

SOCIALIST APPEAL



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FOR A UNITED FRONT

How a Revolutionary Government Would

OVERCOME THE

THE AMERICAN LOAN WILL BE USED UP EVEN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE ADVERSE BALANCE OF TRADE WILL AMOUNT TO £450 MILLIONS FROM JUNE 1947 TO JUNE 1948. THIS IS BRITAIN'S "CRISIS". AND HOW DO THE LABOUR LEADERS PROPOSE TO MEET THE GAP?

Imports of food are to be cut by £12 million a month. Timber imports will be cut £10 million a year. Further, restrictions will be enforced on expenditure on foreign travel, and cuts imposed on petrol, with a tax on foreign, which means American, films.

And the working class is called upon to work harder and longer hours. They are urged not to press for wage increases, and to prepare for the continuation of austerity with the possibility of further cuts in rations if the Marshall Plan fails to materialise.

At the same time, compulsory direction of labour to the undermanned industries is to be undertaken.

The Tories Complaints

And what sacrifices are to be made by the capitalist class in the plan of the Labour Government? They will be hardly affected at all. They will continue, as before, to pile up profits. The Tories complaint is, of course, that the Labour Government is not prepared to launch a savage enough assault on the standards of the workers. This was disclosed in all its naked-They will be hardly affected at all. They will continue, as before, to pile up profits. The Tories complaint is, of course, that the Labour Government is not prepared to launch a savage enough assault on the standards of the workers. This was disclosed in all its nakedness by the speech of Sir John Anderson when he rebuked the Government for bringing into operation family allowances and old age pensions, and claimed that the appeal to the workers not to press for higher wages was "unconvincing." It was a mistake, he argued, to introduce this excessive purchasing power at the moment when the beginnings of a post-war slump were becoming apparent. He opposed the raising of the featured in the capitalist press, which featured only the demagogic hypocritical attacks or the powers of direction demanded by the Government. No serious worker will be fooled by this. But unfortunately, the policy of the Labour leaders plays into the hands of the Tories.

Why The CRISIS?

Instead of a socialist plan which could rally the workers, the measures can only serve to alienate the middle class and in any case merely serve as a palliative.

In pursuance of the policy of imperialism, the Labour Government the last two years, has souandered enormous sums to the (Continued on Page 4.)

O.K's Killings 8 Negroes Shot Dead

A Georgia prison - camp warder and seven guards who murdered eight Negro prisoners and wounded five others at the Anguila Stockade two weeks ago, were declared 'justified in their action" by an all-white 23man Glynn County grand

NEW YORK-

Brunswick representatives of the Brunswick representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, who investigated on the spot shortly after the killings, have revealed evidence that the wholesale slaying with sub-machine guns, shot guns and rifles was a deliberate massacre.

jury in Brunswick last week.

According to the NAACP investigators, "there had been no sit-down strike of prisoners as originally reported. The men had simply refused to go into the rattlesmake infested swamp waters without boots. They demanded a meeting with the warden where they could explain their objections but this demand was refused by armed guards who were in charge of the work gang.

When the men refused to enter the swamp they were told to sit in the road while one of the guards rethe road while one of the guards returned to the camp to report the situation to the warden. Only two guards remained with the men who were perfectly aware of the fact that there were fifteen heavily armed guards back at the camp.

"It was pointed out to the investigators by one of the prisoners, that if an esape had been con-



R.C.P. BOOKSTALL.-International socialist Literature bookstall run by the East London Branch every Saturday in Whitechapel Road. Marxist classics, works by Lenin and Trotsky, and Fourth International papers in all languages are sold.

templated it would have been more feasible with only two guards over them than later, when they had been returned to camp in trucks, under the guns of seventeen guards

At the stockade, the prisoners were lined up in front of the barracks where the warden ordered five prisoners to step out. "This the men refused to do when it was obvious to the tightly packed group that the warden was reeling drunk".

shouting: 'I'm going to kill you.' When Bell refused, the warden sent for some pick handles. He then spoke to County Police Chief Henderson, who drove away and later returned with a call warding. later returned with a sub-machine

gun.
"During all this time the "During all this time the prisoners made no attempts to escape. When the police chief returned with the machine gun, the warden reeled into the packed prisoners 'holding his pistol with both hands' to get Bell. A few moments later the shooting began," save the NAACP report. says the NAACP report.

Against Fascist Hooliganism PROFITS AND

THE FASCISTS ARE CREEPING OUT OF THEIR SEWERS. USING THE PRETEXT OF THE TWO BRITISH SERGEANTS MURDERED BY THE TERRORISTS IN PALESTINE, THEY HAVE PROVOKED A SERIES OF RIOTS IN MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW AND LONDON.

This is not at all a spontaneous reaction to the activities of the Palestine terrorists. It is a carefully whipped-up and guided campaign by hooligan fascist thugs.

The meaning of this movement as anti-working class is clear. Already in Liverpool and Bethnal Green, London, Labour and Communist Party rooms have been attacked by these fascist thugs.

There is no doubt that the terrorist activities in Palestine have aroused anti-semitic reactions among even the best sections of the workers in this country. British workers! Do not allow yourselves to be misled! Anti-semitism is a danger to the rights and liberties of the working class. These incidents will die down -But the fascist organisations which systematically inflame the most ignorant and backward prejudices have as their aim, the destruction of the organisations of the working class - the Trade Unions, Labour, Communist, Revolutionary Communist Parties, etc These events are a dress rehearsal for the slump which is inevitable and must come in the next few years. Then, the capitalist class will hire and finance these thugs not only to attack Jews, but to attack Labour organisations and beat up workers' leaders.

Learn the lesson of the bitter experiences of the workers of Germany and Italy. Anti-semitism goes hand in hand with reaction in its struggle against the working class and the hard won democratic rights gained. capitalist press has incited hostility to the Jews on the Palestine ques-tion without explaining the true

There are 100,000 British Troops Stationed In Palestine! — Why?

Palestine is the main military base of imperialism in the Middle East. British capitalists have investments of about £300,000,000 in this region. They own oilfields, oil refineries, big industrial establishments, power stations, banks, insurance companies, etc. Millions of pounds of profits go into the pockets of a handful of British capitalists, from this region. In apitalists, from this region. In Palestine itself, they own at least three quarters of the industrial capital of the country!

capital of the country:

The British are in Palestine for one purpose only: to oppress both Arab and Jewish worker and peasant in the interest of the oil kings and protect the strategic needs of British capitalism This is not worth the life of a single British worker-soldier. British workers! There is a simple solution to the Palestine problem.

WORKERS! ON GUARD AGAINST THE FASCIST MENACE! The Trade Unions, Trades Councils, the Co-operatives, and all the workers' political parties, must conduct a united campaign against this menace. The fascists must be crushed while they are still small and impotent, and before they gain a base among the backward sections of the WORKERS! The Trade Unions, Trades Councils, the Co-operatives, and all the workers' political parties, must conduct a united campaign against this menace. The fascists must be crushed while they are still small and impotent, and before they gain a base among the backward sections of the population. Wherever they creep out of their holes, they must be cleared off the streets. In districts where they are strong, the trade unions and other workers' organisations must form Defence Guards to protect meeting halls of the workers, and to protect the the workers, and to protect the Jews against hooligan attacks. Do not stand aside and allow the fascists to attack the Jews. This democratic rights, but strikes at the very basis of the rights of the For a United Front of

The Revolutionary Communist Party warned the working class that conditional withdrawal of British

Demand the withdrawal of every British soldier from Palestine! Let the Arabs and the Jews settle their own problems on the basis of an independent Palestine.

WORKERS! ON GUARD AGAINST THE FASCIST

WORKERS! Exert pressure.

Down with Anti-Semitism which Do goes hand in hand with reaction! Destroy Fascism by Destroying This their Capitalism!
Defend the Jews and the Workers

working class. TOMORROW IT Workers' Organisations Against the Fascists!

Britain's imperialist war against Troops from Palestine!

Some Facts About the Jews-p. 4

Help The Indonesians

No Handling of Dutch Material!

A one-hour general sit-down strike in protest against the Dutch Government's war in Indonesia took place throughout Amsterdam and other cities in Holland at the end of last month.

BOYCOTT INDONESIAN WAR

troops. The E.V.C. Federation which controls seventy per cent. of the Port labour in the major ports of Amsterdam and Rotterdam, has proposed to the conservative N.V.V. Federation, a joint general strike against the war.

by the Dock Workers Trade Union Federation. In an appeal to cease work, the Unions call upon the workers 'not to aid the Dutch Government in its aggressiou against the Indonesian people against the Indonesian people commerce!

which is fighting for its independ-

Meanwhile, the dock workers' union of the progressive E.V.C. Federation has declared a boycott on all ships bound for Indonesia or loading military supplies and troops. The E.V.C. Federation

The responsibility of this war of national oppression does not rest only upon the shoulders of the Dutch imperialists. It receives the support of British and American imperialism, and could not be waged against the wishes and pressure of the British and pressure of the British and American Governments.

Appeals to U.N.O., Appears to U.N.O., the imperialists' thieves' kitchen, are absolutely worthless. They are made by the Labour leaders only to dupe the workers. Only the class action of the workers can smash imperialism. Transport In Sydney, Australia, all loading of Dutch ships in Australian harbours has been ordered halted by the Dock Workers Trade Union

No handling of Dutch material!

No fitting, fuelling or loading of

THE CRISIS

BY G. NOSEDA

All the sacrifices now being called for by the Labour leaders to meet the economic crisis, are placed on the backs of the workers. Not one step is to be taken against the enormous profits being reaped by the big employers in Britain! The profit-making of the capitalists will continue unchecked.

The fears of the capitalists and Stock Market speculators of possible measures being taken against them by the Labour Government, has, in the words of the "Financial Times" been "removed". Reporting rises in Iron and Steel, Tobacco, Motor and other industrial shares after Attlee's crisis speech, the "Financial Times" wrote: The Prime Minister's statement will remove some of the worst fears of the market. There had been talk of a

Stock Exchange speculation." And the City correspondent of the "Daily Herald", said that the "Government's plan for handling the economic crisis relieved uncertainty in security markets. . . .'

capital levy or forced loan and of various devices to stop

Shares Rise After Attlee's Speech

The relief of the capitalists and speculators at the lack of any measures against their interests was reflected in the Stock Market. The shares of Baldwin's, (Steel), which a week before had stood at 7/-, rose to 7/102d. the day after Attlee's speech. Consett Iron Co., shares rose from 10/- on August 1st, to 11/- on the 8th; Dorman Long's, another big Steel combine, rose from 24/6d. to 27/- in the same period. Tobacco, Motor and other market shares rose similarly. Clearly, the Labour Government's measures held no threat to the profiteers and market

In the past year, the higher productive output attained by the workers has meant a golden harvest of profits for the capitalists. Among some of the outstanding profits reported recently are those of Lever Bros. and Unilever Ltd., whose company report shows that the consolidated net profit of the combine for 1946 was £6,187,647, or £1,548,541 more than in 1945.

British Glues and Chemicals Ltd., have approximately doubled their last year's profits. Their reported profit for the year ended April, 1947, is £217,827.

The British Shareholders Trust Ltd., announcing a profit of £111,597 for this year, state that this is an increase of £27,670 over the previous year.

Tootal Broadhurst Lee Co., (Cotton and Textile), announce a record profit of £769,195 for the year ending June, 1947. This is an increase of almost half a million pounds over the previous year's profits which were

Expropriate the Capitalists

These few examples are indicative of the upward profits tendency of almost every capitalist enterprise in Britain during the past year. Yet, Attlee, in his crisis speech, made not the slightest attack on the profits being coined by the capitalists. Instead, addressing the employers, he meekly said, "I appeal to those in control of industry and commerce to refrain (!!) from declaring high dividends and large profits.

All talk of "equal" sacrifice is so much humbug, so long as the Labour Government continues to place the main burdens of the economic crisis on the backs of the working class and fails to take drastic action against the capitalists. A genuine Workers' Government would not hesitate to take revolutionary measures to implement a real Socialist policy to meet the present crisis. One of the first steps of such a Workers' Government would be to take action against the big employers. The profits of the capitalist class would be EXPROPRIATED and the wealthy idlers and drones put to work. Then, and only then, could there be any talk of "equal" sacrifice. Such measures would be part of a real socialist plan to meet the economic crisis and safeguard the interests of the

R.C.P. Congress Resolution on

Statification in Britain

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Newcastle.—Our Newcastle comrades sold 150 copies of the last issue of the "Socialist Appeal" at the Northumberland miners' gala.

Anti-Fascist Activity. — The R.C.P. responded quickly to the outbreak of fascist hooliganism by report on a plan of campaign and to hear suggestions from London members. The atendance was good and arrangements were made for an extensive campaign in the London area to extend over a week.

A meeting is being organised at the King's Hall, East London, for Monday, August 18th. 500 posters, 2,000 leaflets, chalking, a poster purade, and other methods of advertising the meeting are under way to make it a success.

Workers' Demands

Lyons' workers demanded the firm should re-imburse them for this loss in tips. But not only did J. Lyons & Co. refuse to negotiate with the workers' representative, Jack Hogarth, but also served an injunction, restraining him from inciting workers to take part in unofficial strikes.

Attempt To Sever

Leadership Stopped

By Workers' Demands

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Over 500 copies of the special supplement were sold on canvasses and on the streets on Sunday, August 10th, in London. Workers in the East End responded quite liberally to our collection boxes. The open air meeting in East London on the fascist menace was well attended. well atrended.

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India Meeting.—An interested audience of 80 attended a London meeting calling for a "United Socialist India." Comrades Ajit Rey and Ted Grant spoke well. Huge posters around the hall demanded the release of Antoni Pillai, President of the Madras Labour Union, and other Trotskyist leaders arrested by Congress. Literature and a good collection rounded off a successful evening.

S.P.G.B. - R.C.P. Debate. —
About 150 workers assembled to hear a debate between Comrade Fenwick of the S.P.G.B. and Jock Haston for the R.C.P. at the Bethnal Green Library Comrade Haston was in high form and thoroughly floored the sectarian arguments of his opponent. The meeting recorded a nice profit for the party. About 15/- worth of literature was sold. literature was sold.

Thames Valley comrades are t be commended for the steady ris in membership and for the develop ment of the area as a whole. District Committee is being set uto administer the party-work i

T. REILLY, Organising Secretary.

Lorry loads are being dumped or fed to pigs.

reports the 'Sunday Times" of thus

Food Destroyed

While Housewives Queue

Fruit and vegetables are being destroyed, ploughed into

Cheap apples are being sent back to Kent for green manure.

the ground, or allowed to rot in Britain at the present time.

"Large quantities of marrows, capitalist press are exhorting the cucumbers and runner beans were workers to work harder and pro rotting. Cabbages and lettuce were being ploughed back into the land",

August 10th.

A spokesman of the Ministry of Agriculture dealing with this problem, complacently remarked:

"It was better to have a glut than a shortage." He added that cabbage and lettuce were ploughed back every."

The real relation than allow prices to fall, thus benefiting especially the poorer sections of the population, the big vegetable and fruit racketeers prefer to destroy sorely needed supplies. All they are interested in is profits.

The real relation

a shortage." He added that cabbage and lettuce were ploughed back every year. The reason was "lack of demand for the produce."

The real solution to this problem lies in immediately placing the markets under the control of committees set up by the workers



Industrial Notes



Lyons' Workers Win Demands From a

Atter 3 Hours Strike BY MARION LUNT (Catering Worker)

Rank - and - File To draw into activity as many workers as possible there should be an immediate convening of a

100% Unionism In

Each House

Piazza, and other workers indirectly victimised by the Savoy owners,

Catering

Charter

and Sunday work.

DO YOU THINK YOU

Workers'

t. £5 minimum wage irres-

2. 5-day week of 40 hours, with the abolition of shift duty.

Two weeks holiday with pay,

over-time rates, sick pay, extra pay for Bank Holidays

Better food and general working conditions.

LONDON -

1,200 CATERING WORKERS OF LYONS' CORNER HOUSES, BY THEIR DECISIVE AND MILITANT ACTION, WON THEIR DEMANDS AFTER A THREE HOUR STRIKE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th.

J. Lyons & Co. Notices
This action was taken as a result of the loss in tips suffered by waiters and waitersses when J. Lyons & Co. displayed notices relating to unlicensed premises, and leading the general public to believe applied to these Corner Houses, which are however, licensed premises.

Workers' Demands
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However, the workers of the Corner Houses at Marble Arch and the Corner Houses at Marble Arch and the Corner out on the Comberland Hotel came out on strike on a solid class-basis. J. Lyons & Co. were forced to with-draw the injunction, and agreed to believe applied to these Corner Houses, which are however, licensed premises.

Trafalgar Square

Meeting

At a meeting called by the Workers' Committee at Trafalgar Square on Sunday, August 10th, which was well attended by nippies and catering workers of London, Jack Hogarth with representatives with a great store of untapped energy and determination, must draw the conclusion from the past industrial battles, and prepare for a sustained struggle on the hasis of wage demands and the loss may desire, the inwho 18 months ago were marching to who late in their parade, the inwho 18 months ago were marching to who late their parade, the inthouse at their parade, the inwho 18 months ago were marching to their parade, the inthe loss in tips suffered by with a first reliable of the content of the content of the whorkers, coming late to join the fight of organised industry, but arriving nevertheless with a great store of untapped energy and determination, must draw the conclusion from the basis of wage demands and the latest measure, the inwho 150,000 strong in their parade, the inthouse in their parade, the inshould re-imburse them for a sustained struggle on the basis of wage demands and the latest measure, the inthouse i

This injunction was an attempt to sever militant leadership.

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tated Dick Barton in putting the Support From The

Provinces A catering worker from Plymouth who had listened to the waiters airing their grievances, offered 10/as a donation, and when the nippies went around with a borrowed hat, most of the listeners contributed towards the cost of the

Need For A Unified Struggle

Support from the working class in general is much needed and appreciated by the catering workers, but most especially support from provincial catering houses and other London establishments. Because, while this particular issue is a "domestic' one, the general and over-all question of better wages and conditions in this industry is urgent and vital to everyone of its workers. And in the one of its workers. And in the struggles that lie ahead on these fundamental issues, the conscious and unified action of the catering workers will be the chief factor ontributing to their success

Lessons From Other Sections Of Industry There is plenty of evidence from the struggles of the past around wage-claims by the dockers, the

> WOT, NO PREFAB? SUNNINGHILL PARK, A 25 ROOM MANSION ADJOINING

WINDSOR GREAT PARK IS BEING PREPARED FOR

PRINCESS ELIZABETH &-PHILIP MOUNTBATTEN

junction served on Hogarth at the Cumberland Hotel, shows that wherever possible the bosses will

closed shop" principle, and include in the Charter a seniority clause which will militate against any "distribution of labour" which the boss may desire, for his own ends.

A basic, living wage, irrespective of tips is the demand of every catering worker, together with reasonable hours, holidays with pay, and better food and working

House Representatives Must Keep Close Contact With

conditions generally.

These demands can only be gained by united, conscious action on the part of the catering workers.

Begin a drive now for Union iteket by itself will not solve the problems possed. A solid and conscious support between workers and their representatives on each issue as it arises, plus a general plan of a campaign to bring each item of the Charter into the living worker, will set this industry along the road with the working class in their common fight for workers' control of production and distribution.

It can be safely said that the recent demonstrations by certain garages throughout the country, showed two things. One, the strong discontent created by the poor rate of pay for hours worked; the job should leave. That is precisely what is happening. So much is this so at the present moment, that passenger service at the break-down stage through lack of manpower. And so we wait for the Charter into the living conditions of every catering worker, will set this industry along the road with the working class in their common fight for workers' control of production and distribution. meeting of representatives from each establishment, to work out a common plan for a campaign around the Charter—each repre-sentative reporting back to discuss full details with the workers of Together with this campaign should go a renewed drive for 100% union organisation in every establishment, to fight the victimisation by the bosses.

There is still the outstanding example of the victimisation of

'Face Facts' Meeting

The united action of workers successfully exposed a FACE THE FACTS" meeting at Chelsea Town Hall on August 11th, which attempted to utilise the hangings of the two British sergeants in Palestine to stir up national hatred against the Jews.

The platform attacked the Jews by linking them up with every crime under the sun.

A united front of members of the Communist Party, Y.C.Lers, Trotskyists, and members of the Communist Party, Y.C.Lers, Trotskyists, and members of the defeat this reactionary nosense. In essence the meeting was taken over by this section of the audience and the speakers on the platform were assailed from all sides with criticism. Not one speaker from the floor gave them support. A soldier in uniform who formerly sided with the platform, changed his attitude when the crywent forth to bring the boys back from Palestine. An Ulsterman added a protest against the Gestapo methods used by imperialism in his country.

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Palestine be brought back.

A great feeling of solidarity and death trap in case of fire. The existed between the Stalinists, Trotskyists and the Jewish members of the '43 Group'. About 80 copies of our special supplement dealing with fascist hooliganism were eagerly bought by these and other workers.

However, this is not good enough for the profit-gougers and it is probable that the terms under the computation.

they expressed their determination to raise the question in their local C.P. and Y.C.L. Branches.

workers must move towards the 'closed shop" principle, and include in the Charter a seniority

Slum Owners

MIDLANDS BUSMAN

"Socialist Appeal."

Dear Comrade,

To all workers in the onnibus industry the painful delay in setting up the promised tribunal, only serves to emphasise the necessity for a complete overhaud of negotiating machinery.

It has taken two weeks to select three men to sit as a tribunal and women during the war, under

Birmingham. always been double or more to those

easily been forgotten.

added a protest against the Gestapo methods used by imperialism in his country.

A motion from the floor was carried, supported by over 100 votes, with only 5 against, demanding that the troops in Releasing that the troops in Releasing the research of the support of these properties. But what seems absolutely scandalous—especially under a Labour Council—is that the owners are to be lavishly rewarded for maintaining these houses in such disrepair and descutude that they are practically falling to hits and are practically falling to bits, and

Full support was given to our proposal for a united workers front to defeat the menace of fascism and they expressed their determination than 1939 prices. On top of this, if any of them feel hard done by (! they can claim "compensation"

and that goes for the intude-cass public too. The work of these men and women during the war, under black-out conditions and often harrassed by air raids, for a miserable pittance of a wage in comparison to many industries, has

Does it appear really surprising, that at long last, workers in this business are demanding equal status with their brothers in other in-

dustries, particularly for extra payment for Saturday afternoons, Sundays and Bank Holidays? It

It has taken two weeks to select three men to sit as a tribunal under the constitution of the National Council for the bus in-

BY R. PETERS

BIRMINGHAM—

As part of the general process of centralisation, Birmingham City Council has recently become the largest slum owner in the country, the Duke of Westminster not excepted.

They are preparing to take over 32,170 houses which, at the generally acknowledged figure of 3.5 persons per house, (although probably much higher in these areas) represents accommodation for 112,595 people. Such a total is

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MONDAY, AUGUST 18th at 7.30 p.m.

Speakers :

JOCK HASTON HYMIE GINSBERG AJIT ROY

From LEFT and RIGHT

"lack of denand for the produce." A question was asked in Parliament by a back-bench Labour M.P. on Monday, August 11th, about "lorry-loads of plums, apples, and cauliflowers which were being refused in big city markets to keep ap prices, that producers were compelled to carry tons back to warehouses unsold: and if he would take action so that the public." The markets under the control of committees set up by the workers who work there. In addition, the committees and small greengrocers, small market gardeners and small farmers, must elect committees to supervise the distribution of fruit and vegetables, control the prices, and ensure that none of the food is wasted. warehouses unsold: and if he would take action so that the public would have the opportunity to buy these foods at open-market prices." Such a situation, at a time when the Labour leaders and the working class. wasted. That is the way to end the rackets in food, big and small, and ensure abundant and cheap supplies of food and vegetables for the working class. THE FIGHT FOR

International Communism Trotsky Memorial Meeting

HOLBORN HALL, Grays Inn Rd., W.C.1 Wednesday, August 20th, at 7.30 p.m.

Speakers:

JOCK HASTON HARRY ANDREWS

Questions and Discussion.

Organised by London District Committee

REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY (TROTSKYIST) 256 Harrow Road, Paddington, London, W.2

ADMISSION 6d.

ment in return for his resignation, comes a new shock for the Labour movement. Evelyn Walkden, Labour M.P. for Doncaster, has admitted receiving £5 per week for applying information about confidential meetings of the Parliamentary Labour Party to the reactionary capitalist maper, the Walkden, reactionary capitalist paper, the "Evening News."

Garry Allighan, Labour M.P. for Gravesend, has been found guilty on similar charges.

These are alarming symptoms of These are alarming symptoms of the corruption of the moral fibre taking place in the upper strata of the Labour and Trade Union movement. They are symptomatic of the gap between the Parliament-ary and Trade Union officials and the working class.

It is a Marxian axiom that conditions determine consciousis." That is why Lenin fought tenaciously against the leaders of the working class living in the social milieu of the capitalists, and for the maintenance of their wages on the same level as those of the working men whom they were supposed to represent.

In a feature article entitled Lenin Had A Word For It',

Following on the scandal of the deal between W. J. Brown and his Union, the C.S.C.A., and the scandalous compensation agreement in return for his resignation, the "Daily Worker" commented on the above-mentioned M.P.'s, as follows:

THE BOSSES LATEST

SLOGAN

there are some black sheep in every party, but it would be better to face the unpalatable truth and to admit that this sort of thing has its social roots.

In his famous article on Ramsay Macdonald, Lenin quotes, 'a very clever capitalist lady' who once remarked with regard to the Labour leaders of the last century: 'You will 'min them and we will buy them.' Again and again Lenin pointed

out that the upper classes seek constantly to suborn the leaders of the working class and to convert them to their way of life either by direct bribery, or by inducements which remove leaders from the social sphere in which they originated. This type of leader he described as 'labour lieutenants of the capitalist

tion' and 'advice'; individuals who engage in this practice have to adapt themselves to the requirements of the payee and generally use the cash obtained in this way in order to raise themselves somewhat in the social scale."

half of Lenin's views on this crucial subject? Why do the Stalinists remain silent on Lenin's policy to prevent such corruption and bribery in the ranks of the workers' movement.

tion ' and 'advice'; individuals "It is easy to dismiss this matter with an expression of regret or with the trite remark that there are some black sheep in every party, but it would be hetter to face the unpalatable that the approval of every socialist and communist worker, of every trade unionist. But why does the "Daily Worker" put forward only helf of Lenin's views on this

> Lenin advocated that no parliamentary representatives or trade union officials should retain more than a working man's wage. The differentiation between the burgen-

All officials, without exception. elected and subject to recall at any time, their salaries reduced to the level of 'workmen's wages'—these simple and 'self-evident' democratic measures, evident' democratic measures, while completely uniting the interests of the workers and the majority of the peasants, at the same time serve as the bridge between capitalism and societism. These measures concern the purely political reconstruction of society; but, of course, they acquire their full meaning and significance only in conand significance only in con-nection with the 'expropriation of the expropriator,' either accomplished or in preparation, i.e., with the transformation of capitalist private ownership of the means of production into social ownership."

union officials should retain more than a working man's wage. The rest should go to the Party. He insisted that the communists campaign in the unions, demanding that no official should receive higher rates than the workers in the industry, with periodic and regular re-election of all officials. Only thus would the workers have any guarantee against the bureaucracy and the corruption of union officials who, earn high salaries and move The capitalist press has been an active medium over a long period for the bribery of working class leaders. Sums of money are regularly paid for 'informa-

STATIFICATION

IN BRITAIN

Statification to Save Capitalism

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Editorial

The Executive Committee of the National Union of Mineworkers has announced its acceptance of Attlee's proposals to extend working hours, to "discipline" the miners, and to campaign for Labour recruits. These sacrifices undermine completely the five-day week and other concessions recently won by miners.

The first question which every miner will ask is: For whom are these sacrifices to be made and with what result? The Union and the Labour leaders tell us that by sacrificing now, and by working harder, we shall aid in the establishment of Socialism and shall, some time in the future, get the fruits of our Labour. In short, they promise us "Jam to-morrow."

Every miner, like every other worker, would willingly sacrifice good conditions, and, if need be, work for ten hours a day, if it would really lead to Socialism and plenty, and decent conditions for all. But what are the miners faced with today? The coal industry has been taken over by the State and placed under the control of the National Coal Board which is composed of Big Industrialists, of ex-Coalowners, plus some super-annuated Trade Union Bosses. Each of the regional committees has been placed in the hands of the very managers who only yesterday carried out the orders of the coal barons. Not one worker sits on any of the National or Local Committees.

The miners see the National Coal Board taking over expensive mansions, to house its officials. The miners see the recent report that the N.C.B. is spending £80,000 for a new fleet of 200 motor cars for the use of its top officials. They see also, the four and five figure salaries

of these bureaucrats. At the same time £150,000,000 is to be paid in compensation to the coalowners as a reward for bringing the coal industry to its present plight. The capitalists regard the bonds and stocks of the nationalised industries as safe and sound investments.

What has all this in common with Socialism? Nothing whatsoever! These are simply capitalist measures taken by the capitalist State in the interests of propping up a dying system. Thus, the sacrifices demanded from the miners and the working class as a whole, are not at all in the interests of the working class. They will benefit only the capitalist class.

Instead of a real socialist plan, the Labour Government holds "absenteeism" and "unofficial strikes" responsible for the failure to measurably increase output!

The first thing any Government claiming to represent the working class would do is to make the capitalists sacrifice; such a Government would utilise the hundreds of millions being paid in compensation to better conditions, increase wages, and obtain machinery. It would remove the Lord Hyndleys who are being paid 30 or 40 times the wage of the average miner, and replace them by democratically elected workers' representatives who would be paid the average miner's wage. It would establish a national plan, designed by the workers' organisations, of all fuel requirements and production.

Another elementary step which would be taken by a genuine workers' government would be to utilise those factories at present producing armaments and luxury goods for the production of machinery for mining equipment. Some of the largest engineering factories in the country are producing armaments for use in maintaining imperialism's hold over the colonies and in preparation for a new war. More than half a million workers are being employed, and hundreds of millions of pounds are spent in the production of arms. The converting of these industries to machinery production would mean that within a short time, working hours could be reduced with the increased mechanisation and coal production would be

German Trotskyists Hold First Post-war Conference

The first national Conference of German Trotskyists since 1933 met "somewhere in Western Germany" last month. Delegates representing local groups in many parts of the country took part in the discussions which aimed at the reorganisation and centralisation of the forces of the Fourth International in Germany.

points: an international report, a report on German perspectives and tasks, a discussion of the Russian decided to continue it within the The agenda consisted of four question, but the shortness of time Miners' Congress. tasks, a discussion of the Russian decided to continue it within the question, and an organisational local groups for further elabor-

R.C.P. CONGRESS Resolution Adopted on

Prepare for Coming Struggles

A SUCCESSFUL AND ENTHUSIASTIC CONGRESS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY WAS HELD AT DENISON HOUSE, LONDON, ON AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEK-END. THERE WERE 35 DELEGATES FROM ALL THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF BRITAIN. THERE WERE ALSO FRATERNAL DELEGATES FROM OUR FRENCH, DUTCH, INDIAN, AND PALESTINIAN SECTIONS. THE HALL WAS PACKED WITH MEMBERS FROM LONDON AND THE PROVINCES.

A message was read from German Prisoners of War from a North London Camp expressing their solidarity with the programme of the Fourth International and thanking the members of the R.C.P. for the help given to them. "We as well, would like to use this opportunity to send our fraternal greetings to all other sections of the Fourth International."

the Party membership during the past year was in assisting and participating in industrial movements and strike struggles, where it was evident that our ideas and programme had received real

For the first time we had repre-For the first time we had representation on a number of National bodies on the Trade Union movement. Conference delegates were represented at the A.Sc.W., N.U.T., C. & A.W.U., U.S.D.A.W., and N.U.R. Grade Conference. Our comrades have stood for election in the Plumbers' Union, Amalgamated Engineering Union, Electrical Trades Union, and National Union of Railwaymen.

The reports at the Congress

The reports at the Congress demonstrated that despite the political lull in the country making political lull in the country making for difficulties in revolutionary work, the Party had maintained itself and its activity at a steady level. Excellent relations exist between the R.C.P. and the rank and file of the Labour and Communist Parties. Wherever oppositional trends had manifested themselves in these organisations, the Party had contact and established good relations.

A great stride had been made in speaking to trade union branches

speaking to trade union branches where our members were able to present the Party's views to a large number of branches.

The political resolutions were fully discussed for two days. The first dealt with the general economic and political trends in the country and the tasks of the British Trotskyists. A minority presented an alternate resolution in which the characterisation of the present period economically and politically was in opposition to the Central Committee resolution.

The voting on these resolutions was 28 for the Majority and 7 for

the Minority.

In this discussion the delegates gave excellent contributions of their own experiences in the factories and mines, and their relations with the workers and the Labour movement. The outstanding factor brought out by the experiences of the delegates in the localities was the general apathy existing in the country and the corroding effects of reformist

A fruitful discussion was held on organisational work and concrete proposals were made for tightening up on all aspects, educational, literature, and trade union work.

The trade union composition of the membership is approximately 79%, which indicates that the British Trotskyist movement is predominantly a proletarian one. Among the delegates were workers from all the basic industries, steel, mining, engineering, railways, building. The representation of our members on Trade Union committees and Trades Council showed a considerable increase over the previous year.

The main sphere of activities of the Party membership during the past year was in assisting and participating in industrial movements and strike struggles, where

Message to the GERMAN WORKERS from the R.C.P. Congress

(August, \$1947) of Revolutionary Communist Party, British Section of the Fourth International, expresses its sympathy and solidarity with the millions of German people who suffer the oppression of the Allied armies of occupation.

Conference unconditionally reiterates the fundamental socialist principle regarding the right of every people to deter-mine their own form of government. ('mference protests against the continued partitioning of Germany, demands the withdrawal of all Allied forces of occupation, and demands that the German people be allowed the right to democratically elect their own form of from any source.

Conference condemns the class but the interests of British possibility of immediate

Conference considers as the THIS Annual Congress only guarantee for peace, freethe dom and breud for the German masses to be the successful struggle against the occupation powers, which must be led by the German working class in the spirit of internationalism and linked to the overthrow of German capitalism and for workers' control of the German state and of the means of production.

Conference calls upon all sections of the working class movement to give their full support to the starving German rasses in their fight for selfdetermination and socialism. It calls on British workers in uniform to recognise that the German workers are their class brothers, requiring their help Government without pressure in spreading the tacas of internationalism and socialism within the German masses.

Conference expresses its policy of the British Govern- especial solidarity with the which places every German prisoners of war in this obstacle in the way of the free country, and considers that the development of the German organised Labour and Trade working class movement and Union movement should insist which strengthens the capital upon the immediate end of ist elements in German society their use in a system of slave and considers that this Govern-labour and that they be immement policy does not aid the diately-freed and given both the interests of the British working right and the practical patriation to Germany.

statification. The Third Labour struggle. Government implements its The significence of these nationalnationalisation programme without isation measures lies in the fact extraparliamentary sabotage by that with the decline of British that with the capitalists have less than the capitalist have less than the capitalist have less than the capitalist the capitalist class, largely, because

market.

An effect of the industrialisation of the dominions and colonies, as well as the countries of South America has been to change the character of British exports, which have shifted considerably from coal, have shifted considerably from coal, iron, steel and textiles, to machinery, vehicles (including locomotives), ships and aircraft. This shift necessitates a cheapening of the raw materials which enter into these products—coal, iron and steel. The cheapening of rail transport would also assist in lowering the price of British goods. The tremendous amount of capital The tremendous amount of capital required for the modernisation of these industries can be supplied only by the state, or by Government participation and subsidisation of the schemes of the monopolies. This places the questions of the schemes of the monopolies. tion of statification of these basic industries on the order of the day.

THE decline of British capitalism | state a greater possibility of drives it into the channel of the interests of the competitive

capitalism, the capitalists have lost confidence in the possibilities of inthis programme is in line with the needs and development of declining British capitalism. This decline was manifested primarly in the export industries—coal, iron, steel, the economic consequences of their system within the limits of inand textiles. With the tremend-ous loss of investments and the crisis of the system, the relations growth of indebtedness during the of the classes nationally and interwar, British capitalism is faced with the task of reasserting its industrial supremacy. It is faced with the task of rulliging the results of the supremacy of the results of the supremacy of the results of the supremacy of the with the task of utilising the resources of the "whole nation" to counteract the grave effects of Britain's industrial and financial decline and ensure her preservation as a competitor on the world the middle class and also the backward sections of the workers.

In the past, it was the blows of In the past, it was the blows of the economic and financial crisis which forced measures of state in-tervention empirically upon the capitalist class, overcoming their individualistic tendencies. Today, these measures are the result of the conscious recognition of the general crisis of British imperialism. This recognition would have led even a Tory Government to attempt to itilise the state to eliminate internal contradications within national capitalism in the interests of the struggle on the world market. However, despite the need for the statification of industry in line with the development of declining capitalism; despite the fact that sections of the capitalist industrialists (particularly in motor and chemicals) and economists may foresee the necessity for statition of statincation of these basic industries on the order of the day.

The modernisation of the coalmines and railways is only possible when the state supplies the capital. The nationalisation of transport, electricity, cable and wireless, cuts production costs and gives to the Government is able to do.

The Attitude of the Capitalist Class to the Nationalisations

statification relatively deeper under a Labour Government: firstly, the return of interest on their invest-Labour Government is under the pressure of the masses, whose anti-capitalist sentiments are canalised into support for the nationalisation measures; secondly, the Labour Covernment's with the interests of the speculatory sections of the capitalist class. The former owners of the nationalised industries, struggle for Government has a greater independence from the speculatory, the most generous terms of constalist rentier class. who form part of the support for the Tory Party and oppos nationalisation and state control.

programme of the Labour Government, if this programme is not in fundamental conflict with the needs f British capitalism? Their position, which hardly passes yond the parliamentary plane, is a different character to that which would be aroused by real revolutionary measures struck at the very roots of capitalism. Revolutionary measures would evoke opposition not confined

to speeches, articles in the reaction-ary press, and isolated attempts at In the last election, a common sabotage: it would take the form of concerted attacks by the whole

tasks, a discussion of the Russian question, and an organisational report.

For the first time, the Germany Trotskyists received a comprehensive report of the developments in the International since 1933 and the situation today. On the question of perspectives and tasks, a thorough discussion took place in which the difficulties as well as the opportunities facing the Trotsky, ists in present-day Germany were gone into. A platform to guide the earlies in preparation of the Germany sceno of the Germany were gone into. A platform to guide the earlies in present-day Germany section of the Fourth International to make a such as the opportunities facing the reportunities facing the reportunities facing the reportunities facing the regions in Germany were gone into. A platform to guide the earlies of the greatest difficulties as well as in preparation of the German section of the Germany section of the German section

Two factors make the process of cuts across the interests of the

Among the big capitalists, the principal reason for opposing nationalisation is that although the Why are sections of the capitalist class in opposition to the programme of the Labour Governit ends the possibility whereby through monopolistic practices, they can receive profits above the average rate and at the expense of other sections of the capitalist class. Although various strata of the capitalists are integrated with the Boards controlling the nationalised industry, individual capitalists are reduced to mere rentiers and as the result lose both economic and political weight. All these factors give rise to an opposition by the various sections of the capitalist class. Powerful sections of the ruling

class, althogh clearly aware that the Labour Government's proeconomic and financial sabotage, and the preparation for extra pose of reequipping British industry, and that only a Labour Government prevents the repetition the Bolivian working class.

The Trotskyists were not caught unawares. The Hertzog regime, which took office last January, set out on a most sinister course within the first few weeks. On Lunary 28 some 150 miners were of their supporters in the parliament in power. The social base of the Labour Government rests in the Labour Government rests in the Article 1.—The Executive Branch shall designate a technical commission to determine within 90 days of the passage of this law, the basic wage necessary for a decent living.

Article 2.—The Executive Branch shall dicated by the recent Tory policy statement which admits that the Tories would retain many of the nationalisation measures of the Labour Party if they came to power in the next election.

Not all the capitalists.

The Labour Government rests in the organised working class. The workers give a revolutionary interpretation to the state capitalist measures of the Labour Government, they exert pressure on their leaders to take steps against the rulers to further living.

TROTSKYISTS IN BI FACE HERTZOG TERROR

The Hertzog Government is trying to stamp out Protskylsin in Bolivia. "Lucha Obrera" (Workers' Struggle) of the Partito Obrero Revolutionario (Revolutionary Workers' Party), has been suppressed. Police have broken into the homes of leading members of the party. A number of Trotskyists have been thrown in jail.

P.O.R. at Oruro, was clubbed by the Bolivian working class. the police and his house wrecked.

Miguel Alandia Pantoja, another leading Trotskyist was singled out for attack. He is famed among the miners for his exposure of the demagogy of Mendizabal, a govern-ment Minister, at the Colquiri

The persecution of the Trotsky ists is part of a systematic compaign of terror against the Bolivian masses. The Trotskyists have been

Nelson Capelino, a leader of the | class conscious political leaders of

out on a most sinister course within the first few weeks. On January 28, some 150 miners were massacred at Potosi where a demonstration was staged to protest the arrest of various labour figures.

Three days later the Central Committee of the P.O.R. declared that the Potosi officials and the Ministry of the Interior were seeking "to create a favourable atmosphere for initiating systematic repression of the P.O.R."

such items as the sliding scale of wages in their union demands.

slate run by the miners and the P.O.R. succeeded in electing eight candidates to the Bolivian parliament. These political representatives of the working class began pressing for legislation favourable to the poor people who put them is a common to the present capitalist opposition to the property of the present capitalist opposition to the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class, expressed in a unified and centralised attempt at the present capitalist class.

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Economy Remains Capitalist

production is, and will continue to be based upon wage labour and organised as production for profit.

Britain, more than any other country is dependent on the world market not only for the import of foodstuffs and basic materials, but also for the export of her manufactured products. Despite the internal "planning" and controls, the inevitable future world crisis of over-production and of financial economic collapse will disrupt not only the foreign trade, but the internal economic relations; will disrupt the nationalisation programme.
The development of the crisis will inevitably shake the confidence of the reformists in their own promme. Although accompanied demands for state subsidies, tariffs, further rationalisation and compulsory cartelisation, and other steps of a similar character, the opposition of the capitalists to

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Workers Control-In

Committees

All the economic and political factors drive the Labour Government forward with further projects of nationalisation. If it completes its programme (by nationalising transport, power, iron and steel) the state will directly own 20% of the economy of the country. These are the basic sections of British economy. Nevertheless, the economy will remain capitalist; the bitter experiences to come in the future will convince these individual capitalists, the capitalist class represented in the capitalist state, albeit in the form calculable quantities of goods, and millions of the flower of British manpower in order to hold down Germany, India, Greece, Palestine and other countries. The expenditure of the inverse in the inverse on the inverse in the super-monopoly of British capitalism. No longer able to utilise any temporary antagon the super-monopoly of British capitalism. No longer able to utilise any temporary antagon titles any temporary antagon to utilise any temporary antagon to utilis the future will convince these workers that the statification of ture on the imperialis these basic industries, without real control being vested in the hands of the working class, is but the substitution of the individual capitalists by the collective, state capitalist form of exploitation The task of explaining the difference between capitalist statification measures which operate in the interests of the capitalist class, and socialist nationalisation in the interests of the working class, is an important part, if not the cardinal part of our propaganda activity in the present period. Far more important from the standpoint of socialism than the nationalisations whether carried out with or without compensation—is the conscious participation of the proletariat in the control of production and distribution.

"business as usual." Out of the 20 millions gainfully employed, including the armed forces, no less than 4 millions are employed in useless occupations and luxury trades. In the Royal Ordinance than a color armament factories. tariat in the control of production useless occupations and luxury and distribution.

As part of its policy, the Government integrates the trade hundreds of millions of pounds are

exports.

opposition of the capitalists to further nationalisations of industry will be strengthened.

The sharpening economic crisis will inevitably give rise to a polarisation of the class forces within the country and to the polarisation within the mass organisations of the proletariat. The Right wing of the Labour Party will move towards the capitalist class and seek to fuse with it. The Left wing, under the pressure of the working class will demand more radical inroads into capitalist property as a way out of the crisis.

At the present time, the organised workers who support the Labour Government consider the statification of the basic industries to be which which was the programme outlined to the further time to the trade union bureaucracy has a way out of the capitalist enterprises. The task of the trade union bureaucracy is largely to discipline the trade union dresponsibility" of the trade union of the basic industries to be which which was the programme outlined to the fundred of milinon of mililon workers, some of the most spent and approximately half a mililon workers, some of the most skilled engineers in the world, are producing instruments of destruction instead of mining machinery, steel equipment, and equipment for the production of electric power. If this potential dabour force—trade union bureaucracy is a surface of the working class as directors of state capitalist enterprises. The task of the trade union bureaucracy is a polarisation within the mass organisation of the contrary, the extrade union officials are transformed into enemies of the work, all talk of a crisis would be swept talk of a crisis would be swept talk of a crisis would be swept to the trade union bureaucracy is a control. On the contrary, the extrade union officials are transformed into enemies of the work, all talk of a crisis would be swept At the present time, the organised workers who support the Labour Government consider the statification of the basic industries to be socialist measures. In reality, the workers in the statified industries

Targely to discipline the trade union members, in accordance with the conceptions of the new "role and responsibility" of the trade unions under the Labour Government, which was the programme outlined by Lord Dukes at the Trade Union Congress of 1946.

in the way. The main hindrance is the vested interest of capitalism—the need for profits on the part of the capitalist

ment continue under the slogan of "business as usual." Out of the

Despite the claims of the Labour leaders, the truth is that there is no plan. There cannot be a plan because of the vested interests of the capitalist class which the Labour leaders are so loath to touch Opposition to Joint Production Labour touch.

A Government intent on destroying capitalism would have taken the bull by the horns. Instead of the tender regard for the interests The so-called "Joint Production Committees", which were thrown up in the course of the war are being extended to every industry and are advocated by the reformist and Stalinist leaders as a measure of workers' control. Since the advent of Labour to power, the question of the speedup of production and the function of the Joint Production Committees in this process occupies an increasingly important place on the agenda of the trade union movement and the life working class into the real process. In addition, the capitalist class, they would have expropriated them without compensation. The £1.024 million to the conlowners, the flabourers agricultural and other enterprises employing more than 5 wage labourers. The final decision on all these questions must be in the hands of the committees of the working class. This is the socialist method of drawing the mass of the working class. In addition, the capitalists, re-

How a Revolutionary Govt. Would

OVERCOME THE

A genuine socialist government would have issued a call to the workers to seize the factories and take control into their own hands. abroad, together with the man-power which could otherwise have been used for productive purposes, Such a Government would prepare a national overall plan based on the workers' interests. The plan would would have been sufficient to meet gap between imports and be drawn up, not by capitalists and their economists, with a trade union But it is not only in foreign affairs that the Labour Government has carried out a capitalist policy. Foreign policy is only a reflection of the Labour Government's policy bureaucrat looking on, but by delegates from the workers' and technicians' organisations and after the widest discussion in the ranks at home. Apart from the nationalised industries—where the same managers and organisation conof the organised workers. Its operation would be supervised by tinues—capitalism remains intact.
The waste, chaos and mismanageplanning commissions of workers'

representatives in every area.

The Government would explain that an efficient plan needs the socialisation of all the basic industries and banks at once. It would call on the workers to aid the Government by introducing workers' control of production. the Government by introducing workers' control of production. Committees of workers and technicians would be in a position to make a survey of the entire resources of the country in factory equipment, manpower and raw materials. materials.

To attract the workers to the undermanned industries, a real socialist government would immediately ensure better wages and conditions and implement the equal pay demand of the Margate Conference.

To prevent inflation, it would not simply resort to appeals and "Savings Drives" but would strike at the roots of the menace by the strictest control of materials and consumers' goods and by ending financial speculations. It would ensure the most stringent control of profits and prices and suspend compensation. It would decree that all company books be open to the inspection of workers' organisations so that the financial and productive position would be clear. It would decree that the workers should have access to all industrial "secrets". The heaviest penalties would be imposed on capitalists who attempted to squander the national To prevent inflation, it would attempted to squander the national sabotage the economic effort.

economic effort.

A revolutionary communist government would have striven to integrate Britain's economy with that of Europe and the colonies for the benefit of the masses. The international dission of labour could be planned and organised. enormously increasing the total of goods circulating between the continents.

The Labour Government

tune of 1,900 million dollars, incalculable quantities of goods, and millions of the flower of British manpower in order to hold down Germany, India, Greece, Palestine and other countries. The expenditure on the imperialist adventures abroad, together with the manpower which could otherwise have increasing production, longer hours of work, and (to quote Lord Dukeston) 'suspension of agreements that have taken half a century to build up."

Mr. Morrison assures the capitalists on both sides of the Atlantic that, in asking for wider powers under the Emergency Legislation we do not intend to make a revolution by Parliamentary legis lation." Already the Governmen is retreating on the nationalisation of iron and steel. The Iron and Federation. Steel Federation, deliberately created by the Baldwin Government, has been one of the most restrictive monopolies in the history of British capitalism. Yet, while the workers are being asked to give up their restrictive practices, control of steel predictions. tices, control of steel production-bolstered by Government financeis to remain in the lands of iron and steel barons for the present, and will be developed only insofar as it is profitable to them

Sericus Situations Demand Serious Remedies

them

The present economic situation The present economic situation demands the strictest control over raw materials, over production, over the distribution of foodstuffs, and over manpower on the basis of "He Who Doth Not Work, Neither Shall He Eat." But before sacrifices can be demanded from the workers a sharp offensive from the workers, a sharp offensive must be instituted against produc-tion profit. This is the only tion profit. This is the only guarantee that the sacrifices of the workers today, their production drive, will not result in unemployment tomorrow due to so-called "over-production", and would arouse all the tremendons effort and spirit of sacrifice of which the British workers are capable.

Such a plan would be able to of a real socialist foreign policy

POLICY OF



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

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

3. Distribution of food, clothes, tuel 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 housebuilding plan to be directed by the building trades unions and

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. 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 men and women in the forces; the immediate repeal or

all strike-breaking and anti-tabour 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 or officers from the ranks. For the establishment of military schools by the trade unions at the expense of the State for the craining of worker officers.

Full and immediate freedom for India and the other colonies to choose their own form of government; the impushed 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 seif-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 bureau-cracy and the re-introduction of workers' democracy in Lussia.

Full support and active co-operation with the European workers against all occupying forces, for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a United Socialist States of Europe, unity with the workers and exploited masses of all lands in the struggle for world socialism.

A Government wishing to further the struggle for socialism, would not retreat before the capitalist class, but would use this situation to sharpen the offensive against

solve the export-import problem not only by reducing the costs of production at home, but by calling on the aid and co-operation of the workers of Europe, the Soviet Union and the world, on the basis the withdrawal of the troops, com-

LEON TROTSKY:

Planned World Economy

August 20th, marks the seventh anniversary of the death of Leon Trotsky. After 18 separate attempts, Stalin, through his G.P.U. agent, succeeded in murdering him in 1940. By this means Stalin hoped to rob the Fourth International and the world working class of theoretical guidance. Although a terrible blow, nevertheless, this assassination could not be decisive. Trotsky's writings together with those of Marx, Engels and Lenin constitute a theoretical arsenal for the arming of the conscious layers of the working class with the necessary theoretical guidance to map out the course of the day-to-day struggle and prepare the way for the final onslaught on the citadel of capitalism. They are a textbook of Marxist method and analysis of the modern epoch.

As an example of his method we reprint below the final section of his introduction to the condensed version of the Living Thoughts series "Leon Trotsky presents Karl Marx" written only a short time before his death.—Ed.

Capitalism achieved the twin follows irresistibly from the mortal for the systematic utilisation of all of our planet's resources. However, capitalism is in no position to fulfil this urgent task. The nidus of its expansion continues to continue to con of its expansion continues to consist of circumscribed nationalist states with their customs houses and armies. Yet the productive forces have long ago outgrown the boundaries of the national state, thereby transforming what was once a progressive historical factor into an unendurable restraint. Imperialist wars are nothing else than the detonations of productive forces against the state borders, which have come to be too confining for them. The programme of so-called autarchy has nothing to do with going back to a self-sufficient circumscribed economy. It only means that the national base is being made ready for a new war.

historical merit of having placed technique on a high level and having bound all parts of the world with economic ties. Thus it pledged the material pre-requisites those decisive stages when only the



After the Versailes Treaty was signed it was generally believed that the terrestrial globe had been pretty well subdivided. But more recent events have served to remind us that our planet continues to contain leads that have not yet been either plundered or sufficiently plundered. The struggle for colonies continues to be part and parcel of the policy of imperialistic capitalism. No matter how thoroughly the world is divided, the process never ends, but only again and again places on the order of the day the question of a new redivision of the world in line with altered relations between imperialistic forces. Such is the actual reason to-day for rearmaments, diplomatic convulsions, and war alignments.

All attempts to represent the present war as a clash between the ideas of democracy and fascism belong to the realm either of charlatanism or stunidity. Political forms change, capitalist anpetites remain. If a fascist regime were to be established to-morrow on either side of the English Channel—and herdly anyone will dare to deny such a possibility—the Paris and London dictators would be intaked in other narts of the world.

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The extension of nationalisation to important industries gives the struggle for workers' control a higher and more significant character. It immediately poses the question of an overall national plan. The existing boards which control the nationalised industries are bureaucratic instruments, closely connected and integrated with the capitalist class and the needs of capitalist production as a whole. No aspect of their activities is subject to democratic control from helow. The management of nationalised industries should proceed from a central planning body, subject to democratic control by elected representatives of organisations of the working class. The daily struggles of the working class will offer many possibilities for the Revolutionary Communist Party and its members and to make conscious the necessity of workers control over the processes of production. The state capitalist measures and imbue the advanced sections of the working class will offer many possibilities for the Revolutionary Communist Party and its members and to make conscious the necessity of workers control over the processes of production.

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existing organs of management with direct representatives of the working class. In turn, this leads to the question of the character of state power, and the role of the Labour Government.

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