISTS AND

STALINISTS

by Blum, launched a full-scale war against the Indo-

Chinese Republic of the Viet-Nam, which is being continued by its successor. Every day brings reports of fresh troops-including the dreaded Foreign Legionembarking from French and North African ports for the

The "All Socialist" Government of France, headed

LEE

BY C. VAN

GELDEREN

Namese battle for their independ-Admiral d'Argentien and General Leclere, notorious for the role they played in Indo-China after its "liberation" in 1945 have again been sent out by the Blum Government.

resistance as the



". . . to our French combatants in Indo-China their affectionate sympathy and salating their efforts to maintain in the Far East the civilising and pacific presence of France."

Not a word of greeting to the colonial slaves battling for independence, from these miserable misleaders of the working class.

Colonial People

I. In France the capitalist press are spreading the usual slanders about the colonial peoples, their alleged cruelties and so on. This revolting display has not had the desired effect of raising the enthusiasm of the French workers for

first bulletin of October 28th, 1946,

"We wish to shake the unity of the C.P., U.S.A., because facts have already fully demonstrated—for all who wish to see—that this 'unity' is based on support of capitalism and refusal to fight capitalism."

Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist Party in the U.S." A group in the Bronx district of

New York, and two writers, McKenny and Minton of Norwalk, Conn., bring similar ideas forward. They accuse the leadership of "having no defined, clear position on immediate political action," of "tailing behind bourgeois allies, or merging with them are abundance. merging with them, or abandoning an independent class conscious, revolutionary position." They contrast the American C.P. with its brother

ITALIAN STRIKES

"We Want Work, Not Charity!"

BY C. BIVANCO

In the worst winter which Italy has known since the end of the war, the Southern parts of the peninsula are witnessing a series of militant strikes and protest movements.

This movement reached its peak in the General Strike against the high cost of living which paralyzed Naples last month. Despite efforts on the part of the Trade Union leadership (Stalinist, Socialist and Christian Democrat) to end the strike, the solidarity of the Neppolitan workers was complete till they received some concessions from the Government. from the Government.

Mass Demonstrations

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Mass Demonstrations

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Caserta and Cantagaro are other important towns in Southern Italy which have joined the movement of

Unemployment And Starvation

No one with the slightest know-ledge of conditions in Italy will be surprised at the rising tempo of the class struggle as effect in the wave of strikes and demonstrations. wave of strikes and demonstrations. Since the "liberation" the condition of the masses has been growing from bad to worse and there can be no doubt that if there is no improvement in the near future the present action of the workers and peasants is only a portent of the violent struggles which lie ahead.

U.S.S.R.: **Bureaucrats** in Industry

(Continued from Page 3.)
ceive 4 per cent. of their salaries.
(Orders of the Commissariat for Fuel: 20th June, 1939—and for ferrous metallurgy— 16th July, 1939, Industriya, 21 June and 21 July, 1939 respectively.) If the output of pig-iron exceeds the Plan by 5 per cent. the top administrators receive a bonus of 10 per cent. of their salary for every per cent. above the Plan by 6-10 per cent., the bonus is 15 per cent. of the salary for every per cent. above the Plan. Thus, if the output is 10 per cent. above Plan, the top

the Plan. Thus, if the output is 10 per cent. above Plan, the top administrators receive a bonus of 125 per cent. of their salary.

Of course, Russian statisticians are in no hurry to publish data about the real magnitude of the bonuses the top bureaucracy receives.

receives.
The third source of income is the The third source of income is the Director's Fund. Its official aim is to build houses for the workers and employees, clubs, canteens, creches, kindergartens, to give bousses for -outstanding achievements at work, etc. From what sources is this fund drawn? The profits of the Plant are divided between the plant itself and the higher state administration of profits of the Plant are divided between the plant itself and the higher state administration of industry. The proportion is determined by the state at intervals. The share of the state can not be less than 10 per cent. in any enterprise. In 1937 industry as a whole gave 48 per cent. of all its profit to the State (Economics Socialist Industry, "Ibid," page 548). The part which remains in the hands of the director of the plant is of the director of the plant is called the "Director's Fund." According to a Decree of 19th April, 1936, 4 per cent. of the planned profit, and 50 per cent. of the profit above the plan is to go to the Director's Fund. One Russian economist has given figures of the size of this fund:

Realization

In a statement issued by the Strike Committee, appealing to he workers of Glasgow for support, it was pointed out that the Bin-men raised in their trade unions. April 1946, their need for a "substantial increase." Their adverage was efor a 48 hour week amounted to £3 19s. 0d. after deductions. It to efficials made application for an increase. In November, the Joint April 1946, their rade unions in April 1946, their rade unions in Apri

| | Realization of Plan in % | Director's Fund in R.000.000 | Director's Fund per worker. |
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| rit industry | 108.8 | 86.0 | 1,175.0 |
| Poliak, "On the | e Director's E | unds in Industr | ial Enterprises |
| ed Economy, No | . 4. 1938. pa | ge 61.) | |

As has already been mentioned, the distribution of the Director's the average wage of all workers and employees was 250 roubles per month in 1937. The above figures show that by exceeding the Plan only a few per cent., the Director's Fund, per cent., the Director's Fund per annum in the petroleum industry comes to more than one monthly average income. petroleum industry comes to more than one monthly average income, in the ment industry, to three, and in the spirit industry, to more than four and a half. Other industries present the same picture. The table shows how huge are the sums concentrated in the hands of directors of industries numbering thousands of workers.

Petr Mea Spi

Glasgow Bin-Men Win WAGE INCREASE FOR ALL SCOTLAND

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT STRIKES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN GLASGOW FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD, IN WHICH 1,800 GLASGOW CORPORATION WORKERS WERE ON THE STREETS FOR FOUR WEEKS, HAS ENDED IN PARTIAL VICTORY FOR THE STRIKERS. THIS DISPUTE OVER THE QUESTION OF WAGES INVOLVED BIN-MEN, ROAD SWEEPERS, ETC.-WORKERS WHO CLEAN UP THE CITY'S FILTH.

The unpleasant nature of their task in society was responsible for the tremendous degree of sympathy shown

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| | rial Enterprises |

chief accountant (5,000, the president of the trade union 4,000, the head of the workshop 5,000." the distribution of the other 5,000 roubles is not indicated. They doubtless served to compensate the thousands of workers. This expension of workers the expension of workers. shows how huge are the sums concentrated in the hands of directors of industries numbering thousands of workers.

We have no statistical data on how the Director's Funds are distributed. The only indication we have is from Yvon "L'URSS tellequ'ele est", Paris, 1938, page 111. He writes that in the paper "Za Industrialization" of 20/4/37, figures were published concerning doubtless served to compensate the thousands of workers. This example is no doubt more glaring than many another, but the fact that such an excess can occur indicates the degree to which the industrial bureaucracy is independent of the masses ,and one-man management, together with the Director's Fund are certainly excellent conditions for the increasing prosperity of the directors.

Midden.

The same position could be repeated endlessly. For bin-carriers, working both day and night shift: (no extra rates for the night shift), who finish their daily toil smothered from head to foot in ashes and other refuse there is no special or overa elathing sympled.

the struggles of the workers from whose pennies they get their fat living.

Conduct Of Labour Council Coupled with this betrayal by the Trade Union leaders, the conduct of the Labour dominated coverage elathing symples.

extra clothing supplied. Role Of T.U. Leaders

cart there is not even a wash-hand basin, and if anyone wants a wash they have to get water in a pail one more effort on the part of the that they must take out of the Midden.

Trade Union bureaucrats to break the struggles of the workers from

the Trade Union leaders, the conduct of the Labour dominated Council has been a disgrace.

On the morning of January 23rd, a day before the J.I.C. met, the

The workers of Glasgow must demand an immediate explanation from their "representatives" on the City Council for their conduct during the strike. It is the duty of Labour workers to demand Ward meetings to clean up this miserable situation. They must carry a determined struggle to prevent a repetition of such antiworking class conduct by those who are put into office on the basis. Throughout the strike, the Trade Union officials played the same miserable role as their counterparts in the Transport and all other strikes. They have repeated the well-worn phrase of "use the Moderates" (Tories) cynically (Continued at foot of next (Col.) who are put into office on the basis

HAULAGE STRIKE

Solidarity Gained Victory

in their struggle by the general public.

BY ROY TEARSE

Homorrous comments about the notable lack of willingness on the part of the student youth to blackle get at stain on the record of the tabour dominated get by their Transport strike, against the labour down the strike at a stain on the record of the Labour adour to reform the such an unpleasant occupation. Deserted by their Trade Union officials, kicked around by the preventance for years public.

The Bin-Men's Case

The Bin-Men's Case

The leaflet headed "Stand Frim" received good responses and content to black the property of the part of the deputation—on the part of the d

After the demonstration on the 23rd, some newspapers carried headlines to the effect that at the demonstration workers had shouted "Down with Labour"—"Give us Churchill", in an effort to further this campaign.

In answer to this the Strike Committee promptly issued a statement condemning this report as a fabrication and stating: "Whatever criticisms we have of the Labour Party, we are 100 against the Tories."

The workers of Glasgow must demand an immediate explanation from their "representatives" on the City Council for their conduct of the conductive of the cond been for their solidarity, the baulage workers would have been smashed by the bosses and the Labour Government.

Power Of The Workers

The strike experience has given

Deakin tried to divert the men by attacking our leaflet and shouted "Are you going to allow your selves to be influenced by irresponsible Trotskyists?"

R.C.P. Policy Well Received

They have seen the power of the organised unity of the working class. Without the country can be rapidly paralised. The whole of society rests on the backs of the working class. Once they withdraw their

attempted to make political capital out of the activities of the Labour Councillors. They have attempted to place the whole blame for the situation on the Labour Councillors and white-wash themselves. And it is not the fault of these Labour renegades that the Tories have largely failed in these efforts.

Considerable publicity was given in the capitalist press to our leaflets and special strike supplement. The "Evening Standard", even hinting that a sedition charge to fit the workers are beginning the workers and to establish a solidarity from other sections of the workers of the effects on other sections of the workers. All lamented the fact that the top union bureauter to the workers are beginning the workers and to establish a national co-ordinating Committee to link up all sections of the workers. All lamented the ment. The "Evening Standard", even hinting that a sedition charge to the workers are beginning the workers and to establish a victory in the manage a victory in the effects on other sections of the workers. All lamented the ment. The "Evening Standard", even hinting that a sedition charge the workers and to establish a victory in the manage a victory in the manage a victory in the effects on other sections of the workers. All lamented the sections of the workers and wictory in the manage a victory in the effects on other sections of the workers are because of the effects on other sections of the workers. All lamented the manage and the workers and the workers and the workers are victory in the effects on other sections of the workers are

of the rank and file.

After many years of bitter experience, the workers are beginning to lose patience with the protracted negotiation machinery which extends over months and sometimes even years and which is always weighted in favour of the bosses. They are beginning to see that only direct action gains the desired results.

results.

Instead of the Labour Government coming out on the side of the workers, and assisting them in their just demands, they have commenced a propaganda compaign in favour of the employers. The White Paper on Relations between Employers and Workers opposes wage increases and shortening of hours. hours.

The strike experience has given an impetus to the "unofficial", that is, rank and file, movement in other sections of industry.

Beginning as a strike over immediate economic demands, the movement developed into a direct challenge to the Government and its reactionary intervention on behalf of the employers. The solidarity of the workers defeated both the Government and the employers. This victory will pro-The dockers are preparing for

The Policy of the R.C.P.

Nationalisation of the land, of ali atomic processes, of all large financial, insurance, industrial, distributive and transport enterprises without compensation, and the operation of these enterprises on the basis of an overall production plan under control of workers' and technicians' committees.

Abolition of business secrets. All company books to be open to inspection by trade unions and workers committees.

Distribution of food, clothes, ruel and other consumers goods in short supply under the control of committees elected from the co-ops, distributive trades, factories, housewives and small shop-keepers which will eliminate the black market.

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.

5. A rising scale of wages to meet the increased cost of living with a guaranteed minimum and a falling scale of hours to absorb the unemployed, who must be fully maintained while not working; a 40-hour week maximum without loss of earnings.

6. Abolition of the Monarchy and the House of Lords; full electorar rights for all from the age of 18; and full political and civil

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-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.

raining of worker officers.
Full and immediate freedom for India and the other colonies to choose their own form of government; the immediate withdrawal of British troops from all colonial countries.
End secret diplomacy and a peace of vengeance and punder; end race hatred, anti-semitism, Vansittartism and the colour bar; the withdrawal of British troops from Europe and Asia and a peace based upon the seff-determination of the peoples of Europe, Asia and the world.

Linconditional defence of the Soviet Linkon excited at the second colour and the second colour based on the seff-determination of the peoples of Europe, Asia and the world.

Unconditional defence of the Soviet Union against all imperialist powers; for the overthrow of the privileged Stalinist bureaucracy and the re-introduction of workers' democracy in bussia. Full support and active co-operation with the European workers

against all occupying forces, for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a United Socialist States of Europe, unity with the workers and exploited masses of all lands in the

PARTY CENTRE Visitors to the Party Centre will estruck by the transformation thich is gradually taking place. Visitors to the Party Centre will estruck by the transformation thich is gradually taking place. Visitors to the Party Centre will est were distributed and a special supplement on the strike was sold. They were enthusiastically received. In Liverpool in particular, the reception to our printed "Socialist Appeal" supplement of the strike was sold. from the BRANCHES TRANSFORMATION AT

BIRMINGHAM ANTI - CONSCRIPTION MEETING

opposition to conscription. The audience was significantly youthful

The Birmingham branch held a successful meeting in the I.L.P. Rooms recently, when an attentive audience of 60 heard our Party's case on Conscription. Comrade Ainsworth, who acted as chairman, used his own experiences in the Army to back up our Party's opposition to conscription. The

was very good. Our comrades gave the paper away to the workers as they went into the meeting, asking those who liked the paper to pay as they came out. 330 were distributed—200 were paid for at the

TROOPSHIP

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With this warning the M.P.s. were not getting on the boat, we then waited for alternative orders. They asked sergeants and then corporals to form up on the new which they did and as can be expected, the metion apparently to different destinations. Time passed and then we were told that the N.C.O.'s had consented to get on the boat.

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the old, old story! As always, full employment in Britain, the maintenance of the foreign trade of British capitalism, rests upon the possibilities of defeating its competitors. As competition increases on the world market, so also will increases the small quantities—all these things are angering the troops.

The officers admit that the ship s not in a fit condition to carry troops.

We hope it will be a warning to those who may be fooled into voluntary subjugation by the army recruiting campaign. And let it also be a reminder to the British working class that workers in uniform are forced against their wishes to occupy those places we are said to have liberated. possibilities of defeating its competitors. As competition increases on the world market, so also will increase the demands on the workers to maintain "right" prices by increased effort and reduction of wages. Many workers will remember the attacks on their standards which took place after the slump of 1929 in the name of maintaining "right" prices for the export trade.

November 1946, 1,510,000 men and women. 474,000 workers are engaged on making military equipment. This is three times more than the number needed, according to the White Paper, for the export drive if production per head does not increase.

The imperialist character of the Government's foreign policy is responsible for the shortage of manpower and increases the burden of

Manpower Shortage?

The White Paper states: "To provide the 75% increase in volume of exports alone would mean employing more than 2 million workers on export trade; if this increase of exports had to be achieved without any increase in the pre-war rate of output per head, this would mean withdrawing 560,000 more workers from supply ing goods for the home market. Obviously it would be quite impossible to spare so big a part of the labour force from production for the home market. The additional exports, like the additional goods that are needed at home, cannot be got without increasing output per head and raising the

power and increases the burden of the British workers.

Coming Slump

'The Labour leaders have forgotten their socialist teachings that capitalism must inevitably lead to crises, unemployment and war. But thinking workers have not forgotten it.

As long as increased production means increased profit for the capitalists, over-production and unemployment in a few years' time, it would be criminal for the working class to sacrifice its interests to such an end. On the contrary, with a Labour Government in power every opportunity must be seized to force concessions from the capitalists by the strength of organized labour. capitalists by torganised labour.

-For Whom?

but in the interests of the workers not of the few. Production for use but not for profit.

To speak about increasing the wages parallel with an increase in production is hollow phrasemongering so long as the workers do not control production, do not see exactly what part of the product goes as profits, so long as they are prevented from knowing what patents are held secret by capitalist monopolies in order to prevent increases in production that will threatent heli-projects. threaten their private interests and profits.

It is true that the standard of life of the British masses is low and a tremendous increase in production is necessary to assure better conditions. But only duction is necessary to assure better conditions. But only socialisation, that is, nationalisation without compensation for the employers and the placing of all industry under workers' control can assure this increase for the benefit of the producers. Only an all comprehensive socialist plan together with the establishment of a monopoly of foreign trade which will protect the economy from the will protect the economy from the slumps abroad, can bring a high standard of life for the working class. Such measures would bring Africa ... 3 0 0 whole level of production."

This is a deception. Even without increasing the output per worker, it is very simple to assure

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struggle for world socialism.

stantially improve their condi-tions, they must transform their Unions into fighting organisations by removing those officials who at present hold office and organise to replace them by worker-militants who are pre-pared to stand on the platform of working class struggle. They must demand that all officials are subject to regular election and immediate recall, and paid exactly the same wages as the workers on the job. They must struggle to break the Industrial Truce which ties the workers hand and foot with the employment are subject to the subject of t

of their promises of "pie in the duce their working hours from 48 sky" to the working class.

Militant Policy Of Bin - Men

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"The lessons of this strike are many and varied, but the most prominent (as has been taught by every single dispute in any industry over the past period) is that if the workers are to substantially improve their conditions they must transform their gave an indication of what they

demonstrated by a body of strikers over the past period, and although there were organisational shortcomings this was in no way due to the lack of energy and enthusiasm of the Strike Committee. It was the lack of energy and enthusiasm of the Strike Committee. It was just one further demonstration of the fact that, abandoned by the leaders of the organisations they have built up over decades of struggle, the workers, side by side with their struggles to transform the Unions into fighting organisations, have in many senses to learn all over again the best methods of organisation in such strike activity. hand and foot with the employers' organisations, as a first step towards a determined struggle against the boss."

On January 24th the J.I.C. decided to award the Cleansing workers 7s. 6d. (5s. 6d. short of their £5 demand), and also to re-

discussed. In about a half-an-hour some hundred or so were on their

way to the gang-plank, where officers and M.P.'s were concen-

As the gang-plank was only accessible through a narrow passage, only the vanguard were able to make a break in comparatively small numbers. Since they were loaded with kit they made easy meat for the M.P.'s. However, only about eight wore

However, only about eight were able to reach the bottom, two

making a complete get-away.

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| Manchester | | 16 | 0 |
| Thames Valley | 1 | - 8 | -0 |
| Todd | 1 | 3 | -0 |
| West London | | 12 | 6 |
| "Valley Pals", Wales | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| K.D., Neath | | 10 | 0 |
| Newcastle | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| Labourer, N.E.M. | | - 1 | 0 |
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| Trooper, B.A.O.R | | 7 | 6 |
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| Sapper B | | 5 | 0 |
| Birmingham | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Sgt. J.C.F., India | | 5 | 0 |
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| A.J.B., Croydon | 1 | 0 | 0 |
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| M.S., South Africa | 3 | 0 | 0 |
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Glasson

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