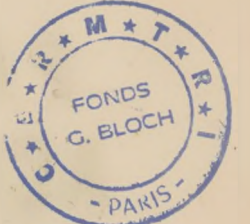




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FOR A UNITED FRONT

Against Fascist Hooliganism Anti-Semitism and Reaction Go Hand-in-Hand

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 by the workers' struggle. The capitalist press has incited hostility to the Jews on the Palestine question without explaining the true facts.

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 Palestine itself, they own at least three quarters of the industrial 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.



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 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 population. Wherever they creep out of their holes, they must be cleared of 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 Jews against hooligan attacks. Do not stand aside and allow the fascists to attack the Jews. This is not only a threat to their democratic rights, but strikes at the very basis of the rights of the working class. **TOMORROW IT MAY BE YOU.**

The Revolutionary Communist Party warned the working class that Britain's imperialist war against

Hitler and Mussolini could not prevent the rebirth of fascism. Only by destroying the source of fascism, the capitalist system, with its profits for the few and poverty for the masses, can fascism be destroyed.

WORKERS! Exert pressure on the Labour Leaders to carry through a real socialist programme. By destroying the powers of the capitalist class by expropriation of the capitalist class, the elimination of the Black Market and the equal distribution of all available goods, the menace of fascism will disappear. Only committees of the working class can effectively ensure equal distribution and deal a death blow to black-market racketeers. This is the Revolutionary Communist Party's answer to the menace of fascism.

Down with Anti-Semitism which goes hand in hand with reaction!

Destroy Fascism by Destroying Capitalism!

Defend the Jews and the Workers Against Fascist Hooliganism!

For a United Front of All Workers' Organisations Against the Fascists!

Demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of British Troops from Palestine!

PROFITS AND 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 capital levy or forced loan and of various devices to stop 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. . ."

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 7/6, rose to 7/10½d. 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 speculators.

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 £285,213.

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 workers.

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How a Revolutionary Government Would OVERCOME THE PRESENT CRISIS

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 Complain

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 complain 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 "uncconvincing". 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

school leaving age because it meant the diversion of materials and labour.

The real policy of the Tories was, of course, not prominently featured in the capitalist press, which featured only the demagogic and hypercritical attacks on 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 in the last two years, has squandered enormous sums to the

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White Jury O.K.'s Killings 8 Negroes Shot Dead

NEW YORK—

A Georgia prison-camp warden 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 23-man Glyn County grand jury in Brunswick last week.

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.

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 rattle-snake 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 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 escape had been con-



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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." The warden then ordered one prisoner, Willie Bell, to step out,

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 sub-machine gun.

"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," says the NAACP report.

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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.

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INDONESIAN WAR

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 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.

In Sydney, Australia, all loading of Dutch ships in Australian harbours has been ordered halted 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 aggression against the Indonesian people

which is fighting for its independence."

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 American Governments.

Appeals 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 workers, dockers, railwaymen, seamen and lorry drivers, must refuse to handle any material destined for the Dutch against the Indonesians.

No handling of Dutch material! No fitting, fuelling or loading of Dutch ships or aircraft. For a complete embargo on Dutch commerce!

Statification Resolution : How a Revolutionary Govt. Would OVERCOME THE PRESENT CRISIS

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III Economy Remains Capitalist

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

IV Workers Control—In Opposition to Joint Production Committees

The so-called "Joint Production Committees", which were thrown up in the course of the war and 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 of the workers' factory organisations.

V National Planning and State Power

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 below.

Regardless of their plea of poverty, still retain an investment abroad of about £4,000 millions. For an Overall Plan Based on Workers' Control. A genuine socialist government would have issued a call to the workers to seize the factories and take control into their own hands. Such a Government would prepare a national overall plan based on the workers' interests.

Serious Situations Demand Serious Remedies. 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 them. 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."

The Labour Government Retreats. The fight for a socialist solution to the crisis will not only be a

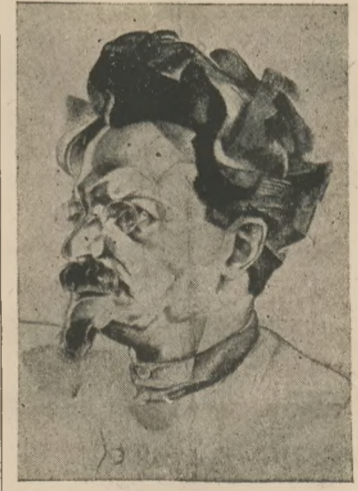
POLICY OF THE R.C.P.



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

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.



LEON TROTSKY

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 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 for the systematic utilisation of all of our planet's resources. However, capitalism is in no position to fulfil this urgent task. The nucleus 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.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE JEWS That Expose the Fascists' Demagoguery and Lies about the Role of Jews in British Society. JEWS AND THE PRESS: There are in all, 116 daily newspapers, and 17 Sunday papers in this country. NOT ONE IS EITHER EDITED OR OWNED BY JEWS. JEWS AND THE BANKS: Bank of England.—There is no Jew on the Bank of England, either among the Directors, or its Executive officials. JEWS AND THE RAILWAYS: The number of Directors on L.M.S. is 18; on L.N.E.R. 22; G.W.R. 20; Southern 16; L.P.T.B. 7. STOCK EXCHANGE: The Stock Exchange Committee contains ONE Jew. The Stock Exchange Beneficent Committee contains five Jews.

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