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Communist Candidate for Motherwell

J. T. WALTON NEWBOLD, C.P.G.B., Parliamentary Candidate for Burgh of Motherwell and Wishaw, was born Culcheth, Lancashire, May, 1888. Educated Buxton College and University of Manchester. Graduated *Master of Arts* (History) 1912.

Joined I.L.P., 1910. Left I.L.P., 1921.

Was one of the leading spirits with J. R. Wilson, Mrs. Crawford and E. Brown in the Left Wing Movement of the I.L.P. for affiliation with Third International, 1920-1921.

Joined C.P.G.B., 1921. Member Motherwell Branch.

Joined *Plebs League*, 1917. Active supporter of cause of Independent Working Class Education. Lecturer, Lancashire and Cheshire Labour College, 1919-1920.

Labour Party Parliamentary Candidate, Burgh of Motherwell and Wishaw, Lanarkshire, Scotland, Dec., 1918. Polled 4,135 votes.



Author "How Europe Armed for War" and many pamphlets, etc., on Capitalism and Capitalist Imperialism.

Adviser to Ernest Bevin at Dockers' Enquiry, 1920.

Member Executive Labour Research Department, 1922-23.

Married June, 1915, Miss Madge Neilson, school teacher, Wishaw, whose active work there and in the Lower Lanarkshire I.L.P. Federation, 1908 to 1916 and in Socialist Sunday School, 1908 to 1916, is well known.

Motherwell has a splendid fighting tradition. It was where Keir Hardie made his first appearance as a candidate and the Motherwell and Wishaw Branches for long led the fight inside the I.L.P. in favour of the Third International.

Opposed to Comrade Newbold are three candidates: a National Liberal, a Free Liberal, and a freak Conservative — (an Orangeman).

Comrade Newbold's work in revealing the inner workings of Capitalism has made his reputation world-wide. Militant fighters for the working class in every country in the world will watch with keen interest the progress of the struggle—in Motherwell as in Dundee.

The Real Issue

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had gained. The tangled exchanges which they would have cut through had already more than half throttled the commercials and the Manchester group, and these were added as enemies to the financial groups who, bent upon using the exchanges as a path to a mortgageship of all Europe.

To all these were added all the small fry of rentiers, panting for release from crushing income tax, enormous rates and general disillusionment. So grew into being the revolt against Lloyd George and his Coalition.

From the nature of things the aggressive industrial group is bound to be small. The great bulk of the petit-bourgeois oscillates perpetually between the old style Liberalism—and old style Conservatism. Manchester and the textile North is the radiating centre of the former. The Court, the Services, the Country Gentility (each with its swarm of hangers on) are the generating stations of the latter. But each from its nature is doomed to the rôle of follower—doomed to alternately thrill with great hopes and shiver with enlarged terrors as they respond to the call of one or other of the Imperial parties.

Thus came into being Glasgow, Liverpool and Birmingham as clearing houses for Liberalism grown cynical and Toryism grown timid, both uniting under the banner of Liberal-Unionism and Imperialism to make a break with the bonds of aristocracy on the one side and those of petit-bourgeois and proletarian radicalism on the other. Here lay

the strength of the Chamberlains, and here Lloyd George looks to find the backing that the defeat of Zaharoff and the Ralli's has made imperative to him.

Behind Bonar Law and the Conservatives are the big financial interests followed by a needy and greedy swarm of aristocrats, landlords, court functionaries, toadies, disappointed small investors, timorous Government bondholders and a whole fry of bankruptcy threatened commercial agents whom another war would "bust higher than a kite."

Lloyd George, aided by Austen Chamberlain, would have (as at Cannes and Genoa) fought the British Empire as a Big Business into the headship of the world regardless of cost and consequences.

Bonar Law & Co. will not take the risks. Although miners, railwaymen, engineers and the rest have all been defeated yet the fear of Black Friday remains. It might so easily have been Red Friday and the Lloyd George policy challenges the same risk at least once a year.

Bonar Law & Co. will play for safety.

They will, as he says so eloquently and so naively, "avoid all attempts at improvement." They will come to terms with the U.S.A. They will "restore trade"—how they don't know (like Lloyd George they "hardly understand where they are") but they hope that with the assistance of Wall Street world capitalism will gain even if the British Empire suffers.

In all this where is Asquith? Theoretically Manchester was his and all that thereto belongs. But the world has moved while Liberalism has stood still. Practically

Asquith's one hope lies either in alliance with Lloyd George which will rally the more progressive petit-bourgeoisie to the side of the aggressive industrialists, or alternatively in a bold and frankly petit-bourgeois programme which will rally not only the lower middle-class but all the traditional Liberalism of the less instructed proletarians.

But on this ground he is challenged. The Labour Party is in the field. It has been in being sufficiently long for even the conservative working man and the small tradesmen to have come to accept them as inevitable and all the shrieks of Bolshevism will not prevent large sections of these seeing in the Labour Party an alternative to all they have suffered at the hands of those who have gone before.

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To the Worker who knows his business the issue is clear. The Conservatives stand for the preservation of World Capitalism. The Lloyd Georgeites stand for the preservation of World Capitalism. The Free Liberals stand for the preservation of World Capitalism.

Only the Labour Party (with all its timidity and lack of clarity) stands and must stand—as even Arthur Henderson is constrained to admit—hostile to the rule of those enterprises which have made the world a hell for the wage-working mass.

By voting the Labour Party into office the working class may not secure any great or immediate gains. But they will secure (what is of infinite importance) the defeat of a swarm of their avowed enemies.