SOCIALIST APPEAL

PALESTINE: BRITAIN'S POLICY "DIVIDE AND RULE"

BRING THE TROOPS HOME!

Open the Gates of All Countries

THE OUTBREAKS OF TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE IN PALESTINE ARE A MEASURE OF THE DESPAIR OF THE SURVIVING JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS AFTER "LIBERATION." THE JEWS HAD HOPED FOR SOME SCAPE IN THE PROMISES WHICH WERE MADE BY BRITISH IMPERIALISM, AND IN PARTICULAR BY THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE ELECTION, PROMISES WHICH THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF FULFILLING.

to admit 100,000 refugees, the

The senseless acts of terrorism, in particular the blowing up of the King David Hotel, the military GHQ of the army, have played into the hands of British Imperialism. The acts of terrorism have antagonised the rank and file soldiers and allowed free rein to the officer caste to commence a the officer caste to commence a vicious and unbridled anti-Semitic campaign.

Martial law was proclaimed in Tel-Aviv. A curfew was imposed, with only two hours in 24 allowed in order to get food, with at sight " orders for any violations. The "News Chronicle" correspondent in Palestine reports that beatings of Jews have taken place, and in some collectives, destruction and looting of furniture and other property. Thus British Imperialproperty. Thus British Imperial-ism uses the same methods against the Jews as they have used against the Arabs and other colonial peoples in the past.

The Labour leaders, who must take responsibility for this situa-tion, wish to picture the situation

abortive nationalist movements have been.

Fire Brigade. In this action 2,000 Province. For the first time the workers were involved. The strike movement in India is extend-

were lost in disputes, more than six

times the figure for the same period

was conducted under the most

adverse conditions possible to the

workers, who, in the beginning, were completely unorganised. As a result of their militant leadership they gained the support and confidence of large sections of the

Calcutta working class. After the

demands of the firemen had been accepted the strike was called off

and a march through the streets of Calcutta proclaimed the successful

conclusion of the strike.

the previous year.

When the Labour leaders partially administers the region, and Churchill in the debate in Parliaholds the balance between Jews and ment on 1st August: failed to carry out their promises and did not put into holds Palestine because of its strategic importance for the Middle operation immediately the recommendation of the Zionist utopia in order to Anglo-American Commission allow only sufficient Jews into to admit 100,000 refugees, the Palestine to serve the traditional Zionists in Palestine began their struggle.

Divide and rule. The British need a force in that area on whom they can lean

> This policy has received a new emphasis with the suggestions of the division of Palestine into three zones, one part as a Jewish "state", one Arabic "state" and allowed the balance controlled by Britain.
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> "shoot But the most important functions of government would still be unified and controlled by British Im perialism at the centre: finance police, trade, etc. The division of the country into such regions would not solve but would exacerbate the problems with which the country is faced. By such a division British Imperialism would gain a tight hold on the country.

A Jumping Off Ground

The real reasons for the present as though it were one, where sorely position in Palestine and the under-tried and disinterested British lying motives of British imperial Imperialism benevolently and im-

class and peasantry. Beginning on the industrial arena, this movement will inevitably

take the road of political action. This time on an even higher level than the past

year over 3,000,000 working days working-class all over India was demands again very shortly. were lost in disputes, more than six magnificent in its solidarity. One The widespread illusions

"However, His Majesty's Government by their precipitate abandonment of their treaty rights in Egypt, and, in particular, the Suez Canal zone, are now forced to look for a strong place of arms, for a jumping-off ground in Palestine in order to protect the Canal from outside Egypt. By this unwisdom they have vitiated disinterestedness and we can now be accused of having a national strategic motive for retaining our hold on Palestine. I must regard this as a very grave disaster and an immense weakening of our position. What the Government have done in Egypt-though no doubt from very good motives—has greatly weakened our moral position in Palestine by stripping us of our disinterestedness in that country. I pointed out in the debate on Egyptian policy a few weeks ago, the moment we are dependent upon Palestine for a base from which to defend the Suez Canal, we should greatly hamper all possibility of obtaining American co-operation. Well, look at the position to which we have now been brought." Clearly British imperialism de-

sires to use Palestine as her most important military base for the Middle East. Thus Palestine Middle East. Thus Palestine would become, even more than in the past, indispensable for the deimperialist of course, fence of British Churchill, interests. because he

points this out only believes that the "s

The widespread illusions which accompanied the early period of the

action. In the coming struggles the

The response of the the struggle in support of their

INDIAN STRIKE WAVE Workers Organising into Powerful Force Mass strikes are sweeping throughout India, on a scale and to an extent unprecedented even in the militant traditions of the Indian masses. This mighty movement now developing is the prelude to a new stage of revolutionary struggle by the Indian working

tince to the relative boom in Sitain in the immediate period, although it cannot stop the decline and collapse of British Imperialism u the long run. Nor does it alter the basic picture of American economic and military preponderance over the other capitalist powers in the coming epoch.

million workers in Calcutta, and half a million in Bombay demonstrated their sympathy and support

"The unsold 3,500 tons are to

The determined and militant mood now prevailing among the Indian workers was exampled in the April strike of the Calcutta Fire Reigned. In this action, 2000 The main excuse that American imperialism offered for not sending masses of India, exploited, starved ing to clerical and office workers, including Government and municipal employees and even bank cipal employees and even bank cipal employees and even bank staffs.

The strongly organised Indian railway workers were prepared to conduct a General Strike on the railways in June The Government of the problems of Asia road of revolutionary action and Europe, was among other things, lack of shipping! For the ism, but also against the Indian capitalist class. The militant all obstacles can be overcome, no indicate the road of revolutionary action and Europe, was among other things, lack of shipping! For the ism, but also against the Indian capitalist class. The militant all obstacles can be overcome, no matter at what cost. But to save

> A few weeks ago, we anounced the arrest of Dr. militant, President of the Bulgarian "League for Defence of Human Rights," mained without response.

transferred to a camp where he is subjected to an extremely severe regime. The news received is very alarming. His life is in danger.

Reveal Change

THE LATEST STATISTICS REVEAL A REMARK-ABLE CHANGE IN RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MERCIANT SHIPPING OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA SINCE THE END OF THE WAR.

Britain ents ed the second world war with 17,380,000 tons, and emerged with 12,814,000 tons. The latest figure, up to the end of June 1946, is 13,710,000 tons. America's mer hant fleet, which was less than Britain's before the war stood at 56,000,000 tons at the end of the war, in spite of losses of 9,000,000 tons, a figure achieved by mass production technique.

However the United States Maritime Complission reveals that America's post-war merchant marine would total only 10,500,000 tons, one-fifth its wartime peak and smaller than pre-war. Thus Britain again has the lead in merchant shipping.

Libertys Unable To Compete

The Amerian periodical "Newsweek" of June 3, comments

"However in ispensable such a merchant fleet might have been in war-time, for peace-time operations it had the earmarks of a white elepant... The inefficiency of sow cumbersome Liberty ships let the 2,700 warbuilt 'Ugly Duklings" unable to compete with the other American and the sun types"

a the United States plus relatively igher Wages (American seamen It almost three times as much as Paradoxical reasons. hough it may appear, British apitalism, in spite of a generally animoded industrial technique, is least in certain industries, on the basis of a higher quality product. At the present, for instance, 53% of world shipbuilding is done in Britain. This may give more sub-

A remark in the "Newsweek" article, on the disposal of the unwanted American merchant ships, is characteristic of the cynicism that permeates capitalist society

be added to the reserve fleets— just to be prepared for the third world war."

lives the means cannot be found.

railways in June. The Government, fearful of the wide support for this action of the railworkers, and in the face of their organised militancy, beat a retreat and were compelled to grant certain concessions to the railway men. These **Aid Comrade** In June, 60,000 of the lowest paid postal workers began their strike, demanding better wages and

Ever since, we received no further news and our protests re-killed and 150 wounded. killed and 150 wounded.

We have now received news saying that Dr. Gatchev had been removed from prison and was Mr. Bevan did not reveal the causes of the strike, merely saying that "considerable political difficulty" and "a number of industrial factors have contributed to the present situation," and mentioning the workers demand for pay for the alarming. His life is in danger.

Once again we appeal to all militants to mobilise all workers' organisations, to send protests to the Bulgarian legation, in order to put a stop to the repression of the G.P.U. which is spreading over the working class and the revolutionary vanguard of Bulgaria, and for the purpose of saving the life of Dr. Gatchev and the other working class militants who are threatened with death,

Persian Government at all, and it is not my intention to do so. I think it is better for all other governments to allow them to exercise their own powers.

In Greece the Labour Government typical of the Labour Government ment refuses to even recognise the Confederation of Labour (the Greek T.U.C.) which has been sonality.

PEACE CARVE-UP

The Paris Peace Conference, to carve up Europe, meets in an atmosphere of apprehension, of fear, disillusionment and open cynicism.

Rulers and ruled, oppressors and Europe and the world.

In the "defeated nations" the workers and peasants look to the Paris sessions, not with an eager-ness born of liberation from Nazi terror, but with fear and hatred which is the child of hunger and national oppression.

What a betrayal!

"Communist" Russia and "Socialist" Britain could trans-form the whole future of Europe within a few short days. The United Socialist States of Europe, which would break down national economic and political barriers and unite the people of Europe, would end the capitalist causes of national antagonisms and thus wipe out national hatreds, is within our grasp. This is the aim that Socialist and Communists of fought for and dreamed of for generations.

Stalin personifies the Russian bureaucracy, who fear a communist Europe on the basis of high technique and culture which would end the privileges of the bureau-cracy and bring it crashing down. Attlee, is a tool of British im-

perialism. His principal concern so not to free the European people, but to protect the imperialist investment of the protect of the imperialist investment of the protect perialism. but to protect the imperialist in-

the workers do not expect more that goes on under the name than an imperialist power can give.

The principal aim of Britain and oppressed, victors and vanquished, America is to retrieve what was none see in its sessions a harbinger lost or conceded at Potsdam and of a happy and peaceful future for Moscow. It is undoubted the representatives of these countries made panic capitulations to Stalin at these Conferences. Believing that all Europe — especially Germany—would soon be aflame with revolution, they prepared to concede Stalin the maximum, provided only that he act as hangman to the revolution.

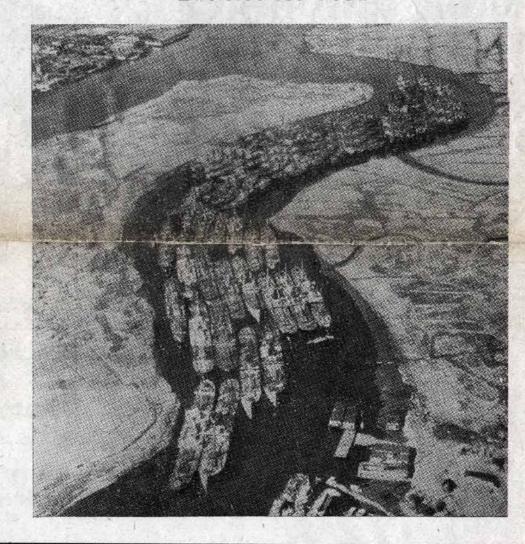
Neither Britain nor America are at present, politically or psychologically in a position to launch war against Russia. It is in the economic field that they hope to undermine the hold of Russia over the countries of Eastern Europe. Once cheap American goods can penetrate these countries, the inter-vention and even domination of the economic life of the people becomes possible, a new strategic realignment can be brought about. It is on these clauses in the treaties, which open the Eastern parts of But Stalin has long deserted communism, and Attlee has never theen a socialist.

which open the Eastern parts of Europe to Anglo-American trade, that the fiercest battles will be fought.

> Whatever the outcome of the conference, the Bandits at Paris will not lead Europe to a stable peace in which the workers and peasants can live a life of prosperity.

terests of the British ruling class, carve-up, and against national From the American imperialists oppression and the plundering

U.S. "Graveyard" - Ships for World War III But Not for Food



BEVIN'S POLICY OF "NON INTERFERENCE"

The role of the Labour leaders as agents of British Imperialism was further confirmed in Parliament by the revealing statements of Ernest Bevin on July 17 in reply to questions on the strike of the 50,000 Persian workers of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

BY R. RALPH

The reactionary Persian Government recently passed a law probabiliting strikes "until certain procedures have been observed." (Mr. Bevin indulges in such declared illegal by the Greek cynical platitudes as long as he is sure that the Persian Government is able to suppress the Persian Baker on July 25. He also workers with its own resources, stated—in terms similar to those Gatchev, of Plodief, well-known Bulgarian Trotskyist place between the Company, the workers and peasants of Greece and Indonesia have experi-Government and the Labour leaders, but he workers began a general stirke on July 14. On the same day martial law was declared and clashes occured in Abadan Portion of the same day martial law was declared and clashes occured in Abadan Portion of the same day martial law was declared and Indolesia have expertenced and Indolesia have expertenced and Indolesia have expertenced and Indolesia have expertenced such "non-intervention", not as hypocritical Parliar entary phrase-mongering but in the form of bullets, shells and bombs. And the British Labour movement has seen together with other militants. and clashes occured in Abadan Bevin in action justifying this

> But Mr. Bevin had the effrontery to add—still in reference to the Persian anti-strike laws—"when labour laws have been carried by the Government at the request of the workers in that country, I ought not to interfere." (!!!)

The blindest reactionary of the most stunted intellect would never have affrmed-neither in ignorance nor delirium—that the workers would request their own government to pass anti-labour laws!

of Mr. Beyin:

"It is not for His Majesty's Government either to accept or reject the validity of the Greek Confederation of Labour, which is an internal matter for the Greek people to work out for themselves."

In Cyprus the 18 members of the Pan-Cyprian Trade Union Committee are stil imprisoned. In reply to a question on July 3, asking for their release, Mr. George Hall (Colonial Secretary) declined to take action, saying:

"There is considerable difficulty in interfering with sentences which are passed in the Colonies in view of the fact that the prerogative is that of the

Governor.'



CALCUTTA FIRE BRIGADE WORKERS MARCH IN ORDERED RANKS

From Disillusioned Soldier

The general public in civry street shilling, and sixpence respectively, will probably have heard of the to two shillings, one and threerise in pay for British Soldiers.

This in itself however, may cause a wrong impression on the price, I have just recently heard a people of the working class. personally, am now getting an are closing down; now we shall shillings a week.

All, very nice, but if the Government are going to raise wages of soldiers on the one hand, and take appears to a soldier. You can the meeting unanimously adopted it off us again on the other hand,

get, only three. At the present

N.A.A.F.I. (The place, incidentally where most of the soldiers' prices up to civilian rates.

Garrison Theatres, decide to raise

price of seats from ; pence, and ninepence.

After all this load of raises in for a meal.

see, that with all the higher prices, and a railway warrant less, etc., Let me explain. At the same this raise in pay, is'nt really going time that we get our rise in pay, to be a raise in wages, at all. In decide that instead of giving the be worse off. Why does'nt the soldiers four Railway travel Government really and truly give warrants per year they are to us a raise, by which we shall truly be better off?

camp, that I am at, I shall be about two pounds worse off through that.

It is up to the people in civvy street to closely examine these so called "Benefits", because there Then almost simultaneously the is invariabily a "catch in it."

The working class in civvy street should demand that the Labour pay goes) decides to raise their Government stop this wangling with wages and prices, and give Then on top of all this, the the soldiers something concrete. Disillusioned Soldier.

Whitton James' Strike

BY ANNE WALKER

Hendon, July 27.

London is now in its 5th week June 17.

A mass meeting of delegates from the Trade Union Branches 1 rumour, that all Y.M.C.A. canteens and Shop Stewards Committees was called on July 17 by the Hendon extra shilling per day, seven have to frequent high priced cafe's Trades Council in support of this strike. Following a report from I have tried to give a brief the Convenor Bro. Aplin, and a survey of the situation as it discussion of the issues involved, then we are, in actual fact no closing down of Y.M.C.A. canteens, for the strike until the managea resolution pledging full support ment concede the principles at issue. These are: the reinstatement of the dismissed worker and the Army Authorities suddenly fact I think, if anything, we shall the recognition by the management to negotiate with the management on the question of redundancy.

> Since then, following a meeting Committee has been set up consist- A.E.U., E.T.U, and the What the Witton-James n ing of members of the Strike Com- T.G.W.U. have not yet thought fit have been denied in the way

mittee together with delegates from to give official recognition to the official support, has been amply other factories and the Trades factory in North West organise the greatest possible and the strikers are as solid in support of the strike through-

been waging against his subsidiary of the powerful monopolistic General Electric Company constitutes a remarkable episode in the history of struggle of the engineering workers. The issues on which vital concern for the whole of the If the views of the management dismissal is a managerial prerogative on which they would brook no interference on the part of the organised workers, then the entire of the right of the shop stewards foundation of the trade union movement would be seriously under-

That is why it is a matter of of shop stewards and factory re- deep concern that the official presentatives with delegates from leaderships of the three unions inthe Hendon Trades Council, a new volved in the dispute, viz., the

any of the Executives to encourage the Witton James workers have men to return to work. Since then, pressure from the branches and the the part of the rank and file has to be intensified in order to compel they are fighting is a matter of the Union Executives to give official recognition to the strike, organised working class movement, grant strike-pay and bring the whole weight of the union organiswere to prevail, that the right of ation to bear to beat the antitrade-union schemes of the manage-

> It is time the Union leaderships were made to understand that they were put into office not for anything else but to support the mem bership in this struggles against the employers. They must either do their job or be replaced by militants who will.

What the Witton-James men

strike. Not a work of sympathy or made up for by the expressions of The strike at Witton James | Council. This Committee will support has been forthcoming from solidarity and assistance which have received from insupport for the strike, moral and the men in the protracted struggle. dividual branches and workshops. financial and undertake a campaign The London District Committee of Financial contributions from these the A.E.U., having supported the sources have passed the £1,000 mark. as when they came out on out the whole of the London Area. strike in its initial stages reversed Much of the money has come from Undoubtedly, the struggle which its position and called upon the witten Lines works have be witten Lines works have been to return to work. Since then when members of the Strike Committee visited Scotland, they were surprised by the generous response factories have forced the District Committee to abandon its strike-breaking activity. This pressure on and the Vactric. But despite the support which has already been given, the time has come for all trade-unionists irrespective of whatever branch of industry they are engaged in, to intensify and widen the campaign of solidarity on behalf of the Witton-James workers. "An injury to one is an injury to all." That must be our motto.

Protests Rail-Fare Rise

unanimously carried by Southall Trades Council:

"The Southall Trades Council strongly protests against the proposal to increase fares on the L.P.T.B.

Thousands of workers travel daily in Buses, Trolley Buses and the Underground. The recent small increase in wages won by the workers would be nullified if the proposed increased fares were to take effect.

We demand that under no circumstances should the workers be penalised to safeguard the interest of the Shareholders. We further ask the Government to institute an Inquiry with the purpose of reducing the high 1 Interest rate paid to the Shareholders out of the pockets of the workers who use the means of travel on the L.P.T.B. System."

Here is the complete list of subscriptions for July. We just surpassed our £120 monthly target by a few pounds.

This is good, but offers no room for slacking off. To keep it up during August we will have to go all out, for there will be many comrades taking a holiday which will cut down on their collecting activities. Already in July, there are some branches absent from the list presumably because of holidays. Don't let it happen during August. Local Treasurers, individual subscribers, please see that the money is sent in for the Fighting Fund before you go away for your break.

Those of you who are able Southall Trades Council to take a holiday, please romember that we get no holidays from our creditors! Celebrate by sending us an extra donation to the Fighting Fund.

> Send all monies to: Harold Atkinson, 258, Harrow Road, Paddington, W.2.

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Birmingham			8	5	0
Edinburgh			3	0	0
Liverpool				10	0
Newark				13	0
Newcastle			1	4	9
Nottingham			3	17	5
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West London			5	8	5
Midlands D.C.			1	0	0
Thames Valley			9	0	0
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East London			1	4	0
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Total for July ... £125 15 11

TRADE UNION ACT IN IRELAND

BY J. SMITH

'ang and militant struggle, the organised workers After a long and initiant struggle, the organised workers in Eire have won a victory in their five year campaign in Eire have won a victory in Union Act "imposed upon against the reactionary "Trade Union her, 1941, them by the De Valera regime in September, 1941.

embodied in the Act itself. This fined for picketing. remains operative. second part is of more consequence as it restricts the independent functions of trade unions. This that are thus "authorised' also remains law.

Repealed Section

The repealed section, part three, provided for the setting up of an impartial" Tribunal, which was composed of persons, allegedly independent of the employers and trade unions. This capitalist setup had the power of deciding which trade unions were to be "licensed" and also, where such unions should be allowed to organise and take into various categories of employment.

c'iminate small unions in favour of the large unions, as a concession to interests of the bureaucratic leaderships of the large unions whose support the Irish capitalists needed in their policy of beating down the wages and working con ditions of the Irish working class

The aim of this measure was to

Another object of this third section was to force those unions, such as the Irish N.U.R., who are affiliated to the British trade union movement, to either break their affiliation or, "get out of business."

Corporative Model

In this manner the Irish capitalist class attempted to create national "house-unions modelled on the reactionary-Catholic "cor-porative unions" as in Portugal. was not accidental that, before legislation came before the Dail, a group of experts had been sent from Erie to Portugal to study the structure of the social set-up there. By the creation of large national unions on these lines. sought to intergrate closer into the capitalist state, bureaucrats and leading Catholic trade union e'ements who were prepared to "co-operate" with the capitalist class.

Wage Increase Forbidden It is this part of the Act that

Section Three of this hated Act, | definite but partial victory. Just which violates the elementary as reactionary and anti-working democratic right of the workers to class are the remaining effective freely organise and join any trade sections of the Trade Union Act. anion he wishes, was challenged in the Supreme Court as illegal and bidden for the workers to strike Then women workers the first N.U.R. The Supreme provision forbidding employers Court has been forced to repeal to pay any wage increase to Court has been forced to repeal to pay any wage increase to that section from the Trade Union Act.

The Act is divided into three this like the workers strike to the court and the cour main parts. The first deals with enforce their wage demands they definitions of terms and meanings can be arrested and imprisoned, or

T.U. Leaders' Self Interest

Instead of conducting a struggle part dictates that no trade union the Irish trade union bureaucrats can carry on negotiations for the have concentrated their opposition against these reactionary measures fixing of wages or other conditions of employment unless it holds a affects their control over the negotiating "license". Those unions rank and file union membership. that are thus "authorised", are compelled to deposit with the High Court, a sum of money varying from £2.000 for unions with a membership of 2.000 or under, to actionary capitalist Tribunal. are An internecine struggle is conducted f10,000 for unions with a member- This was the main reason why the ship of 20,000 or over. This part N.U.R. challenged the legality of the Tribunal when the Tribunal openly favoured and supported the native Irish Transport bureaucrats as against the N.U.R.

These trade union bureaucrat are selling out the organised workers by not conducting a genuine struggle against the whole of the Trade Union Act and demanding its repeal en bloc. They are soft-pedalling on this issue in order that one set or another of be allowed to organise and take into the bureaucrats can gain the membership, workers engaged in favour and support of the reactionary Tribunal. Such a situ ation plays directly into the hands the Irish capitalists policy it is thus to split the organised workers and to further their own interests as against the

interests of the working class. politics This form of "gangster which the Irish union bureaucrats wage against each other must be exposed and combated by the militant action of the trade union The struggle for a new workers. The struggle for a new leadership in the unions that will conduct a genuine policy in the in-terests of the rank and file is one of the immediate tasks facing the organised workers if the trade union movement is to fulfil its purpose of defending and increasing the standard of living of the Irish

The class duty of the organised workers in Britain is to support the struggle of brother unionists in Eire in their fight against bureaucrats who aid DeValera's reactionary policy of breaking away the Irish trade union movement Britain; who refuse to conduct a genuine campaign for the abolition of the anti-working class Trade from the union movement in

Union Act. Support the demand of the organised working class in Eire for the immediate and unconditional repeal of the anti-working class has now been repealed, and it is a Trade Union Act.



"Arise Ye Stahvlings From Your Slumbahs . . . "

Worse than

Reading through the British rosecutor's eloquent denunciation f the Nazi miscreants arraigned at Nuremberg, one pauses involun-tarily at the name of Sauckel. The very mention of the vast organisation of slave labour of which he is accused, turns one's thoughts im-mediately to the plight of the half million German war prisoners held here as slave labour by the very Government for whom Sir Hartley

Shawcross speaks.

The Economist attempts at once o justify and moderate this state affairs, with little success either direction. Thus in the

July 26, issue we read:
"There is, of course, some truth in the assertion that the prisoners are at present indispensable to the British economy. But by all the canons of self-protection as well as those of morality, this dependence should be eliminated as quickly as possible. By the end of this demobilisation will lly complete, yet crutially complete, yet Mr.
Williams hopes to draft more
prisoners into agriculture until they account for almost a third of the farm labour force. But how long does he propose to keep them there, working for a nominal wage of 1s. a week, at considerable gain to the Treasury, if not to the farmers? is intended to exact forced German labour as reparations, then at least the labour should be paid-even did that much-and should be generally recruited

hards."

fortuitously

into

immediate repatriation, limited have not the slightest intention of facilities, it is impossible to escape from the thought that Sir Hartley



on Lenin

"The key-note of Labour policy. as everyone knows, is a solemn assurance to the wealthy and the well-to-do that full compensation will be paid for every scrap of property that a labour Government might decide to nationalise.
"I could never quite figure

that out. From what source Mr. the Exchequer raise money to nationalised, for vastly improved social services and all that in addition to gargantuan debt charges for past, present and future wars?
"The literal answer proffered by

official Labour is that all this to be done by increased death duties, income that and super-tax. Oh Yeah! And what in the mean-time will a Tory controlled press industry and banking system be doing?

There is not much doubt about the answer to that. Most certainly not holding special religious serfrom the who'e German people instead of being confined to that section which has come vices to pray for the success of British Labour.

Is this the policy of the Labour honest? Who does Labour think for reformist Covernment? In the absence of a concrete rebuttal in the shape of Tory opponents. These gentlemen time in fighting.

of existence by a Labour Government carrying through financial feeding the dog of its own tail."

These words were written by Jennie Lee in the New Leader of March 14, 1940, before she left the I.L.P. and became a Labour Party M.P. Time, and a seat in Parliament as a representative of Government Party, have changed Lee's Miss Lee's ideas on t question. In the latest issue Pribune she tries to seek in Lenin support for these ideas which she now rejects. She writes:

"How far is it the Maxton quality in British public life that gave substance to Lenin's dictum that this is the one country where Socialism might be achieved without an intermediary phase of bloody civil war.'

This is the exact opposite of Lenin's position! Marx, way back in 1871, raised the possibility of revolution taking place England without the workers first destroying the "ready made state machine". On this Lenin wrote in his book State and Revolution:

"Today, in 1917, in the epoch of the first great imperialist war, Marx's conception is no longer Today, England and America (American Jennie Lees please note), the essential 'thing for every 'real revolution' the smashing, the destruction of (brought in those countries between 1914 and 1917, to general 'European' imperialist perfection)."

We suggest to Jennie Lee that she make sure of her references to the teachings of the founders of scientific socialism "Why can't we be a bit more invoking their authority to support honest? Who does Labour think her reformist conceptions, the it is jooling? Certainly not its very conceptions they spent a life-

MINERS MUST TAKE CONTROL

BY N. PENTLAND

The Coalowners, as a reward for their wrecking of the industry, are to be paid £164,660,000 compensation with £64,559,559 in royalties. A total sum of £229,219,559 will be paid for nationalising the pits. In fact, the original money invested in the mines has been paid back over and over again in enormous profits in the last century through the blood and sweat of the miners.

The Coalowners claimed an average profit of £12,000,000 a year, which means that the original money invested must, at the very least, have been paid back every generation.

Because of the ruin to which the coalowners have brought the industry, the Government will have to invest £150,000,000 for modernisation and technical improvements.

In a statement to the House of Commons on Wednesday, July 25, Shinwell, obtaining.

While the Labour leaders shed While the Labour leaders in made it clear that coal stocks were 5 million tons below "safety margin", which means domestic coal users will face another lean winter of coal supplies.

A week previously the Coal Act was finally passed and became law, with only a few rumblings from the Tories.

The Economist of July 20, comments on this :- "By gen "By general agreement,

which is not confined to Labour ranks, coal is the most suitable candidate nationalisation,"

Such is the quite pleased attitude of the more farsighted sections of the employing class to the "socialist" methods of the Labour Party. Why is this so, workers will ask? It is because the employers and coal capitalists realise that, as the Economist continues, to point out, they are looking forward to the technical reorganisation of the mines financed by the State and ending of "deteriorated labour relations". They are looking to the Government to keep the miners quiet by sops and threats, because, as the Economist realises, the miners will push the Government for better conditions:

"On the labour issue the miners' first reaction seems increase rather than reduce their claims. What every miner quite correctly

demands, is that the nationalised mines must be democratised from below in order to create far better crocodile tears over the events in

imperialist dominated Palestine, 146 miners were killed and 543 injured during the second quarter of the year. But what does the great miners champion, one-time Left critic Shinwell, do about these "atrocities He only threatens, exhorts and coerces the miners to work harder than ever and pays scant attention

to the even inadequate demands of the Miners' Charter. On the other hand he legalises thousands of pounds in compensation to the coalparasites who have robbed and exploited both miners and consumers for over a hundred years. Shinwell's latest measure of im-

porting Irish labour will not solve the problem. The will lower production. The social effects

It is necessary for the miners, as it is for all workers, to demand that the only methods which will increase production in the interests of workers and consumers alike, is by placing the mines directly under control of the workers themselves and not left in the hands of the agents of capitalism, in the present Coal Board. Only by complete ex-propriation of the coal owners without compensation can the outof-date mines be modernised; only by workers' management and con trol can the mines be run in the interests of the working class.

LENIN LIVES ON IN TROTSKY ISM—Trotsky Memorial Meeting CONWAY HALL, Monday, August 26th At 7 p.m. Speakers: E. Grant, G. Healy, G. Hansen

PARLIAMENTARY

REFORMISM

From the Second Congress of the

Communist International, 1920

Parliamentarism

ourgeois parliaments for purposes

from the point of view of develop-

of political development. Owing to

the uninterrupted advance of the

forces of production and the widening sphere of capitalist ex-

ploitation, capitalism, and togethe

with it the parliamentary state, acquired a lasting stability.

of the parliamentary tactics of the

Socialist, parties to "organic" legislative activity in bourgeois

parliaments, and the ever-growing

significance of the struggle for re-forms within the capitalist system

as well us the predominating influence of the so-called "immediate

demand" and the conversion of the

naximum programme into a figure

of speech as an altogether remote

final goal". This served as a

liamentary careerism, corruption, and open or hidden betrayal of the

undamental interests of the work-

The attitude of the Third Inter-

unction as the weapon of develop-

revolutionary parliamentarism in the preceding period, owing to the

and entered upon the period of

To the extent that some Social-

ists with an inclination for Com-munism point out that the moment

of revolution in their respective countries has not yet arrived, and

so decline to break away from the

parliamentary opportunists, they

reason in fact consciously or un-

consciously from the consideration

that the present epoch is one of

culmination of capitalism, imperialist self-negation and self-

matter is everywhere the same: we

must start with the direct pre-

paration of a proletarian uprising, politically and technically, for the

destruction of the bourgeoisie and

for the creation of the new prole-

of the relative stability and the

tarian state.

for the working masses.

storm and stress.

a certain progressive

This gave rise to the adaptability

ing class-consciousness,

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Out with the **ANTI-SEMITIC** OFFICER CASTE!

A letter containing a most vicious and rabid antisemitic attack against the Jewish people, has been circulated to the British troops in Palestine. The author of the letter is attributed to be the British Commander in Palestine, Lieutenant-General Sir Evelyn Barker. Whoever may be the author as such, it is clear that the contents have been circulated with the official approval of the British military authorities in Palestine.

According to press agencies struggle. The problems of the responsible for the circulation of Jewish people in Palestine, as Barker, after making wild allega-tions that the Jewish people in Palestine, were responsible as a whole, for the present terrorist explosions there, arrogantly goes on to say in his letter:

I am determined that they shall suffer punishment and be made aware of the contempt and loathing with which we regard their conduct."

Explaining his previous order, lacing, all Jewish shops, cafes places of entertainment and private houses out of bounds, this self-appointed "prosecutor-judge" goes

"I appreciate that these measures will inflict some hardship on the troops, but I am certain that they will understand their propriety and will realise they are punishing the Jews in a way the race dislikes as much as any-by striking at their pockets and showing our contempt for them."

The anti-semitism expressed in General Barker's letter is not an instance of an isolated opinion. On the contrary it serves to underline the widespread anti-semitic views held by the top officer-junta in control of the capitalist armed forces.

Among themselves it is no secret that anti-semitism is rife among the that anti-semitism is rife among the army tops, and they seek to propagate this reactionary poison, among the British troops in Palestine and elsewhere. They attempt, by creating prejudice against the Jewish people as a race, to cover up the criminal responsibility of British capitalist diplomacy for the trace position in Palestine.

tragic position in Palestine.

It has been spoken of in the lobbies of Parliament for some time, that the army leaders in Palestine wanted complete freedom to begin a campaign of reprisals there. The Tories have been sup-porting this policy of the top military hierarchy behind the scenes, and demanding that they be allowed complete freedom to deal with the situation in Palestine by military means and law.

Undoubtedly there exists anong the British troops in Palestine, a legitimate antagonism towards those elements responsible for the deaths of soldiers killed by acts of terror. This inevitable resentment to the British troops!

soldiers. and resentment among the British military-caste from its control over troops, the terrorists play into the hands of British imperialism. These futile acts of terrorism must be condemned as false methods of the interests of the working class.

npon your time. However, we are sure that you will readily appre-

ciate the importance of the question

raised in this letter and give the matter your immediate consider-

You will find enclosed a precis of a new law about to be intro-duced by the Egyptian Government.

published in the Egyptian press, and sent to us by comrades of the

Revolutionary Communist Party, Egyptian Section of the Fourth International. These comrades are now in jail, without charge, as far

as we know, even before this law Not only Trotskyists have been

arrested—as you are aware, but Trade Union leaders, Socialists,

Stalinists, and intellectuals and

Liberals.

The health of these comrades will

be rapidly undermined in the foul conditions of Egyptian prisons it

they are not freed soon, and a

consequent loss of great magnitude will be suffered by the workers of Egypt and the Socialist movement

of the world. The only way in which this may be prevented and

the liberty of these imprisoned comrades restored, is if sufficient

pressure is brought to bear on the Egyptian Government by the

leaders of the working class in Britain and elsewhere.

paign is being conducted to throw

We are informed that a cam-

Egyptian Government

everywhere, can only be solved on the basis of a revolutionary programme of struggle in common with the working class against world capitalism itself. Any other way can only create division between the working class on the one hand, and

the Jewish people on the other. The letter, however, raises a much more serious issue for the working class. Bitter past experience has shown that reactionary anti-semitism goes hand in hand with anti-working class and anti-labour ideology, at all times. Every fascist movement has propagated anti-semitism in its programme, in

one form or another The working class have not put the Labour Government into power in order that such military reaction-aries can continue undisputed and despotic control over workers con-

while control of the armed forces.

While control of the armed forces remains in the hands of this anti-labour, profascist officer-junta, they constitute a menace to the interests of the working class. In conditions of crisis, such as will in-evitably develop in capitalist Britain, this reactionary officer-caste will not hesitate to play the same anti-working class role as their ideological brother officers did

in Germany. The officer-caste in Germany were the military basis of the fascist terror gangs that imposed the Hitler regime on the German workers. They also were ridden with anti-semitic and antiworking class ideas.

The Labour Government cannot evade the responsibility for the tragic situation in Palestine. The anti-semitism rabidly propagated in this letter of General Barker, is allowed to pass, in fact is con-doned by them. The statement of Herbert Morrison to the House of Commons on August 1st, reveals this. Morrison said, . . . "He was confident the House would wish him to say they fully appreciated how heavy was the strain on both the Army and civilian officers, carrying out their duties." While Morrison dissociates the Government from the 'tone' of the letter, he goes on to express his admiration for the magnificent way in

felt by some of the troops against the Jewish people in Palestine is being fanned by these anti-semitic officers in order to create an impassable barrier of prejudice between the Jews and the British troops. This despicable and cowardly evasion on the part of the Labour Government must be condemned by the working class. But the issue goes deeper. The organised working class movement must demand, through trade union and This despicable and cowardly evasion on the part of the Labour By creating the possibilities of just such reactions of indignation Government outs the reactionary

ducing the reactionary legislation.

In fact, as is well-known to every one in Egypt, this campaign is

from the Egyptian Government.

Our organisation always has been

fully in favour of the Egyptian people having the right of com-plete self-determination. We are

for the complete and unconditional withdrawal of all British troops, as, we hope, every socialist member of Parliament is also. While com-

batting every attempt to use the anti-Labour actions of the

Egyptian Government to the

advantage of British imperialism,

it is the duty of all socialists to rouse the widest protest against the anti-Labour actions of the

On behalf of the Political Bureau

of the Revolutionary Communist Party, and at the request of our

arrested comrades. I earnestly appeal to you to do your best to bring the maximum pressure to bear on the Egyptian Government.

(a) to secure the release of all the arrested Left wingers; and (b)

to prevent the passage of the pro-posed anti-Labour legislation.

Yours fraternally, Jock Haston,

Egyptian Government.

Protest Arrests

Letter sent by R.C.P. to Left M.P.s

We know that you are very busy the arrested Left wing leaders, as part of the justification for intro-

SOCIALIST APPEAL STALINISTS ASSAULT FRENCH TROTSKYIST

Central Committee Member hooligans.

Nice, 15 July, 1946.

tee member of our party, was a doctor. munist Party, having become apprehensive of the initiative Nice, and of the favourable reception which the announcement of our meeting had in workers circles, decided otherwise.

In the School of the S.S.

One hour before the meeting was due to start, the shock troops of the Stalinist bureaucrats occupied the street in which our meeting hall was situated. As soon as the doors were opened they with a sole hurled themselves into the hall, Marseillaise! about 200 of them, occupied the platform, forced Comrade Demaziere down who was then Later on the police told Comrade monstrous brutalities of the French fascists. platform.

on Friday, July 12, our express his indignation. Then the Stalinists thugs threw themselves once more on him shouting with the "authorities." branch at Nice was to hold a the object of spreading confusion mostly during which Albert "Down with the fascists", and meeting during which Albert bemaziere, Central Commit-Comrade Demaziere then had to see

Two members of the audience to have made a speech. But one of them Roger Blin, a grade the bureaucrats of the Com-munist Party having become the workers, were also beaten for protesting against these S.S. methods, which are now directly taken by our young branch at planted in the working class movement by Stalinism.

The Police as Accomplice?

Those gentlemen of the police who are always so preoccupied with the security of the leaders of the semi-fascist P.R.L.. only arrived at the end in order to clear out the hall "in an orderly manner", after which the local C.P. bureaucrats. Marty 20 years ago.

Trying to escape, Demaziere, success In fact it appears that the

The Revolution Will Not Forget Them

The increasing sympathy which our programme is receiving among the workers, the sympathy which is beginning to surround our speakers, spokesmen of revolutionary communism, all this is dis-maying the Stalinists. That is why they are trying to reduce us to silence by the most shameful methods. But they will not succeed. Their slanders and criminal violence, although a hindrance to our development, will not prevent us from winning over the workers to our Bolshevik policy, of Lenin. Trotsky, Liebknecht, Rosa

which the local C.F. bureancials. having rid themselves with violence of those who disagree with them, held an improvised meeting against the "Hitler-Trotskyists" with a solemn singing of the Marseillaise!

Marry 20 years ago.

The majority of our militants have tasted the tortures of the Gestapo gangsters and the Vichyites. Comrade Demaziere himself was sentenced to penal servitude for life by Vichy's Marseillaise! servitude for life by Later on the police told Comrade special police and f

James Maxton

The death of Jimmy Maxton has robbed the LL.P. of its most outstanding figure.

Maxton personified a great deal of the best tradition of the I.L.P. His imprisonment during the First Imperialist War, his parliamentary struggles in the twenties, his refusal to accept positions as a bribe offered by the reformist leaders, gave him an unusual standing among the He could workers. always be relied upon to protest at injustice to the oppressed and was never known to justify an act of oppression.

However, Maxton was no revolutionary. He was a humanitarian with no clear theory, believing in the possibilities of an above-class reason to which the ruling class would respond. His weekness was made plain in the fact that obituaries and condolences on his death came from all classes and papers. The "Daily Mail" declared "from brightest red to deepest blue, they all loved Jimmy". The "Daily Herald" called him "a rebel without an enemy", which could aptly describe him if it were not for the fact that without an enemy is no real

> mons which stood in silence to his memory. A revolutionary can earn the

rebel. His popularity was testi-

fied to by the unusual tribute

paid him in the House of Com-



respect of the ruling classes but never their love.

In the early twenties, Maxton protested against the fraternisation of Labour M.P.s in the House of Commons and tried to bar fraternisation by party de-But time mellowed Jimmy who became the best fraterniser in the House.

Maxton could only be loved "deepest blue" because of his lack of theory. Owenite ideas softened any blow he directed at them. His wit was used not as an extra weapon with which to belabour the enemy, but cushioned his attack and rubbed off the sharp corners. Without a grasp of Marxist theory any working class politician is inevitably led to play a role of conciliating

the classes. Nevertheless, Maxton earned the gratitude of our party for the part he played in defence of our four comwho were prisoned under the Trade Disputes Act. Despite our sharp and often bitter criticism of him and his party, he readily took up the cudgels in our defence when our party was under attack. Thus indicating that he was one of the few reformist representatives labour who did not show mail-ness and take personal

Maxton's best days were spent when the LLP was a rising and militant, if reformist party. He dies at a time when the party he represented itself sick unto death In the past years it more and

more became the shadow of Jimmy Maxton. His illness held up for a few months the desertion of the leading Scottish representatives of the Labour Party. Now they will go over to the Labour Party as rapidly as possible. This in turn will speed up the disintegration and end of the party to which Maxton devoted his life.

When the workers of Britain take the power and end the rule of the capitalists, Maxton will be remembered and honoured as one of the militant utopians who dedicated his life to the working class.

Subversive Theories

The explanatory note which accompanies this draft of law em- efforts are being made to transphasises that one of the consequences of the first world war was varied means. In order to prevent quences of the first world war was the propagation of communist and anarchist theories to such a degree that lawful institutions found themselves menaced. These theories so attractive on the such theories, so attractive on the sur- object.

equality have fallen into a destructive extremism. So, in order to dam up this extremist current and which the country's existence is fine of from 50 to 500 pounds any with the purpose of preventing it from infiltrating among the population and particularly inside the working classes, the legislator finds working classes, the legislator finds and a fine in proportion to the proportion of the purpose of preventing it based or any one of the fundamental political institutions. The directly money or subsidies of any kind from a person or organisation residing outside the Kingdom of working classes, the legislator finds it necessary to punish those who work for the overthrow of any one class of society to the profit of another. Article 174 of the Penal Code punishes anyone who incites others to the overturn of the established order of the Government of Article 188 (4), which is a development of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the established order of the Government of Article 174 of the crimes of the crime. This Egypt, with the aim of spreading propagated in favour of the objects enumerated in the three previous articles.

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"The Government has just forwarded to Parliament a draft of law adding a certain number of new provisions to the Penal Code, which are directed to fighting subversive propaganda.

The explanatory note which stigntion has become worse Active. years and a fine of from 50 to 500 pounds.

Government. A penalty of thre-months imprisonment and a fine not exceeding thirty pounds will be

Article 98 (d) punishes with im-This Egypt, with the aim of spreading

order; they consider it their tasis to achieve reforms by all means, The New Epoch and the Now and are concerned to make the masses appreciate every such accomplishment as the merit of the The attitude of the Socialist Social-Democratic par, iament arian. Parties towards parliamentarism was originally, at the time of the (Turati, Longuet & Co.).

indefinite durability of the existing

Instead of the old compromising parliamentarism, a new parliamen-First International, one of utilising tarism has come to life, as a of agitation. Participation in par-limentary activity was looked upon weapon for the destruction of par-liamentarism as a whole. But the aversion towards the traditional of practices of the old parhamentar-ism drives some revolutionary awakening in the proletariat class hostility toward the ruling class. elements into the camp of the Changes in this attitude were opponents of parliamentarism on brought about not through change of doctrine, but under the influence ary Syndicalists, German Comary Syndicalists, Gern munist Labour Party). German Com-

Taking all this into consideration, the Second Congress adopts the following theses:

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Communism, the Struggle for the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, and the Utilisaof the Bourgeois tion Parnament

1. Parliamentarism, as a State system, has become a "democratic form of the rule of the bourgeoisie, which at a certain stage or no national representation, that outwardly appears as an organisat or "national will" standing outside of classes, but in reality is an instrument of oppression and suppression in the hands of the

national towards parliamentariem ruling capitalists, is determined not by a new 2. Parliamentarism is a definite doctrine, but by the changed goal form of State order. Therefore, it parliamentarism itself. During can in no way be a form of Comthe previous epoch parliament per- munist society, which recognises neither classes, nor class struggle, nor any form of State authority.
3. Parliamentarism cannot be

ing capitalism, but under the present conditions of unbridled ima form of proletarian government during the transiti period beperialism, parliament has become a tool of falsehood, deceit, violence tween the and that of the proletariat. and enervating gossip. In face of imperialist devastation, plundary At the moment when the accentuviolation, robbery and great partial ated class strugle turns into civil mentary reforme action of definite plan, war the proletariat must inevitably of constantly and of form its State organisation as fighting organisation, which cannot contain any representatives of the Parliament, like the whole bour-geois society, has lost its stability. former ruling classes. All fictions of the "national will" are harmful The sudden transition from the organic to the critical epoch has to the projectariat at that time, and the parliamentary division of authority is needless and injurious to it. The only form of prole-tarian dictatorship is a Republic the parliamentary division

worked out the essence of of Soviets. 4. The bourgeois parliaments, which constitute one of the most fact that Russia, after 1905, lost important parts of the State its political and social equilibrium machinery, cannot be won over by the proletariat any more than can bourgeois order in general. The task of the proletariat consists in overthrowing the whole machinery of the bourgeoisie, in destroying it, and with it all the parliamentary institutions, whether they be republican or constitu-

tional-monarchial. 5. The same applies to the local government institutions of the relative stability for imperialist bourgeoisie, which, theoretically, society, and they assume therefore cannot be differentiated from State that practical results may be organisations. In reality, they are schieved in the struggle for reform part of the same bourgeois State a coalition with such men as machinery, which must be destroyed Turati and Longuet. As soon as by the revolutionary proletariat Communism takes the field it must and replaced by local Soviets of start out by elucidating the Workers' Deputies character of the present epoch (the 6. Consequently

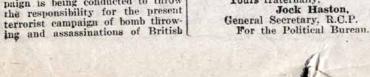
6. Consequently, Communism repudiates parliamentarism as the form of the future; it renounces destruction, uninterrupted growth it as a form of the class dictator of civil war, etc.). Political re-lationships and political groupings may be different in different countries, but the essence of the ship of the proletariat; it repudiates the possibility of winning over parliament; its aim is to destroy parliamentarism. Therefore it is only possible to speak of utilising the bourgeois State organisations with the object of destroying them. The question can only and ex-clusively be discussed on this plane.

7. Every class struggle is political struggle, because it Parliament at present can in no way serve as the arena of a struggle for reform, or for improving the lof of the working people,, as it was at certain periods acquires a political character. of the preceding epoch. The centre of gravity of political life at present has been completely and finally transferred beyond the limits of parliament. On the other bridling and suppression of the resisting purgeoiste—whatever such hand, owing not only to its re- sisting bourgeoisie-whatever such lationship to the working masses, but also to the complicated mutual

relations within the various groups of the bourgeoisic itself, the bourgeoisic geoisie is forced to have some of in the question of one's attitude passed through parliament, where the various cliques haggle for power, exhibit their strong sides and betray their weak ones, get and sectional one to a general themselves unmasked, etc., etc. struggle for the overthrow of the Therefore, it is the immediate his- capitalist order as a whole.

torical task of the working class to 9. The fundamental method of wrest this apparatus out of the struggle of the proletarian hands of the ruling class, to break against the rule of the bourgeoisic and destroy it, and to create in its is, first of all, the method of mass place a new proletarian apparatus, action. Such mass action is pre-At the same time, however, the pared and carried out by the revolutionary general staff of the organised masses of the proletariat, working class is vitally concerned under the direction of in having its scouting parties in disciplined centralised Communist parliamentary institutions of Party. Civil war is war. In this the bourgeoisie, in order to war the proletariat must have its facilitate this task of destruction. efficient political officers, its good Thus the fundamental difference political general staff, to conduct between the tactics of Communists operations during all the stages of

entering parliament with revolu-tionary aims in view, and the 10. The mass struggle means a tionary aims in view, and the tactics of the socialist parliament-whole system of developing demonarians, becomes perfectly clear, strations, growing ever more neutronal The latter act on the assumption in form, and logically leading to an (Continued on page 4.)



REACTION in EGYPT

Severe Measures for the Suppression of

New Articles Added to the Penal Code

being conducted by the Egyptian Fascists, the extreme middle class nationalists, and by the associates and hirelings of the feudal reaction. The terrorist campaign, moveover, is being carried out with a con-siderable amount of protection of protection

face, are of a nature to stir un the passions.

The new Article 98 (a) pumshes

those who establish revolutionary It has been noticed, during these societies with the aim of over-last years, that those who preach turning one class and raising up societies or organisations. another, or who seek to overtura

established order of the Government. On the other hand, the constitution of 1923, in establishing the governmental regime and the social order, did not fail, while

ITALIAN SCENE

BY CARLO BIVANCO

Three years after the fall of Dominating the country's econ- for the goods he buys from the Mussolini and the Armistice, Italy omic life, is the Black Market, towns. Lack of fertilizers, the presents a picture of ever-increasing Goods scheduled for rationing find thousands of acres rendered use-Three years after the fall of misery. The conditions under their way into the hands of the which the vast mass of the people black marketeers. Here there are living deteriorates from day to no shortages. Everything can be day. Hampered by the uncertainty bought—for a price. But what of the future, fearful of the working class family can buy on economic and political demands the Black Market when even in the which will be imposed on the open market butter is sold at 350 country by the Peace Treaties now in process of drafting in Paris, there is further stress and strain in an economy already weakened and devastated by a war fought throughout the length and breadth of the Peninsula. Hunger is pre-Inefficiency and corrupvalent! tion in distribution adds to the nardships imposed by a hopelessly inadequate scale of rations. is the background to the series of Northern strikes which has paralyzed Italian industry and commerce during the past two months.

Starvation Rations

The basic bread ration is 200 grammes (about 7 ozs.) a day. One of the first acts of the De Gasneri Government was to reduce the percentage of flour in bread The use of flour for sweets and cakes was prohibited and the was cut from 2 kilograms to 500 grammes (17 ozs.) a month. The sugar ration is 200 grammes and salt 300 grammes (10½ ozs.) a month. Children under three vears of age are allowed about the industrialists giving the latter that giving the latter of their intention to do so.

The fact that the Northern worker is receiving the latter that the industrialists giving the latter that giving the latter giving the latter giving the latter giving the result of the right to sack their workers after giving the latter giving the latter giving the latter giving the latter giving the result of the right to sack their workers after giving three months notice of their intention to do so. ration of spaghetti and rice, both vears of age are allowed about talf a pint of milk daily. The rest of the population are allowed officially, only 1 fluid ounce.

There is no regular ration of fats and oils. These are distributed in small quantities when available There is no butter ration.

Because of the chaotic system of distribution and outright racketeering, even rationed goods are not always obtainable in the stipulated amounts and often not at all. In parts of Italy milk can only be had on two or three days of the month. There are days when it is impossible to buy bread except on the black market.

While the poor starve, the rich, the war profiteers and Fascist racketeers live in comparative luxury. The windows of the more exclusive shops are filled with the necessities of life and even "luxury items" such as butter or cheese. All this gives a superficial impression of prosperity, eagerly seized upon by the Tory press, but far from a true picture.

PALESTINE

The Trotskyist Answer

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and Zionism!

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4th International

DAN TAMARY (Palestinian)

Withdraw the Troops!

For Mass Arab Jewish

AJIT ROY (Indian)

lire (400 lire to £) a pound, and meat at 150 lire a pound.

3 Million Unemployed

Estimates of unemployment vary between two and three millions. The larger figure is probably nearer the Only the agreement between Trade Unions and the mark. Trade industrialists, compelled the latter to retain their workers on part-pay, even where the factory was closed, prevented this figure from shooting up. Obviously, this state of affairs cannot last indefinitely. Italian capitalism, already struck a crippling blow by the lost war, cannot "afford" to pay wages to was almost wholly dependent on the control of the contro non-productive workers. reserves cannot stand it. The Trade Union leaders, over the over the heads of the rank-and-file, have now signed a new agreement with

does not materially improve his position. His part-pay is not sufficient to enable him to buy on the Black Market. He has to content himself with the inadequate rations-when he can get them.

One would expect the peasant to be slightly better off than the urban worker, for he can, to some extent, live off the land. would undoubtedly be the case if normal conditions prevailed in the national economy. But the chaotic conditions of roads and transport makes it extremely difficult for their products to reach the towns.

A great proportion of agricultural goods is diverted into the Black Market. Barter is at a premium. No one has any faith in the huge quantity of paper lire in circulation.*

Further, the peasant is com-pletely dependent on urban industry for certain of the necessities of by selling his produce to the Black Marketeers is absorbed by the in-flationary prices he has to pay

less by still-existing mine-fields and the usurious extortions of the landlords and money-lenders keep the peasant in effective poverty.

Only a complete change in the land system-the abolition of the latifondi (large landowners), and the re-distribution of the land among the peasantry; only the introduction of scientific methods of agriculture, possible only through collective farming, can overcome the problems confronting the

The De Gasperi Government has drawn up an elaborate scheme tor industrial revival, but is confronted with formidable obstacles in its path. Italy, always lacking in raw materials, is today confronted with a desperate shortage because the Ruhr for her supplies of coal. Now only a trickle arrives from this source. From the United States only 120,000 tons per month enters the country. It is estimated that a minimum of 800,000 tons per month is required to keep Italian industry running. this the precarious state of the country's productive resources can be judged.

The index of the cost of living stands at 2,000 (100 in 1943). As against this, the wages of industrial workers have risen from 100 in 1943 to 1,000. Salaries of clerical workers and State employees have only risen to 500. Currently, the release of manufactured goods, hoarded during the war years, has temporarily halted the rise in the cost of living. When these stocks are exhausted, it will once again climb upwards with seven-league boots. To combat this inflationary tendency, the Operaio Communista. Italian section of the Fourth International, is pushing to the forefront of its programme of economic demands the slogan "A Rising Scale of Wages to meet the Rising Cost of Living.'

To prevent the growth of unemployment and to absorb the present workless in productive labour, the Italian Trotskyists are demanding the nationalisation of industry under workers control. They call for the setting up of Distribution Committees of Housewives and Unionists to ensure fair distribution of commodities and as the only effective method of fighting the Black Market. Above all, they stress that there can be no lasting solution to Italy's economic and social ills while capitalism lasts. The way out lies through a Socialist Italy within the United Socialist States of Flyane. Socialist States of Europe.

There are today 285 billion lire in circulation compared with 22.5 billion in 1938. Of this total nearly one-quarter—65 billions—is currency issued by the occupation regime, and the unresolved discurse. solved dispute over reparations still to be paid by Italy has so far prevented the Government from even attempting to work out any financial policy.

PALESTINE SOLUTION policy could be pursued in Egypt. But very reluctantly, as Morrison blurted out, the Labour Government is being compelled to try and comprise with the Egyptians and must find a new position in the Middle East: in Palestine.

Socialist Settlements Terrorised

One of the Labour M.P.s, Mr. Wilkes (Newcastle-on-Tyne), revealed the curious policy being pursued by the military authorities in Palestine, which cannot be con-strued in any other way than deliberate provocation:

" If the intention is to capture these people (terrorists) why, when the Jewish agency was closed down, were the offices and headquarters of the Revisionist Party (Jewish Fascists-E.G.) who control the Irgun (terrorists) left open? Why is the Revisionist Press, certainly up to Revisionist Press, certainly up to 24 hours ago, allowed to go on wish to see the Jewish with its aggressive, militant, racial propaganda? When in June and July these outrages were committed, certainly in the large majority of cases by the Irgun, why were the Socialist settlements searched? Was it expected to find the Irgun in settle. pected to find the Irgun In settlements organised and run by Histradruth? Why is the only paper in Palestine now closed down so far as my information goes, a paper called "Haaretz", which is a Liberal paper and which, indeed, has often attacked the Jewish agency for being too problem: opening up the gates of

militant? . . ."

Measures like this could only help to inflame the position and further embitter the Jewish masses in Palestine against the army

authorities.

And the army authorities use the terrorist attacks to inflame and embitter the troops against the Jews. In the struggle against the Arabs in 1936-39, when the latter were demanding their independence, the army authorities posed as the protector of the Jews and incited the troops against the Arabs. reality, the troops are used to do the dirty work of British imperialism in Palestine and the Middle East. This is not in the interests of the worker-soldiers, or of the native peoples under British domin-

The capitalis press is shedding crocodile tears about the strain on the British troops. But what are the troops there for? To keep "law and order" i.e. to guard British strategic-economic interests.

The Immigration Problem

gration of 100,000 victims of the Nazis, still living in camps, the concentration camps where they had been thrust by the Nazis. But in Germany, of the Bolsheviks in the whole futility of Zionism is shown by the tragic impasse in which the Jew in Palestine find themselves at the present time. lastly, in the "Constituent Assembly in the "Constituent Assem Even if 100,000 Jews were mitted, this could not solve problem. But it would inevitably arouse the violent antagonism of the Arabs in Palestine and the the Arabs in Palestine and the whole of the Middle East. Anti-semitism would merely be transferred from Europe to the Arab countries. And only a small per-centage could gain even temporary unification of the masses, who still respite thereby.
The Imperial sts close their own

doors tightly but insist on de-ciding for the Arabs.

1. Nationalisation, of the electoral rights from the age of Banks and land, the mines, transport and all big industry without compensation; and the operation of these enterprises under the control of workers' committees.

2. Confiscation of all war profits; all company books to be open to inspection by trade to counter the financial and economic sabotage of Big Busi-

3. Distribution of food, clothes fuel 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,

4. The control and allocation of existing housing space in the hands of tenants' committees; a state financial national housebuilding plan directed by the building trades unions and tenants committees.

5. A rising scale of wages to meet the increased cost of living with a guaranteed minimum and full maintenance for the unemployed; turnover of Government and other war plants to the pro-

Bank of England, the Big Five 18 years; and full political rights political life. for men and women in the forces; the immediate repeal of all strike breaking and antilabour laws.

> 7. Clear out the reactionary anti-labour officer caste from the armed forces, for the election of officers from the ranks.

the dissolution of the standing army and its substitution by a basis the most active visit the dourgeois army and its substitution by a basis the most active visit and the dourgeois the dissolution of the standing visit changes; (d) develop on this 8. Abolish conscription; for unions and workers' committees workers' militia organised under control of workers' committees; for the establishment of military schools by the Trade Unions at the expense of the State for the training of worker officers.

> 9. Unconditional defence of the Soviet Union against all imperialist powers; full economic co-operation, credit grants and be carried on not in the sense of other aid for the reconstruction of Soviet economy.

> 10. Full and immediate freedom for India and the other Revolution. It must be conducted colonies to choose their own by the whole party membership, form of government; the immediate withdrawal of British from all colonial

11. Against secret diplomacy and a peace of vengeance and plunder; against race hatred anti-semitism, Vansittartism and the colour bar; for the withdrawal of British troops from Europe and Asia and for a peace based upon the self-determination of the peoples of Europe, Asia and the World.

and other war plants to the production of consumers' goods; a sliding scale of hours to absorb the unemployed without wage reductions.

12. Full support and active cooperation with the European workers for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the United Socialist States of Europe; unity with the workers and exploited masses of all lands in the struggle for World Socialism.

Jews into Palestine, which is a country about the size of Wales and with about the same popuulation, if considered in proportion to the population would mean an imof 8,000,000 into America or 3,000,000 into Britain. It is clear that an immigration of this character should only take place if the Arab people agree and freely give their consent. this they will never do while they feel that the Jews are being used by British imperialism to split Palestine, to partition it and to maintain a force which, in the long run, will be used against the Arabs in the event that they struggle against British imperial-

ism for national freedom. British socialists and especially the Jewish socialist youth, who are faced with the terrible dilemma of millions of Jews in Europe still suffering the horrors concentration camps - and who

A Cowardley Evasion

For the major part of the Labour movement, and especially the Jewish "left" the demand for immigration into Palestine is, as a rule, a cowardly evasion of the reat

to freely enter.

Palestine is a long way off, and in any case is inhabitated by a backward people, nobody is likely to kick up a fuss here. This is how these people reason. These people fear that to conduct a real campaign to open up the gates of Britain will arouse an antisemetic mood among the people. And they prefer to evade the issue. This is the real reason why they demand that the gates of Palestine be opened.

The sanctimonious horror with which the Allied rulers regarded Had Stalin represented the genuine interests of socialism, he would in many countries in the past. Thus, the effect of the limited in-Soviet Union to accept those refugees willing to seek shelter in Russia, especially as there is an acute labour shortage. But the doors of the Soviet Union remain tightly shut. So Britain and America, despite their enormous riches and resources are not prepared to give the democratic right of asylum to those who seek it. They suggest, instead, the palliative of Palestine. And at the same time have failed And at the same time have rated to conduct a systematic programme of rehabilitation, both material and psychological, of the displaced Jews which would help them to reintegrate themselves into their Withdraw the troops! No plan of partition! For an independent

granted in Britain and Dominions. Equal rights for all in

Europe, without distinction of race or creed. Open the gates! But the problem of Palestine remains. The Jews are being used as a tool of Anglo-American imperialism in the Middle East, one time Britain "supports"

Arabs; at another time the Jews then she swings back again. Such a policy acts against the interests of both Arabs and Jaws who are thus balanced against each

other by British imperialism. The Arabs oppose immigration because by this in many areas they the extermination of the Jews is have been driven from the land revealed as completely hypocritical. to make way for Jewish settlers, as has happened with colonisation migration which British imperialism has allowed, has been to side-track the anti-imperialist struggle of the Arab masses, and

turn it into anti-semitic channels.
The British workers must demand the withdrawal of the troops from Palestine. Palestine must gain its independence. The Jewish and Arab workers can co-operate, as the recent strike has shown. Palestine must be joined to the rest of the Arab countries to form

own countries of origin.

The working class must demand that the Labour Government claiming to represent socialism, give an example to the world. The demo-

PARLIAMENTARY REFORMISM

uprising against the aries in the revolutionary work, and subordinating such positions to work. the plans of the general campaign,

that of the mass struggle.

11. One of such auxiliary supports is the floor of the bourgeois parliament. The argument that parliament is a bourgeois government institution cannot be used against participation in a political campaign. The Communist Party enters such institutions not for The cause of the struggle has the purpose of organic work, but least, to "win it over." The Combeen over the question of immi- in order to destroy the whole bourg- munist Party can only recommend parliament" of Kerensky, and, lastly, in the "Constituent Assembly," and also in the "Municipal Dumas," and the activities of the Bulgarian Communists).

from the parliamentary platform, unification of the masses, who still look up to the parliamentary platform, captivated by democratic illusions, especially in backward countries, etc.-must be fully subordinated to the objects and tasks of the mass struggle outside parliament.

Participation in the electoral campaign and the revolutionary acknowledgement of the value of not giving up a single point that propaganda from the parliamentary tribune has a special importance for winning over those elements of the workers who, such elements of the workers who, such perhaps, the agricultural workers, have stood far away from the revolutionary movement and

13. If the Communists have a stitutions, they must: (a) Carry on a revolutionary opposition opposition opposition against the bourgeois central authority; (b) do all for the aid of the poor population (economical measures, establish or attempt to establish an armed workers militia); (c) point out on every occasion the barriers which the bourgeois propaganda without fearing a conflict with the State authorities; stitute local workers councils for the parliamentary bourgeois clique the existing municipal administra-Communists in the municipal ad- etc. ministration must therefore be part of the general work of destroying ing as a general rule the necessity the capitalist system.

obtaining a maximum of votes, but in that of a revolutionary mobilisation of the masses around the watchwards of the Proletarian

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capitalist necessary to make use of and be order of government. In this war- in complete touch with all manifare of the masses developing into festations of the masses (strikes, a civil war, the guiding party of demonstrations, movements among the proletariat must, as a general the soldiers and sailors, etc.) going rule, secure any and every legal on at the moment. It is necessary position making them its auxilito summon all the mass organisawork.

> 15 In complying with all these conditions, as well as with those indicated in a special instruction, parliamentary work must present

> a direct contrast to the dirty 'politics" practised by the Social-Democratic parties of all countries who enter parliament to support that "democratic" institution or, at 16. "Anti-parliamentarism," on

principle, in the sense or an absolute and categorical repudiation of participation in the elections and revolutionary parliamentary work, cannot therefore bear criticism, and is a haive canaisa doctrine, which is founded sometimes on a healthy disgust at politicians, but does not understand the possibilities of revolutionary parliamentarism. In addition, tins doctrine is frequently connected with a quite erroneous representation of the role of the party, which in this case is conparty, which in this case is considered not as a fighting, centralised but as a decentralised system of but as a decentralised system of attacks only by the most determined by the standards of living all along the line. They can meet such attacks only by the most determined by the standards of living all along the line.

of the necessity of actual elections and actual participation in pariamentary sessions. This question depends upon a series of specific conditions. Under certain circummajority in local government institutions, they must: (a) Carry parliament in order to break it up, to weaken it, and to set up against it the Petrograd Soviet, which was then prepared to head the uprising. They acted similarly in the Constituent Assembly on the day of its dissolution, converting the Third Congress of Soviets into the centre of political activity. In other circumstances a boycott of the elections may be necessary, and a direct violent storming of both the (e) under certain conditions sub- great bourgeois State machine and or a participation in the elections tion. The whole activity of the with a boycott of parliament itself,

18. In this way, while recognisof participating in elections to that central parliament, and to the institutions of local self-govern ment, as well as in the work of such institutions, the Communist Party must decide the question concretely, according to the specific conditions of the given moment. Boycotting the elections or parliament, or leaving parliament, is permissible, chiefly when there is a possibility for an immediate transition to an armed fight for power.

19. At the same time the rela tive unimportance of this question must be constantly be borne in mind. If the centre of gravity lies in a struggle for power outside parliament, then naturally the question of a proletarian dictatorship and a mass fight for it is immeasurably greater than the secondary one of using parliament.

20. Therefore the Communist. International declares categorically that it considers any division or

Communist Party united on Land aim as a crime against the Labour movement. The Congress cans upon all elements that are to favour of the mass struggie for the proletarian dictatorship, under the direction of a centralised Party of the revolutionary proletariat gain-ing influence over all the mass organisations of the working class, to strive for the complete unity of all Communist elements, notwithstanding any possible disagreement on the question of utilising bourgeois parliaments.

Non Unionists First Strike

On July 31st some 250 workers at the South Wales Switchgoar, Tre-forest came out on strike for the principle of non-unionists first in cases of redundancy. Two trade unionists had been sacked as re-dundant while a number of nonunionists remained in the works.

This strike is only one of a number of such strikes during recent months in which the working class have reacted correctly to attacks upon their organisations. In the days ahead the working class will have to face attacks upon feebly connected revolutionary mined resistance. In preparation they must close their ranks now, In preparation 14. On the other hand, an eliminating all sources of weakness,

> In fighting for such demands, they are fighting the advance battles of the coming struggle, and should be backed by the support of every class conscious militant in

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