The world today is characterised by political, diplomatic, No. 57. and propaganda moves which reflect the growing antagon-

ism between America and

At the same time practical preparations for war are teverishly going ahead. Budget expenditures on armaments are reaching higher levels than pre-War in Britain and America. Army manoeuvres in Canada and America are taking place in Arctic conditions as a preparation for conflict with Russia.

Atom Bomb research is being stepped up. Even more borrifying preparations are being made for biological warfare which will destroy men,

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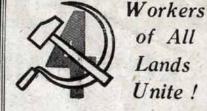
The only hope for humanity lies in the international solidarity of the world working class and the establishment of world ployment. socialism.

MOCK ELECTION At University College

In a mock political election recently held among the students of University College, London, candidates stood from all the political tendencies represented in Trotskyist group made use of this opportunity to put forward its full platform and Comrade Jeanne Hoban stood as Revolutionary Socialist (Trotskyist), candidate. The Trotskyist candidate gained 45 votes out of about 400 political votes cast. The Stalinist, who votes cast. The Stalinist, who stood as Socialist candidate, gained 63 votes, and Labour 71, making the combined Left vote 179 as against a combined Right vote of 224 (Liberal 84 and Conservative

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STOP THE ANTI-RED PURGETUC DECISION

Imperialists Prepare For War on Russia

THE DECISION TO PURGE THE CIVIL SERVICE MINISTRIES CAME AS A BOMB-SHELL TO THE LABOUR MOVEMENT. DEMONSTRATES THAT THE LABOUR LEADERS ARE PREPARED TO THROW OVERBOARD THEIR DEMOCRATIC "PRINCIPLES" AS SOON AS THEY ARE FACED WITH THE VITAL ISSUE OF THE DEFENCE OF THE CAPITALIST STATE.

The inclusion of Fascists as well as Communists serves only as a cover to head off anticipated criticism.

beasts and crops and produce high places in the Civil are no justification for un- from the Soviet Union. The famine conditions in the Service are beyond suspicion democratic measures by the Easter Conference of the Coin their lovalties to the Labour leaders. in their loyalties to the Labour leaders. The political struggle in working class! It is an Of course, the capitalists heavily in favour of the lialy, France, Greece, Turkey and China is interpreted from the angle of the future great proportion of high-up civil servents are more than symmetric proportion. Already, in Southservants are more than sym- West England, Colonel M. The Press of Britain and pathetic to the ideas of Whitwill, President of the America is filled with hypo- fascism and reactionary Bristol Chamber of Comcritical denounciations of the dictatorship. But they will merce, and Chairman of the totalitarian regimes of Russia sleep tranquilly, for it is clear S.W. Regional Board for Inand Eastern Europe. Ameri- that no action will be taken dustry, has made an accusacan Imperialism, dragging at against them except, perhaps, tion that the Stalinists were its tail British Imperialism, in one or two cases as a show responsible for slowing up utilises the reactionary features of "impartiality". This is production and suggested that of Stalinism to conceal their ensured because the whole the purge be extended to imperialist motives, and whip procedure will be carried industry. He was a little out by M.1.5., branch of ahead of time. The employers Military Intelligence. It is are content with the precomposed not of socialists, but cedent established. At a movement must fight for the of the most rabid reactionary suitable time, they will use it annulment of these unelements in government em- to take action against democratic measures. Civil

Every left winger in the favour. Civil Service is now open to This measure has aroused victimisation through tale considerable disquiet in the class organisation. bearing, spite, and above all, Labour movement, and even for "unorthodox" political in the ranks of the Parliaopinions. Had the Tories in mentary Labour Party itself. troduced such legislation Certain Labour M.P.'s have there would have been a put a motion signed by S. O. Havies, storm of protest in the Labour Davies, Harold Davies, movement. For who is to Chater, Coa, Hudson, and 41 lecide the difference between wners, regretting Attlee's a Stalinist, a Trotslayist, a statement, and pointing out Socialist? Who is to decide that the Official Secrets Act which views are "loyal", and should provide adequate prowhich are dangerous and sub-tection in peace and war. versive? pelice of M.1.5! Today it is to soften the blow. Headed the Stalinists, tomorrow it by Crossman, Foot and others, will be Socialists if a different they are asking for the right government comes to power. of appeal to an "independent"

On the basis of its support in has made use of the the Government is not prethis election, the Trotskyist group police states established by pared to accept. united Left front in the college.
This has been accepted, by the Stalinists, and is at present under stalinists, and is at present under action.

In demographic wishes to hold beek the tech Stalin in Eastern Europe and There is only one reason for consideration by the Labour group. action. Undemocratic wishes to hold back the tech-

Apparently the Tories in measures by the Stalinists nical secrets of the future war

workers whom they dis-

The political Another group of M.P.'s wish In debate, Attlee has tribunal. Even this, however.

The following item taken from the Johannesburg "Rand Daily Mail" of the 3rd March, is an indictment of the white herrenvolk and their treatment of the black and coloured people of South Africa. Cases of this nature are so common-place that they only receive a few paragraphs without comment in

> "FINED £20 IN INSTALMENTS FOR HOMICIDE

KICKED, THRASHED. THREW MAN IN FIRE

SWELLENDAM. Tuesday.-Gert Johannes Swanepoel, aged 60, a cartage contractor of Bonnievale, was found guilty of culpable homicide by Mr. Justice Newton-Thompson in the circut court here to-day and fined £20, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment. He was allowed to pay the fine in monthly instalments of £5.

It was alleged that Swanepoel assaulted a coloured man, Christian Muller, by pulling him off a cart, kicking and jambokking (thrashing) him, and later throwing him into a fire which had been made at the side of the road. Mulleved .from the injuries 'SAPA."

Hamstrings Unions

Tribunals Given O.K. To Freeze Wages

BY ROY TEARSE

THE T.U.C. AND THE FEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES HAVE REACHED SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO PEG WAGES.

Commenting on the F.B.I. "plan" on price and dividend limitation, the "Times" commented that "many indeed would probably accept the stabilisation of 1947 dividend rates gladly in exchange for the certainty of being able to earn 1947 profits."

Considering that the profits of some 2,000 companies in 1947 was £435 million, the "Times" shows good horsesense from the employers' point of view.

for workers are: £4 16s. 6d. for many railwaymen; an average of £3 11s. for women cotton workers; £4 4s. for women in the Yorkshire Woollen Textile Industry; £4 10s. for agricultural workers; £4 1tis. to £5 for drivers in the provincial transport services, less for con-

In announcing the Government's policy, referring to the possibilityof "some exceptional case," where increased wage rates would be "justified" Cripps had the effrontery to state: "It is difficult to imagine one"! Cripps had the catate: "it is difficult

T.U.C. Accepts -

Despite their talk about the cutting of profits and prices, this policy has now been endorsed by

The current weekly wage rates the Trade Union Executives. By workers are: £4 16s. 6d. for 5,321,000 votes against 2,032,000 Council. As the "Daily Herald reports: "in accepting th reports: "in accepting the restraints, the trade unions do not reports: make conditions."

The "critical" speeches of the bureaucrats were necessitated only by the very real fear of the development of a movement among the rank and file.

The dilemna into out sharply Union leaders handle this polimeter Conferences of certain this polimeter Conferences and Administrations. The Clerical and Administration of the Association of Engineering and Shipbuilding Draughtsmen, the Executives of which supported the T.U.C. General Council's recom-mendation, both decided in Conference to press for higher wages.

Threat To Trade Unions

Two vital factors are here involved. One, the contradiction between an attempt to build and strengthen the unions by showing to unorganised workers the need for organisation to fight for better living conditions, and at the same time the declaration to the world at large that the union is against to-day. applies with special force to less organised sectors of industry, such as those catered for by these

The Rank And File

Secondly, there is the pressure of the rank and file. Unlike the union bureaucrats, they do not get They see no reason for pegging their wages while the Government and T.U.C. General Council a c c e p t "reasonable profits"—£435 million in 1947! as "instified', and while government officials receive £5,000 a year salaries.

These are only two unions. The situation in the others, whose leaders voted for the Government policy, will be substantially the The bureaucrats will argue that wages must be frozen, but in order to save their faces they will tell their own members that they did not really mean it should apply to them. The Executives are painfully aware that the rank and file will not jump so smartly to attention upon the recommendation of the T.U.C. General Council, as did the Executives themselves.

T.U.s At Arbitration

Tewson, T.U.C. General Secre tary, pointed out that "the union Executives are not automatically tied" by the decisions of the T.U.C. or its General Council, but stated that the decisions will have an "influence". This "influence" means that the apparatus of the unions will be lined up with the employers against the working class whenever the latter attempts to force a struggle for better con-This is a very real

Moreover, the position of the union representatives will be particularly farcical in front of the Arbitration Tribunals to which they are tied by the Industrial Truce. They will be respectfully reminded of their decision to sup-port the wage-freeze policy wher. their claims are thrown out.

The Isaacs' Circular

What the policy of the Arbitration Tribunals and other such bodies wil be, was shown by the circular sent by Isaacs, Minister of Labour, to the Chairmen of Wages Councils. The circular stated that these bodies, in arriving at their decisions, must be absolutely cer-

(Continued on Page 4.)

Italian Socialist **Youth Move Left**

BY PAUL G. STEVENS

"We are leaving the Saragat Party because it stands irrevocably outside the Socialist Movement and is moving further and further away from the working class to become a left cover for the bourgeoisie," Comrade Maitan, general secretary of the Italain Socialist Youth said in an interview to the Rome daily "Republica."

the Saragat party leadership, Com-rade Maitan categorically stated that this was not a resignation of rade Maitan categorically stated that this was not a resignation of the Socialist Youth leadership, but a split which takes almost all the Socialist Youth outside the ranks can be supported by the Socialist Youth outside the ranks of the Saragat Ministration of the Saragat Ministra Socialist Youth outside the ranks ing points after demanding the of the Socialist Party of Italian Workers (PSLI) led by Saragat. ters from the government: Workers (PSII) led by Saraga.

He added that all over Italy, regional congresses of left militants belonging to the parent party were taking place, to discuss the regional details of the split and to determine the orientation of the new independent movement.

In the interview published in the daily "Republica" of Feb. 8, daily "Republica" of Feb. 8, Comrade Maitan likewise defined the class position of the new movement and clearly indicated that the split was not the resut of a differ-ence of opinion over tactics, but of a principled incompatibility between reformism bogged down in the mire of collaboration with the bourgeoisie, and a sincerely revolu-tionary tendency, placing in the forefront the defence of the class interests of the proletariat.

Political Platform

Refuting reports circulated by cal platform before the Congress

1. Return of the party to its proper domain, namely, the class which is openly endeavouring to struggle, in order to convince the tie up the activity of international struggle, in order to convince the workers that the PSLI will not serve as an instrument for the con- of the British government. solidation of the capitalist regime, the defence of their class interests.

offering the proletariat the alternative of revolutionary socialist initiative as against the Stalinist policy, which is absolutely incapable of defending the interests of the working class, because it is an expression of the diplomatic-military apparatus of the Russian

bureaucracy on a world scale. 3. The essential task of a real split trade union unity. Denunci-Socialist Party must consist in an ation of the attempts of pseudo-The Revolutionary Left of the unflinching defence of the prole- reformists and Stalinists to tie the

agents, particularly the Christian Democrats, as well as against the opportunism of the Stalinist

4. The Ministers in the Christian-Democratic Government who are party members, must leave this government.

5. Presentation of Socialist unity lists at the elections, and where this proves to be impossible, of autonomous PSLI lists.

6. Activity directed forward the unity of the world proletariat, indispensable precondition for a socialist construction, and, conse-quently, opposition both to the Stalinist position which wants to adapt the policy of the proletariat to the interests of the Russian state, and to the Labourite position,

7. Solidarity with the movebut remain the political instrument ments of the proletarians, peasants indispensable to the workers for and toiling people of all categgories, which arise from the ever 2. Define a clear-cut policy growing misery and increased capitalist oppression. The party capitalist oppression. capitalist oppression. The party must reassume the leadership of these workers' struggles in order to bring them back to the field of the class struggle and forestall their tactical utilization by the Stalinist

party.
8. Struggle for the recognition of the management councils, and condemnation of all attempts to

destroyed there. Workers in the organised Servants, like all other sections of the working class, must have the freedom to hold allegiance to any working

by the methods and police

while opposing the totali-

tarian regime in Russia, the

workers must never forget

that the basic antagonism to

Russia on the part of the

capitalist world is not because

of the Stalinist bureaucracy's

totalitarianism, but precisely

because capitalism has been

regimes of Stalinism.

VIETNAMESE PRISONER, securely trussed, is interrogated by a French Foreign Legionaire. The prisoner was captured after fighting recommenced in October at the end of the rainy season. 22 million inhabitants are now at war with France. The area of Viet Nam is one-third greater than that of France. There are 115,000 French soldiers in Indo-China, among them numbers of ex-Nazis recruited from the Foreign Legion. About 600 are killed each month.

(Picture from "Life")

French Imperialists MOVE AGAINST TROTSKYISTS AND COLONIAL WORKERS

The French courts have in- Republic has taken over. stituted proceedings against a number of French Trotskyists considered responsible for the editing and distribution of a poster and the colonial peoples. denouncing the colonial war in Indo-China. These proceedings are part of a whole series of reactionary measures against the colonial people.

examining magistrate, Padin is careful not to operate the amnesty law of January 1947, passed sub-equent to the summoning of the accused. It is necessary for them to prosecute in line

The prosecution takes place together with the reactionary measures against the toiling masses

Viet Nam Workers'

for itself:

laws on the press, which the 4th | mobile guard forces in the whole of France proceeded to encircle tia

Arrested In France

The following is a resume of a statement to the press on the arrest of Viet Nam workers, published by the Association of Viet Nam Workers in France. It speaks imperialist oppression."

"On Saturday, Jan. 31, and Saragat party drew up their politic tariat against the offensive of the trade unions to the state apparatus. With the 3rd Republic's villainous Sunday, Feb. 1, large police and

camps of the Viet Nam workers and arrested 150 of them, consisting of old and newly elected delegates and rank and file workers. 'We Viet Nam workers who

are still 'free' appeal to the French workers, to all men devoted to the cause of justice and freedom, to join forces with us in order to save the arrested workers from the brutality of the colonalists. Only the international solidarity of all the oppressed can stop the

The Central Committee of Viet Nam Workers in France February 8, 1948.

tain that they have taken the

Textile Machine Industry Workers Redundant

Platt's Workers Demand: "Open the Books" Stewards Demand: "No Sackings"

The workers of Messrs. Platt Bros., Barton Works, Manchester, have issued an appeal for support in their opposition to redundancy, and their request for the Government to institute an inquiry into the restriction of production in this firm.

The workers demands are formulated as follows:-

- 1. The setting up of an Inquiry in which Trade Union and Shop Stewards would be represented, including representatives of the cotton workers, and which should have access to all relevant information and records of the
- 2. Compulsory plans and schemes for the Cotton industry to be introduced by the Government, on the basis of the Committee's recommendations.
- 3. No vested interests should stand in the way of production.
- 4. The full utilisation of ALL productive resources for textile machinery.

Platt's shop stewards called a Automatic Looms Labour and Trade Union support for the struggle of the textile 95 machinery workers.

These demands have the full per cent, support of the Manchester and and it is expected that several the industry to 45 per Labour M.P.'s will be present. A equipped. statement issued in the name of the Shop Stewards' Committee puts

"What are the Facts?

The country is short of Textiles, both for our own clothing ration and exports, which is now Priority

Our Cotton Industry is 50 years out of date, and as a result, pro-ductivity per man-hour in British mills is from 3 to 7 times lower than in modern, well-equipped United States Mills. The Industry desperately needs new machinery.

The 'Evershed Committee' set Government to inquire into the Textile Industry, stated:

'The urgent need of the moment is production, and that the re-equipment of the Cotton Industry would provide £40 million of orders for the l'extile

able impression made upon us by the developments taking place here. The site and buildings seem in every respect admirable, and well suited to the production of textile machinery. (Interim of textile paragraph 30.) (Interim Report, The din 30.)

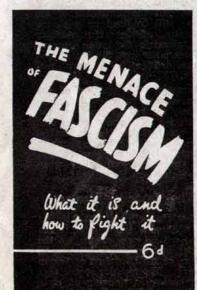
The directors of the monopoly Textile Machinery Makers them-selves informed the Evershed Comthat their plan was to gradually increase production to would mean an increasing number of workers employed in their factories, from 11,800 to 17,000 by July, 1948. July, 1948.

What has happened to these Plans?

These plans have been abandoned. These plans have been abandoned. Redundancy has been declared at Barton Works. About 2,400 workers are employed, compared with an estimated maximum of between 4,000 to 5,000, and the number is going down. Only one shop in three is in full production on Carding Engines and no Ring France are to be preduced. Frames are to be produced.

When asked by the Shop Stewards and the Unions concerned for an explanation, the Management stated that expected orders for machinery from the cotton mills had not come through, and that they could give no undertaking that redundancy would be limited to the 112 workers already affected.

The workers of Barton Works and also the Shop Stewards, representing factories of Textile Machinery Makers, are alarmed at this waste of productive resources.



American mills are equipped with

The Cotton Working Party Salford Trades Council, and the District Committees of the A.E.U.

10 District Committees of the A.E.U.

11 District Committees of the A.E.U.

120,000 automatic looms to bring the council of the counci

> The bulk of the e looms are produced by the British Northrop Loom Co., Blackburn, and with their resources at maximum production it would take 40 years to achieve this target.

Why cannot the idle shops at Barton be used for the mass production of standardised parts of this loom?

The failure to carry out this programme will mean that in 5 years' time, Lancashire will become

What kind of an Inquiry will be successful?

Machine Industry over the next 5 years. In addition there was the Export Market.' (Interim Report, paragraph 13, page 52). Referring to Barton Works, the Convenor, and as a result of representations from the General Secretary of the A.E.U., the Ministry of Supply statisfied. In reply to a letter from the Convenor, and as a result of representations from the General Secretary of the A.E.U., the Ministry of Supply statisfied that T.M.M. were quite satisfied that T.M.M.y has observed the Evershed T.M.M. and that the Mir Evershed Report, no action the Ministry would take

> dustry, the Government has indicated its "neutrality" as between the Unions and the Employers. This policy has enabled the T.M.M to have a virtual free hand in prosecuting its own interests. It can hardly co-operate with demands for specific the emphysical to strongly the per year, which increasing number the workers did not put in a Lebour production to secuting its own interests. It can greater personal effort while not be emphasised too strongly that situation exists, and in this

> > The present situation in the inmust have the dominating position, and the results of the inquiry must be enforced by the Government.

Another inquiry of the Working Party type with equal represent-ation of employers and union

SIX UNION LEADERS PAID £30,000 A YEAR

ORD CITRINE (formerly £1,200 · a · year T.U.C. general secretary) is now £8,500 chairman, British Electrical Authority.

Sir Ben Smith (£850 organiser, Transport Workers) gets an estimated £3,500 as chairman, West Midland Coal

Sir Frederick Burrows (unpaid Railwaymen's president) ecame £9,600 Governor of Bengal, is now £1,500 chairnan, Agricultural Land Commission.

Mr. Ebby Edwards (£1,000 Miners' general secretary) is £5,000 member, Coal Board. Mr. Jack Benstead (£1,200

Railwaymen's general secretary) s £5,000 member, Transport Commission.

Mr. Harold Clay (£1,000 assistant general secretary, Transport Workers), is £3,000 member, Road Transport Executive.

Mr. E. W. Bussey (£1,200 general secretary, Electrical Trades Union) is £3,500 member, British Electrical Authority.

public meeting for Sunday afternoon, April 4th, to give publicity to their demands, and to gain Labour and Trade Union support

Automatic Looms

The Textile Industry is desperately short of other types of machinery.

The Textile Industry is desperately short of other types of had before, and the Evershed Report itself. The demands of Report itself. The demands of the shop stewards clearly reflect the 95 per cent. automatic looms,
British mills are equipped with 5
British mills are equipped with 5
This can only take duction plans. This can only take place on the basis of workers' investigation of the production secrets which are at the moment under lock and key in the directors' offices.

"Open the Books" to the workers' representatives is to-day the key demand in this struggle.

The Fight Against Redundancy

The shop stewards at Barton have refused to recognise that any real case for redundancy can be made out, and refuse to agree to any worker being sacked.

The workers in Britain have had enough of unemployment, and should not be thrown on the scrap heap at the whim of employers and to safeguard their profits. Bu even more important, the profit motive must be rejected by the the that Barton Works on redundancy, the terpresentatives of T.M.M. pointed out that they were in constant constitution with the Ministry of Supply on production quota, and that the Government was obviously the Government was obviously that the Government was obviously that the Government was obviously the Government was obviously the Government was obviously that the Government was obviously the Government was obviously that the Government was obviously that the Government was obviously the Government was obviously that the Government was obvi

> The hypocrisy of demanding greater and greater effort from the workers whose bosses are deliberately curtailing production is obvious. operate in Joint Production Committees and production drives when the main battle of those self-same workers is to prevent men

"Reformism", The present situation in the industry is a direct result of the "neutrality" policy. The workers side in any inquiry of this nature must have the dominating position, and the results of the inquiry must be compared by the industry without compensation and industry without compensation and the institution of democratic workers' control remains the only Socialist solution. We believe that a good case has been made by the T.M.M. workers which can only be realised by the sacking, not of workers, but of the management and owners of the Teartile Machinery Industry. Textile Machinery Industry.

Mersey and Lancashire busmen are conducting a struggle for a decent minimum wage,

Cardiff transport workers have been on strike against the scandalously low wage rates and the insulting offer of the National Arbitration Council.

Must Join This Fight For A Living Wage

The wage rates of public transport workers are far below the national average wage for all workers. While the cost of living has increased, real-wages have been reduced. Last October, the Union officials were mandated to negotiate for an increase of 30/-, or not less than 20/-. For months nothing has been heard of this claim until the strike of the Cardiff men and the heightened discontent nationally, compelled the employers to offer a sop through the N.J.I.C. Even this shameful offer of 7/6, which has been accepted as "reasonable"! by the officials, would not have been made without the strike action of the Cardiff men.

One Industry — One Union!

The organisation of transport workers into two different union plays into the employers' hands. We have seen how an official meeting of the G. & M.W.U. refused admission to members of the T. & G.W.U. The bosses and their agents know that divided we fall, united we stand. The official Unifying Committee has not raised a whisper on behalf of the united interests of busmen and tram-men.

Rank and file committees repreformed. End the disunity. better conditions.

Every Transport Worker One Union for all transport workers!

Organise Thoroughly!

If the Union leaders and Labour Ministers were interested in aiding the workers and preventing a prolonged struggle, they would have intervened on the side of the workers. In one day they could compel the employers to grant an increase of 30/-. Instead, they ask the workers to accept the offer of the N.J.I.C. and to remain at

The transport workers can only ely upon their own organised trength, by:

Unity and Solidarity.

The formation of Committees representing all Transport Workers in every garage and

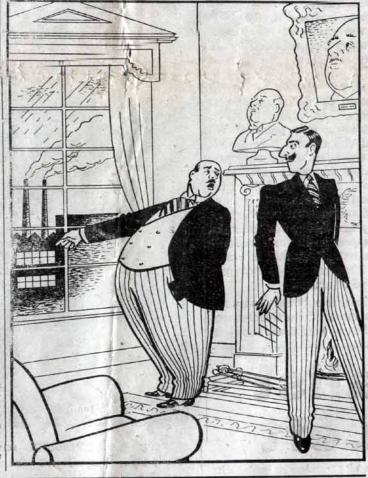
The formation of a Central Strike Committee and a National Rank and File Com-

Organisation of Pickets against any attempted black-legging.

Appeal to the Public and all Working Class Organisations for support.

The Revolutionary Communist Party (Trotskyists) offers its complete support to the transport workers. We believe it is the duty of all working class parties worthy enting ALL workers engaged in of the name, to assist every section the public transport industry must of the working class struggling for

" 'Pon my word, Ponsonby, I've watched that fellow for two solid hours and he hasn't done a stroke of work."



The Birmingham comrades did a olendid job in initiating the publication of a special supplement dealing with the Atom Bomb. 1,000 copies were printed for sale at the "Atomic Train" exhibition which is touring the country. Sales to date have been good.

A meeting organised for Ted Grant in Birmingham attracted a good audience, 22s. 9d. being collected. The subject was "The Menace of Fascism".

Glasgow. Two successful public meetings were organised on Feb. 29th and March 7th by the comrades at Glasgow and Motherwell. Jock Haston was the speaker on "Workers and the Crisis". Keen interest was reflected in the questions and discussions of the contract of the con tions and discussion and in the sales of literature. Both meetings made sufficient profit to cover the

An audience of over hundred was present. On March 16th, Comrade Haston spoke to two A.E.U. branches, Dalmuir West and Bridgeton No. 3.

The Glasgow comrades have circulated the speakers on the current problems of the working class. Apart from the two which Comrade Haston addressed, Comrade Douglas Gar-butt has spoken at two other A.E.U. Branches and to an A.S.W. Branch. Other branches are to be covered in the next few weeks.

The Waleswood miners, Yorkshire, were pleased with the report which appeared in "S.A." on their recent strike. Copies were bought from our local comrades for sale at the lodge meeting.

The slashing attack on workers wages by the Government's 'Wage made sufficient profit to cover the costs involved.

Comrade Haston also spoke at the Workers' Open Forum on March 14th, the subject being, "The R.C.P. and the International made in relation to wages and sales of the pamphlet have been good. Shopkeepers are taking the pamphlet to sell and our special posters, advertising it for sale, are an attractive advertisement.

profits were posted up in promir-ent positions all over London and most parts of the provincial areas London: The L.D.C. organised

a public meeting in London at the Conway Hall, at which Comrades Tearse and Bidwell spoke, with Comrade Sisley in the chair.

At a meeting in London called to

support the workers on strike in the West Indies, one of our girl comrades sold 3 dozen "S.A.'s", which was all she had. Roy Tearse and Bill Hunter have

een drawing good crowds to our Sunday afternoon meetings in Hyde Park. It is hoped to hold these more regularly now that the Summer months are coming. The new anti-fascist pamphlet

has received a good reception wherever it has been sold. All autifascist meetings have been covered in the past few weeks and sales of

For Living Wage FACE EVICTION

GLASGOW

Owners of large blocks of property throughout Glasgow have faced their tenants with the threat of eviction on May 28th of this year. Scores of small tradesmen have been given the ultimatum-Buy or Quit.

The object of this move is to cash in on the shortage of shops and office rooms and the inflated values of properties. It is alleged that many of the owners have only recently acquired the properties concerned, and the prices asked are calculated to give considerably greater overall prices than could be obtained if the property were sold as a whole.

Terms of buying vary from 27 (the actual terms offered to our Glasgow Branch for their premises' to as much as 60 times the yearly

Some of the firms are, of course, well able to buy, but the extent to which "small men" have been affected is seen in the volume of protests that have been organised.

Tenants in certain blocks have Aken common action (in our own premise, no tenant has made an offer to buy his office). Trade Associations have held meetings of their members involved; deputations have been overwiced.

tions have been organised. In response to an appeal from Hector McNeil, the Lord Provost, who asked for concrete instances, one was quoted: A small firm set up by five ex-servicemen and their father. The Lord Provost had all the evidence he needed within a very short space of time. In the face of the demand for legislation to give security of tenure to occupants of business premises, McNeil has been forced to support the dehas been forced to support the de-mand and Woodburn, the Secretary of State for Scotland has prom-ised that the legislation will be passed. But Woodburn has refused to sive a clear guarantee that those

Invmediate Action

Unless this is done, the commendable stand of the traders will be shattered under the threat of losing their livelihood. There will be a mad scramble to buy. Rents will start soaring. And this will eventually be reflected in an increase in prices. Competition and the capitalistic tendencies of the traders will force them to capitu-late to this profiteering move.

It is the duty of the Labour Government to immediately stop the

operation of any eviction notices and to pass legislation giving security of tenure. All organised should support such a demand.

Tory Demagogy

The Tories in the past period have made some headway in their anti-labour propaganda among the middle class. Whilst understanding the "halfway" position of the middle class between the workers and the capitalists and the controller tradictory to design the same tradictory to the same tradictory tradictory to the same tradictory tradictory tradictory tradictory tradictory tradictor tradictory tendencies among them, the workers must support them to the full when they clash with the interests of Capital. Only thus will the middle class come to under-stand that the only consistent and thoroughgoing opposition to the monopolies and the trusts is that of the working class, and that their place is by their side.

If the Labour Government act on this question, they will do much to offset the Tory propaganda aimed at exploiting the discontent of the

HORNER Joha Strikes

In an interview with the 'News of the World', of February 29th, Arthur Horner, "Communist" General Secretary of the Miners Arthur Union attacked stay-down strikers in the pits. The report is appropriately headed "Starve Ou Stay-Down Strikers : Horner

Agrees".

Horner was commenting on a decision of a South Waley delegate conference of the Union that food should not be sent down to miners who stage stay-down strikes. paper reports:
"Mr. Alf Davies, the area
president, told me that the 200

delegates had decided to starve out any stay-down strikers in future. No one, he said, would be allowed to send food down to them."
"Mr. Horner said to me:
"The majority must rule under-

ground and on top-and dramatic actions like the recent stay-down strikes produce no good result for the mining community. I offer the most complete support to the courageous action of Mr. Alf Davies, and I urge the men to listen to the advice of

the delegate conference." As if miners who go on stay-down strike do so against the wishes of their fellows!

they are an attempt to impose the will of the minority."

The miners used this weapon in the stay down strike at Tareni Colliery, Godgregraig, as a protest at the delay in the settlement of local disputes by the Coal Board. 3,000 miners in eight other pits in the Swansea Valley came out on strike in sympathy. So much for the argument that these strikes

the argument that these strikes take place without the support and sympathy of the rest of the miners! It is significant that this statement was made after the "left" turn, yet not a word of protest has been issued by the "Communist" Party.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

THE ISSUES INVOLVED

For weeks the capitalist class of the world has been whimpering about the measures taken against the capitalists in Czechoslovakia, The methods used by the Stalinists have been compared to the technique of Hitler. Their propaganda is saturated through and through with capitalist hypocrisy. It is not the forcible methods of the Stalinists to which they object. They not only condone, but actively assist the terror of the Greek reaction which aims to establish a semi-fastist regime, as they condoned and assisted Hitler and Mussolini against the working class.

"CONSTITUTIONALISM"

In reply to the capitalists, the Stalinists do not, and cannot give a Marxist answer. They pretend that the changes were carried through "in accordance with the Constitution." This has further Constitution." This has further added to the confusion of labour workers, who understand that these statements are not in accordance with the facts. The change was accomplished with the aid and the participation of the working class. The demonstrations of the armed workers on the streets convinced the capitalist elements of the uscles ness of resistance. It was the peaceful change.

What The Masses Supported

The workers and peasants in Czechoslovakia undoubtedly gave wholehearted support to the change because of its progressive features. The workers could not but support the measures: nationalisation of all important plants that remained in private hands since the mass movement in 1945: 70% of printing establishments, whole of the chemical industry, all refrigerator plants, and all building concerns employing more than 50 persons, all big hotels and the wholesale trade. No firm employ-

STALINISTS' REPLY - ing more than 50 people in any trade or industry is now allowed to be privately owned.

The monopoly of foreign trade has been formally instituted.

The peasants were solidly behind the reforms. Although the Stalinists did not do as the Russian Bolsheviks did, namely nationalise the land and then hand it to the peasants, they divided the land and gave it to the peasants as their

Trotsky On Occupied Territories

own private property.

These are the progressive features supported by the Trotsky-ists despite the failure to nationalise They are a necessary economic foundation for a workers state. In order to carry through these measures the Stalinists were compelled to call on the initiative and pressure of the masses. Trotsky pointed out in 1939, when dealing with the likely develop-ments if Stalin invaded Poland:

"It is more likely, however, that in the territories scheduled to become a part of the U.S.S.R., the Moscow government will carry through the expropriation of the large land-owners and statification of the means of pro duction. This variant is the most probable not because the bureau-cracy remains true to the socialist programme but because it is neither desirous nor capable

privileges the latter entails, with the old ruling classes in the ruling classes in the territories. Here an literally offers itself: occupied analogy The first Bonaparte halted the revolution by means of a military dictatorship. However, when the French troops invaded Poland, Napoleon signed a decree: 'Serfdom is abolished.' This measure was dictated not by Napoleon's sympathies for the peasants, nor by democratic principles, but rather by the fact that the Bonapartist dictatorship based itself not on feudal, but on bourgeois property relations. Inasmuch as Stalin's bonapartist dictatorship bases itself not private property, but state property; the invasion of Poland by the Red Army should, in the nature of the case, result in the abolition of private capitalist property, so as thus to bring the regime of

of sharing the power, and the

This measure, revolutionary in character—' the expropriation of the expropriators'—is in this case achieved in a military-bureaucratic fashion. The appeal to independent activity on the part of the masses in the new territories—and without such an appeal, even if worded with extreme caution it is impossible to constitute a new regime-will on

the occupied territories into accord with the regime of the

the morrow undoubtedly be suppressed by ruthless police measures in order to assure the preponderance of the bureaucracy over the awakened revolutionary ("U.S.S.R in War," Sept, 1939.)

Stalinism and Democracy

Having used the pressure of th workers against the capitalist class, the Stalinists will dispense with all the elements of workers' control. The speed with which this is accomplished will depend on the resistance of the Czech working class, whose level of culture, because of the indu trialisation of the country, far exceeds that of the Russian workers. The Stalin-ists cannot afford to allow a workers' democracy in Czecho-slovakia because of the inevitable Russian repercussions on the regime in the Soviet Union.

This was clearly brought out by Douglas Hyde, former news editor of the "Daily Worker", in an interview with the "Daily Mail." He said:

'. . . At the first meeting of the Cominform, held in a huntinglodge in Silesia, Gottwald was charged with 'petit-bourgeois Communism' because he had tried to work out a policy which took into account Czecho-slovakia's traditions of Western culture and freedom.

Gottwald's idea was to mould Communism to suit the needs of his country-so different from

INDIAN LEFT UNITY

representatives of 12 left parties and also of other working

class and peasant mass organisations decided to build a United Left Front, and issued a joint statement of programme, subject

from the British Empire, confiscation of all Briti h and foreign interests including banks, insurances, factories, plantations,

mines, etc., repeal of all repressive laws, release of all political

prisoners, right of free speech, press and association, abolition

of the princely order and nationalisation of all key and basic

industries and principal national resources without com-

pensation. The statement also declares that the A.I.T.U.C.

should be made the only trade union centre, that there should

be a single Ki an Sabha and a single Students' Organisation.

ative, Comrade Ajit Roy, the right of one party to criticise other

parties was safeguarded, save on joint platforms of the front.

Although most of the parties were in favour of including the

aim of a Workers' and Pea ants' Government in the pro-

gramme of the front, this could not be secured on account of

the opposition of the Communist Party. Finally, a compromise

Revolutionary Communist Party of India, the Revolutionary

Socialist Party of India, the All-India Forward Bloc and the

Bolshevik Party. The Socialist Party was conspicuous by its

See Statement by Ajit Roy below.

On the insistence of the B.L.P.I. (Trotskyist) represent-

to subsequent ratification by the respective parties.

At a Conference held in Patna, January 21-25,

This programme includes complete independence, severance

Russia. But with Russia at his back there was no point in arguing, and recent events in revealed how thoroughly he was brought to heel." Feeling the pre sure of the workers, Gottwald is afraid of the future results of such a course.

By TED GRANT

Future Of Action Committees

Shortly after the Czech event the government officials issued statements about the limited role of the Action Committees. The
"Telegraph", of March 6th, reported: "There are indications of
some concern at H.O. regarding the
unhampered activities of local
Action Committees. The Central
Action Committee has ordered all other committees to refrain from interfering in the cleansing of the army. Henceforth all "purge army. Henceforth all "purge cases" will have to be referred directly to the Ministry of National

Defence." Cepick, the Communi t Minister of Justice in the new Gottwald Government, declared: "The Action Committees are not a power. It is their to facilitate the defence of the State by giving a popular base Government action.

The Czech authorities have made fundamental distinction between the Action Committees set up by the workers and peasants and those appointed by the political parties

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TROTSKYISTS

PALESTINE

Swim Against the Stream

We publish here extracts from a statement by our Palestine comrades which appeared in "Kol Hama'mad". Hebrew organ of the Revolutionary League of Palestine. Our comrades are heroically struggling against the tide of chauvinism and hatred, holding aloft the banner of international communism.—Ed.

Politicians and diplomats are still trying to find a formula for the disastrous situation into which Palestine has been plunged by the U.N.O. decision on partition. Is this a "breach of international peace" or are we dealing with merely "hostile acts"? As far as we are concerned, there is no point in this distinction. We are daily witnessing the killing or maining of men, wemen, old and young, Jew and Arab. As always, the working masses and the poor suffer most.

strikes against a foreign oppressor. This common struggle has been put to an end. Today the workers are being incited to kill each other the inciters have succeeded.

What Do The Jews Stand To Gain By Partition?

The Zionists were overcome with a sense of triumph when offered the bone by the U.N.O. cooks. Our work, our righteous cause have won . . . before the forum of the nations." The Zionists have been in the

habit of asking "justice" from the enemies of the Jewish people ever since the time of Hertzl: from the Tsar, German Kaiserism, from the British Imperialists, from Wal-

The dwarf of a state which is too small to absorb the Jewish masses, cannot even solve the problem of its citizens. The Hebrew state can only infect the Arab East with anti-Semitism and may well turn out—as Trotsky said—to be a death-trap for hundreds of thousands of Jews.

The leaders of the Arab league reacted to the decision on partition with speeches full of threats. A Zionist state is to them a godsend from Allah. Calling up the workers and the fellah for the "holy war to save Palestine" is supposed to stifle their cries for bread, land and freedom. Another time-honoured method of diverting an embittered people against the Jewish and Communist danger! In Palestine the feudal rulers

had of late begun to lose ground. During the war the Arab working class has grown in numbers and political consciousness. Jewish and Arab workers stood together against the foreign oppressor. A strong leftist Trade Union had into existence, and, the kers' Association of the Workers Arabs of Palestine" had been well on the way to freeing itself from the influence of the Husseinis. The murder of its leader, Sami Taha, committed by hirelings of the Arab High Committee, could not hold back this development. But where the Husseinis failed, the decision of the imperialist agency. U.N.O. succeeded. The partition decision stifled the class struggles of the Palestinian workers. The prospect of being in the hands of the Zionist "conquerors of soil and labour" aroused fear and anxiety among the Arab workers and

The early crop of partition policy: Jews and Arabs are drowned in a sea of chauvinist

Not so very long ago the Arab enthusiasm. Triumph on the one nd Jewish workers were united in hand, rage and exasperation on the Communists are murdered. - Pogroms among Jews instigated. A tit for tat of murder and provocation. The "strafing expeditions" of the Haganah are oil for the propaganda machine of the Arab patriots in their campaign to enlist the masses for more bloodshed. The military conflict and the smashing to pieces of the workers' movements are a boon to chauvinist extremists in both camps.

What About The Jewish Communist Party?

The patriotic wave makes sitting on the fence very uncomfortable. The Zionist "Socialist" Parties " corrected " imperialist phrases and their stubborn "resistance" against "cutting up the country in pieces" and gave way to full and enthu iastic port to the imperialist partition policy. That was a trifling matter, question of merely changing

Zionist tactics.
Yet the Communist Party of Palestine might have been expected to take a different position. Have they not repeatedly warned against the fatal results bound to come with the establishment of a Jewish state?

"Partition must needs be disastrous for Jew and Arab alike ... partition is an imperialist scheme intended to give the British rule a new lease of

(Evidence given by the P.C.P. before the Anglo-American Commission of Enquiry on 25.3.46.) The Secretary of the Party

loyally stuck to this attitude as late as July 1947, when he said before N.O. Commission:

"We refuse the partition scheme point blank, as this scheme is detrimental to the interests of the two peoples.'

However, after this scheme had een pulled off with the support of the Russian representatives, Kol Ha'am hastened to declare that "democracy and justice have won the day"(!) And overnight there appeared a newly baptised Party of Eretz Israel (Communist Party of the Hebrew Land).

Thus, even the last vestige of contact with the Arab population was broken off. The gap that still separated them from Zionism was among the Arab workers and fellahs. Nationalist war slogans fall on fertile soil—And Feudai murderers see their chance. Thus, the policy of partition enables the feudalists to turn back the wheels of history. precisely in the hour when Zionism shows to everyone its counter-revolutionary face, its blatant blatant (Continued on Page 4.)

DEPORTATION ARRESTS INCREASE IN THE

The witch-hunt in America continues to gather speed. In Washington, hearings are being held by a House Sub-Committee on the latest "anti-red" Cole Bill. This Bill proposes to bar all "un-American" parties from the election ballots and is aimed not only against the Stalinist Party of America, but against any party "which is directly or indirectly by any means whatsoever" connected with "any foreign agency, political party, organisation or government."

worded law could be used, and un-doubtedly will be used, to rule off the ballot any Left wing party, or for that matter, any minority

Another "red purge" Bill in-troduced into Congress would compel all ex-servicemen seeking government benefits to give a loyalty oath. Thus, ex-servicemen disabled in war action, who hold even the mildest of left-wing opinions, would be cheated, and denied the meagre pensions to which

In the New York State legislature, Bils were introduced to bar "reds" from government em-ployment and prohibit them from holding office. Another Bill proholding office. Another Bill pro-poses that all organisations listed ployees, the height of unconstitutionality is reached by yet another Bill which would make it illegal to rent or let any hall or building to any organisation or person who believes in or advocates "over-throw" of the Government.

"Treason" And

"Foreign Agents"

The notorious anti-democratic set-up, the Un-American Committee, now meeting in Washington, continues its venomous attacks upon workers' organisations, including radical and democratic movements. Hearings are on two Bills. One, the McDonough Bill would make communists guilty of treason and provides that they "should be dealt with accordingly." Under U.S. law, treason is punishable by death. The other is the Mundi Bill, which would enforce members of "subversive" organisations to register with the Department of Justice as foreign agents-

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68 More To be Deported

The Attorney General Clark, vicious red-baiter, told the Un-American Committee to tighten up existing legislation against "reds". Clark announced that his department was about to launch 68 more deportation arrests. Already large large numbers of leading trade union officials and members of the Stalinst party, have been arrested and held for deportation on the

most flimsy pretexts.

One of the slimiest tricks pulled by the authorities in the present deportation wave was against Charles Doyle, National Vice-President of the C.I.O. United Gas, President of the U.I.O. United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers. Born in Scotland, Doyle has lived in the U.S.A. for 23 years. His wife and children are American born. Doyle children are American born. Doyle by the Attorney General as "sub-versive" be barred from using was leading a strike in Niagara public buildings or halls. In when he visited Canada for 3 days to attend an executive board meetclass Bills are now before the legislature. One Bill calls for a purge of teachers and public emperators. While he was in Canada, however, his re-entry permit was secretly cancelled and when he attempted to re-enter the U.S.A. ne was arrested, jailed and then released on Canadian soil.

Another victim of the deportation frame-ups, John Williamson, Labour Secretary of the Stahnist Party, was arrested by the F.B.I. (Federal Bureau of Investigation), and is held without bail for deportation. The F.B.I. claims that Williamson illegally entered the United States from Scotland (when he was 10 years old!) in order to overthrow the Government by force and

Prelude To General Attack

The aim of these American reactionaries and their Labourbaiting press and organisations is quite clearly to victimise leaders and militants of the workers' trade union and political to victimise organisations, as a prelude to general attack on the standards of life and democratic freedoms of the workers in America. This is underlined by the testimony given before the Un-American Committee by one of the big brass hats in the U.S., retired Admiral W. H. Standley, U.S. Ambassador to Russia in 1942-43. Standley declared: "The demands of Labour for higher pay since the war have been due to the influence of its Communistic leaders." But neither Standley nor his ilk mention the fact that while the American capitalists today are reaping record profits from the post-war boom, the American working class, in the face of a rapidly rising cost of living, are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their standard of living. While in Britain, the present red-baiting campaign and purge among Government employees "suspected" of left-wing sym-pathies, has not reached the fantastic hysteria of the anti-red campaign conducted by the U.S. Government, press and capitalists

organisations, the aim is substanthe same : To militant workers string their leaders as a prelude to attacks on the conditions and standards of the working class generally.

All Left Parties

Threatened

the present main target of the redbaiting. But if the Labour Government and the capitalists can get away with attacks on the ists, it will be the turn of all leftwing organisations, trade union, cultural and political. despite the wide differences that separate the Trotskyist from the key-note of our fellow-Trotskyist

formula, "Government standing for the rights of the exploited Today, in Britain, as in America, is the Stalinist Party that is people" which could be interpreted either as a "Workers' and Peasants' Government" or as a "Democratic Peoples Government", was adopted. In addition to the B.L.P.I., the other parties represented at the Conference included the Communist Party of India, the

AJIT ROY ON THE AGREEMENT WITH THE C.P.



AJIT ROY

"The new Left turn of the Communist Party does not represent a return to Marxism. While denouncing the Governments in India and Pakistan, the Communist Party leaders have no real alternative to place before the

que tion of how this programme is entry of the revolutionary elements to be realised. The Bolshevik-into the united front with the C.P. Leninists, together with the Marx-iet elements in the RSP the ist elements in the RSP, the RCP, the Forward Bloc, the Bolshevik Party and other groups hold basically to the view that only the socialist revolution, by transferring power from out of the hands of the capitalist landlords to the working class can guarantee real democracy to the masses and lay the foundation of a progressive economy. The Communist Party on the other hand, under the new-fangled name of 'New Democracy' and 'Demoeratic Front' has resurrected the stinking corpse of the Popular Front as the alternative to the present regime. Thus, whether C.P. propaganda swings to the Right or to the Left, it is incapable of fighting for a clear and consistent

Nevertheless, it would be entirely wrong to draw from the above analysis of the Communist Party the conclusion that it is not per-missible for a Marxist Party to enter into an agreement with the Communist Party on an agreed militant programme. A considerable section of the working class and middle class follows and supports drawn to Marxism only to the extent that the Marxists can get close to them in the course of a joint struggle. The Marxists must strive of the socialist revolution."

socialist policy.

The basic question facing the to prove to all militant elements, Socialist movement in India is the question of power. It is not enough to lay down a radical programme, one has to answer the gramme, one has to answer the made easier or more difficult by the concrete revolutionary proposals to the policies of other parties?

In discussing how to put the pro gramme of Left Unity into practice, differences will undoubtedly arise. This unity can work only to the extent that the parties are prepared to conduct an effective struggle against the forces of land-lordism and capitalism in India. This unity can work only to the extent that the rank and file of all the parties are able to compel their leadership to pursue a consistent socialist policy. The . "Left Unity Front"

formed at Patna can serve the Indian Socialist movement in two ways. On the one hand, it can bring together the divided forces of the Left parties into a common front and thus increase enormously the capacity for resistance of the working class movement to the in-slaught of capitalist reaction. On the other hand, by creating the possibilities for discussion and examination of the different policies inside the working class movement, it will help to concretise the real difference between the parties in a manner which the masses can understand. In this way it will the Communist Party in the belief that it represents a revolutionary force. These elements can be they are today, in a number of

Stalinism in Poland: Socialist Minister

Forced to Resign As the Stalinists in Poland establish firm control over

the country, they reveal their reactionary features. Without the check of democratic working class control, they follow in the footsteps of the Russian bureaucrats.

POLAND

According to the Warsaw Times" (issue of March 27th), the Socialist head of planning Czoslaw Bobrowski, has been forced to which began in 1947, the Governresign after a dispute with the ment pledged increases in specific Communist Minister of Industry, Hilary Mine.

The dispute was over the question of the proportion of the national income to be devoted to raising the standard of living against that to be devoted to nvestment.

Bobrowski argued that "investments should swallow no more than 20% of the national income and that the rest should be devoted to immediate improvements in the standard of living " 200 standard of living. . . ." 20% capital investment is far higher than in capitalist countries. This Stalinist shows the potentialities of state ownership.

Strikes against speed-up system have taken pluce arianise the countries of Eastern in Lodz and elsewhere but were Europe, the Stalinists turn to the repressed by the regime.

The standard of living of the Their last concern working class in Poland is extremely low and fell catastrophic- workers.

ally as a result of the war. To consolidate their hold and as a According to the Warsaw necessary incentive for reconstruc-Correspondent of the "Financial tion, the Stalinists made promises of improvements, As the 'Financial Times' comments:

According to the three-year plan quantities of food, clothing, furniture and other items to be consumed by each Pole. Instead, the 1948 plan omits these figures and generally suggests that there should be more consumers' goods.

"It gives the detailed production figures for industry, however, with concentration on the heavy industries—coal, iron and steel, and electrical." Thus, without consultation with the workers the Stalinists violate their promises. Because Bobrowski shows concern for the conditions of the workers, Stalinist Mine denounced his un-Marxist, reactionary London economics."

As they successfully totalitmethods of capitalist slave-driving. Their last concern becomes the standards and conditions of the BY C. VAN GELDEREN

Eleven people lost their lives when police fired on a peaceful, unarmed demonstration in Accra. Many more

A "red plot" to set up a "United Socialist States of Africa" has been unearthed, and on this pretext many of the Labour leaders on the Gold Coast have been arrested.

The conditions under which the people live in this, the richest of Britain's African colonies, have led to strikes and demonstrations which have partially paralysed the life of the colony.

In the leadership of the movement are the ex-Servicemen who joined up in the recent war believing that they were fighting for the "Four Freedoms" of the Atlantic Charter. They have returned to their native land after helping to "liberate" Europe from the Nazis, and Burma, Malaya and India, from the Japanese, to find that there has been no change in their own status. They remain colonial slaves.

One-in-Four Unemployed

In reply to a question in the House of Commons on March 17th, Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary admitted that out of 170,500 from the West Africar colonies who served in the Forces during the war, 45,100 were now estimated to be unemployed. But even those lucky ones who found work on their discharge are by ne means living in an earthly paradise.

The report on the trade union movement on the Gold Coast presented to the World Trade Union draws the konowing grim picture of economic conditions in what is usually described as the most advanced of the African colonies:

1s. 6d. Per Day

"The problem of increase of wages is a pressing one. The average labourer earns 1s. 6d. a day which is 9s, a week as compared with 65s, a week for his British labourer comrade. It is true we are comparing two classes of workmen in different categories, but it is also true that is enormous and unkind. The popular formula that the standard of living of the African is low and must therefore be paid such ridiculously low wages can no longer be applied. Most of the working class live in the big industrial towns where house rents and the cost of food are An average livingroom measuring 10 ft. by 10 ft. costs at least 15s. per month to Into this the worker, his wife and children pack them-selves: The room is used as bedroom, dining-room, lounge, and for many other purposes. This leads to overcrowding with consequent bad health and inefficiency at work. Food costs at least 2s, a day: this figure represents the absolute minimum level: it does

Since the above statement was made in 1945, the cost of living in the Gold Coast, as everywhere else in the capitalist world, has soared, with no parallel increase in the workers' earnings.

Capitalists Thrive

By contrast, British capital in vestments in the colony have reaped a rich harvest. The great est industry in the country is the cultivation of the cocoa bean. Because of lack of scientific cultivation, the industry has fallen into lecay. As a result, the cocoafarmers have become the victims of the thirteen European firms who handle the entire trade in the cocoa bean, (one takes half). (one firm, Cadbury-Fry

Through intermediaries, money-lenders, the buyers have succeeded in making the small farmers entirely dependent on them. Over 70 per cent, of the farmers now pledge their crop to the buyers -who before the war fixed the price of the crops. Today all buying is done through the British Government—it is a profitable source of dollars. Recently the price of cocoa was doubled on the world market-as every working class housewife knows from the mcreased cost of the kiddies' chocolate ration—but this rise has

not been passed on to the growers The Gold Coast is also rich in minerals, chiefly gold. This industry, too, is highly profitable—for the British investors. In 1939, the 4s. shares of the Ashanti Goldfields Corporation, were being quoted at over £2. Dividends have ranged from 2571 per cent. to 95 per cent. in 1936-7. Shareholders in one of the larger diamond companies have got back nine times the value of their original invest-ments since 1924. In 1938, the Hailey Commission reported that the 38,000 African miners were getting £26 10s. a year.

No Representative Government

These are some of the economic facts which provide the background to the current unrest on the Gord entirely on the shoulders the British Government, the inhabitants of the Gold Coast have no representative Government. Its Legislative Council consists of fifteen officials, five nominated Europeans, three representatives of town Natives, six Chiefs. It is a Crown Colony,

But the people of the Gold Coast are not looking to Whitehall for salvation. In 1941, the Gold Coast Trade Union Movement was born. absolute minimum level: It was illegal till that years which are something needed for With medical expenses, children's school fees and clothing, the minimum wage that any labourer should earn in order to have a fairly comfortable living is 3s. a day, which works in strength of the Labour Moveling strength of the Labour M out at 18s. a week; anything below this is inhuman and a denial of the bare minimum standard of living for the worker."

In the labour anything ment which has struck fear into the hearts of the white rulers of the Gold Coast and which has led to the introduction of the present reign of terror there.

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a vast difference between the two. The Action Committee of the National Front appoints all the officials of the different parties,

which is a caricature of democracy.

They have made it clear that the Action Committees will not play the role which the Soviets or Workers' Committees played in the Russian Revolution in 1917. The Russian Bolshevik Government under Lenin was based on the Soviets, which were the most flexible and democratic form of organ-isation. These had direct representation of the workers and peasants on its bodies based on the ocalities. By this means Lenin pointed out there was no need for any separate state structure. The workers and peasants would ad minister the state. Because of the backwardness of Russia and the isolation of the revolution they did not succeed in carrying this out. In a highly cultured and industrialised country like Czechoslovakia, a genuine communist regime could be introduced. The workers and peasants could begin immediately to administer the state themselves, without a special state apparatus which will be utilised for the protection of privilege.

A parliament elected on a con-

stituency basis is far less demo-cratic than the system of direct representation on the basis of committees. The parliamentary form of representation is the most easily bureaucratised and far removed from the people. The economic basis for a easily

The economic basis for a workers' state has been achieved. But for a state to act in the in-terests of the working class, the expropriation of the capitalists by itself is not enough. Democratic control of the state apparatus is an essential prerequisite for march towards a communist society. All the great Marxists emphasised this.

> Lenin On A Workers' State

Lenin reduced the essence of a workers' state to four fundamental

(Continued from Page 1.)

fully into consideration.

The withdrawal of this circular after hasty consultation the Government and the T.U.C. leaders, in face of a storm at the Executives' meeting, means nothing. Another is going to be issued. This will contain some eyewash in the form of diplomatic phraseology, but its content must inevitably be

In the last analysis, the Arbitration Tribunals decide the "knotty" problems and institutions they must inevitably be the Government's

In any case, the T.U.C. bureaucrats did not object to the circular in principle. Indeed, Tewson, was able to declare that "there was no suggestion o fa clash between the T.U.C. and the Government over

a Ministry of Labour circular."
The need of the hour is to fight to untie the hands of the Trade Unions by breaking the industrial truce which means that all decisions of Abburnian Training decisions of Arbitration Tribunals are binding on the Unions; to revitalise the Unions as independent class instruments against the employing class!

The need of the hour is the development of a militant rank and file movement in the workshops and the Union branches to combat the wage-freeze policy of the Government and Trade Union bureaucrats.

For a Marxist understanding of the Spanish situation,

Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Spain"

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from above. Although they are of the capitalists and the statifica- has stated that what is required is there would be:

> officials. 2. No official to receive a wage G.P.U.

higher than that earned by the average worker. 3. The abolition of the standing ing army and its replacement in Russia.

No permanent bureaucracy everyone was a bureaucrat, no-one could be a bureaucrat. "We organise large scale pro-

duction, starting from what capitalism has already created; we workers ourselves relying on our own experiences as workers, establish a strict, an iron dis-cipline, supported by the state power of the armed workers, of the armed workers, shall reduce the role of the state officials to that of simply carrying out our instructions as responsible, moderately paid managers' (of course, with technical knowledge of all sorts, types and degrees). This is our proletarian task, with this we can and must begin when carrying through a proletarian revolution. Such a beginning on the basis of large-scale production, of itself leads to a gradual withering away of all bureaua new order, an order without quotation marks, an order which tions of control and accounting will be performed by each in turn, will then become a habit, and will finally die out as special functions of a special functions of a special functions. functions of a special stratum of the population.'

The backwardness of Russia and But on the basis of the cultural level in Czechoslovakia the ad-

called by the same name there is the means of production, Russia. Czechoslovakia under Stalinist leadership will develop in 1. The election of Soviets with the same direction. There will not the right of recall of all be a process of the withering away of the state, but a strengthening of the state apparatus and the

tion in 1917.

GERMAN

The Annual Conference of the U.S.D.A.W. passed the cracy, to the gradual creation of following resolution, which was overwhelmingly suphas nothing to do with wage ported. The resolution was slavery, an order in which the moved by Bro. C. Sisley,

All the rights which the workers still possess will be strangled and an uncontrolled bureaucracy will ride roughshod over the masses as

by the armed people. ...In the long run, the Czech No permanent bureaucracy. Workers will not tolerate a Each in turn would fulfil the functions of the state. When will teach them that Stalinism is not Communism. They will recognise the need to overthrow They will the bureaucracy with its police apparatus and establish their own direct control of industry and the state in a workers' democracy as outlined by Karl Marx. This on the model of the Paris Commune, and carried into effect in the regime established by the Russian revolu-

PRISONERS

'This Annual General Meeting expresses its special solidarity with the German Prisoners of War in the isolation of the revolution rendered this process impossible. and considers that the organised and considers that the organised Labour and Trade Union Movement should insist upon the imme vantages of communist methods would be apparent to the whole world. Under real Communist be freed and given both the right leadership they could be immediately implemented. But this is diate repatriation to Germany."

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POLICY OF THE R.C.P.

The Revolutionary Communist Party stands for the establishment of a system of society in which class divisions and the exploitation of man by man have been abolished and the introduction of a communist mode of production and distribution in which people produce according to their ability and receive from society according to their needs. The R.C.P. declares this to be an international task, to be undertaken by the British working class in close collaboration with the workers and exploited masses of all lands, and is united for this purpose on a world scale with revolutionary Marxists of other lands in the organisation of the Fourth International. Towards the attainment of its goal, the R.C.P. strives to win the support of the majority of the British working class for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a Workers' Government, on the basis of the following transitional programme :-

t. The nationalisation of the land, all atomic processes, all large financial, insurance, industrial and distributive and transport enterprises without compensation and their organisation on the basis of an overall production plan, with control of production at all stages in the hands of democratically elected committees of workers and technicians. 2. Foreign trade to be concentrated in the hands of the

Abolition of the national debt with provision for the repayment of small savings.

4. Abolition of business secrets. All company books to be open to inspection by the Trade Unions and Workers' Committees.

5. Luxury hotels and mansions to be requisitioned aml all existing housing space, to be controlled and allocated by tenants' committees. An end to luxury building and the establishment of a State-financed national housing plan, drawn up and operated in collaboration with the building trade unions and tenants' committees.

6. Distribution of food, clothes, fuel and other consumers goods in short supply and the fixing of prices in collaboration with and under the control of committees elected from the co-operatives, distributive trades, factories, housewives and

7. A rising scale of wages to meet any increase in the cost of living, to be assessed at regular intervals by workers' and housewives' committees and the trade unions, with all' wages based on a guaranteed minimum; a falling scale of hours with no reduction in wages to absorb the unemployed, who must be fully maintained while not working; a maximum week of 40 hours without loss of earnings.

8. Abolition of the Monarchy, the House of Lords and the law of inheritance; the immediate repeal of all strike-breaking and anti-labour laws, and the introduction of full electoral rights for men and women in the armed forces.

9. Dissolution of the standing army and its substitution by a workers' militia; abolition of conscription and military law; clear out the reactionary officer caste; for the election of officers from the ranks. The establishment of military schools by the trade unions at the expense of the State for the training

10. Withdrawal of police protection from fascist meetings; illegalisation of anti-semitism and the propagation of race hatred of any description. For direct workers' action through the formation of defence guards based on a united front of all working class organisations to combat fascist provocation and defend workers' organisations, premises, and meetings from fascist attacks.

11. Immediate freedom for the colonial peoples to choose their own form of Government and the immediate withdrawal of British troops from all colonial countries.

12. Unconditional defence of the Soviet Union against all imperialist powers; for the overthrow of the privileged Stalinist bureaucracy and the re-introduction of workers' democracy in

An end to secret diplomacy; a peace without annexations or reparations based upon the self-determination of nations; the unconditional withdrawal of British troops together with all occupation forces from foreign soil,

14. Unity with the workers and exploited masses of all lands in the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a United Socialist States of Europe and for world socialism.

PALESTINE :

AGAINST THE STREAM

(Continued from Page 3.)

servility to imperialism. Thus the Communist Party itself held up all its former exposure of imperialist and Zionist deceptions to ridicule.

Why Have They Gone Bankrupt?

The policy of the Palestine Communist Party lacks any consistency. It reflects both the needs deriving from the class war of the Jewish worker in Palestine and the needs of Soviet foreign policy. The needs of class war, however, require a consistent internationalist policy, the negation of Zionism, its discrimination between Arab and Jew. On the other hand, the need to adjust the party line to the diplomatic manoeuvres of Russia calls for an "elastic" policy, one that lacks backbone. As a result, we find the notorious shilly-shallying and zig-zagging which has harnessed the P.C.P. now to the Zionist wagon. The fifth wheel!

And The Arab Communist Party?

Stalinists, "National Liberation League", did not fare better than their Jewish counterparts. They were in a pretty fix having to justify the Russian support of the Jewish state. The Arab workers could not be expected to accept this line Not by a long way! They knew the meddling of Stalinist diplomacy for what it was: breaking up the Palestine workers' unity and a treacherous blow. After the propartition declaration of Zarapkin, the National Liberation League found themselves surrounded by scorn and hostility.

The policy of the Soviet Union has undermined the position of the League among the Arab toilers. Thus, it opened a door to the reactionary chauvinist campaign against the "red danger." At "red danger." At National Liberation present the National Liberation It is apt to obscure the class the guns at the instigators League stands for peace and it is antagonism and to open the gate murder in both camps!

busy exposing the provocative role for national sentiment. It weakens of the British Government. But the working class and strengthens since it had cried out for "national unity" (with the feudal Husseinis, the present war instigators) during the past years, its present attitude fails to convince. But the fails to convince. But National Liberation League convince the Arab workers that the driving force behind its policy is not the interests of the Palestinian proletariat, but that of

A War Of Defence?

The two camps mobilise the masses under the mask of "self-defence." "We have been attacked, let us defend ourselves!" say the Zionists. "Let us ward off the danger of a Jewish con-quest!" declares the Arab High committee. Where does the truth War is the continuation of

politics by other means. The war led by the Arab feudalists is but the continuation of their reactionwar on the workers and the fellah striving to shake off oppression and exploitation. For feudal Effendis "salvation Palestine" means safeguarding their revenues at the expense of the fellahin, maintaining their autocratic rule in town and country, smashing the workers' organisations and international class solidarity.

The war waged by the Zionists is the continuation of their expansionist policy based on discrimination between the two peoples: they defend "kibbush avoda" (ousting of Arab labour), "kibbush adama" (ousting of the fellah), boycott of Arab goods, "Hebrew rule." The military conflict is a direct result of the policy of the Zionist conquerors.

This war can on neither side be said to bear a progressive character The war does not release progressive forces, or do away with social or economic obstacles in the path of development of the two nations. Quite the opposite is true. the working class and strengthens imperialism in both camps.

What Is To Be Done?

Each side is "anti-imperialist" to the bone, busy detecting the reaction—in the opposite camp. And imperialism is always seen helping the other side. For the inveigling policy of imperialism is based upon agents and agencies in both camps. Therefore, we say to the Palestine people in reply to the patriotic war-mongers: make this war between Jews and Arabs which serves the end of imperialism, the common war of both nations against imperialism.

We say to the Jewish and Arab vorkers: The enemy is in your own camp! Jewish workers! Get rid of the

Zionist provocateurs who tell you sacrifice yourselves on the altar of the Hebrew state. Arab workers and Fellah! Get

rid of the chauvinist provocateurs who are getting you into a bloodbath for their own benefit and pockets. Workers of the two peoples, unite

in a common front against imper.ul ism and its agents. The problem causing anguish

among all in these days is the problem of security. Jewish workers ask: "How to protect our lives? Should we not support the Haganah?" And Arab workers and fellahin ask: "Ought we not to join the Najada or Futuwah to defend ourselves against the Zionist attacks?"

A distinction must be made be-tween the practical and the political side of this question. We cannot thwart mobilisation and do not therefore tell workers to refuse to mobilise. But it is our duty to denounce the reactionary character of these chauvinist organisations even in their own house. way to peace between the two peoples of this country is turning

Instead of the abstract "anti-imperialist" phrases of the social phrases of the social patriots which cover up their servility to imperialism, we are showing a practical way to fight foreign oppressor. Unmasking its local agents, under-mining their influence; so that the Arab worker and fellah will under-stand that the military campaign against the Jews helps to bring about partition and helps only the feudalists and imperialists, while it is fought on his back and paid for by his blood; so that the Jewish worker recognises at last the illusion of Sievel and Siev the illusion of Zionism and under-stands that he will not be free and safe as long as he has not done away with national discrimination, isolationism loyalty!

We have to keep up contact between the workers of both peoples at whatever place of work where this can still be done, in order to prevent provocative acts and to safeguard the lives of workers at work and on the roads. Let us form revolutionary cadres. In this burning hell of chauvinism, we have to hold up the banner of international brotherhood.

Read :

The Rise and Fall of the Comintern

by K. TILAK of India 61-

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The Anti-Trotskyist Campaign in Russian-**Occupied Germany**

Zurich, January 22rd.

Today's "Weltwoche", well known conservative weekly, features an article signed Thomas Vandenbergh on the Communist Party schools in the Soviet occupation zone of Germany. The article obviously written by an eye-witness describes at length the Institute of the Soviet Military Administration located at Konigswusterhausen, near Berlin, where hundreds of Stalinist functionaries, trade union officials, Russian-trained returned prisoners of war, are educated for taking over high ranking responsibilities in the zone's political economic and cultural life.

civilian population during the time of their training, and receive many privileges in their food supply and material living conditions.

"America and Trotsky are the

red Scares for Konigswuster-hausen"—writes this reactionary, certainly not too well-disposed writer towards Trotskyism. 'It is against both of them that a much fiercer struggle is waged than against the remnants of fascism and

militarism." Without doubt this "fierce able conditions" for a development of the Trotskyist disease" ? declared dead and officially buried I.P.S.

Students at the institute are multiple of the connection with the fact that the their training, and receive many cut off from the rest of the world during 10 years of the most thorough putrefaction of the Com-intern, is not yet "immunised against Trotskyism as completely as the average Stalinist apparatus men in other countries. Or perhaps, intolerable living conditions in the Soviet occupation

zone and wholesale looting by the occupation authorities are "favour