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PESSIMISM

WESTMINSTER ^{LAB} ^{TORY} _{LIB} COALITION

FASCISM

versus

GLORIOUS SELF-CONFIDENCE

OF

WORKERS' POWER !



Scotland's
Population:
5,200,000.

"Hope that there will be a 1963"; "Cannot work under the shadow of the death of the whole world"; "Will the world go up in fire and smoke before I write THE END and post the manuscript to my agent?", and, "Mankind itself is in a near-suicidal frame of mind". Such were the gloomy prognostications of authors Brain and Sillitoe and Professor Carstairs in 1962-63. Yet despite the ample space provided for these two authors by the "Daily Worker" - since defunct- and the wide publicity given to Carstairs in the capitalist press and the B.B.C., in this year of 1968 the world still spins on as before. Then, the other day, the "Morning Star" - successor to and evidently going in the same direction as the "Daily Worker", - much space is given to the distinguished crystallographer, Professor J.D. Bernal, F.R.S., to write in support of the assertion that: "Unless action is taken soon, and on a large enough scale, many now alive may see the beginning of the end of humanity, a self-destructive consequence of evolution, biological and social". He proceeds to quote, evidently with full approval, the statement of a Professor of Biology of Stanford University, California, Paul Ehrlich, that "World starvation can hardly be avoided". Shades of Malthus and other spurious theorists.. From the rest of the long article one gets no hint from Bernal that the whole of human society is now passing through a period of fundamental revolution, a movement which to us is clear proof that mankind does not commit suicide but proceeds to find solutions for its problems of growth and development.

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This is strikingly illustrated by the case of the Peoples' Republic of China where, under the old regime, famine was virtually an annual occurrence, but now a thing of the past under the revolutionary leadership of Marxist-Leninists. By contrast, India, with similar potentialities as China, suffering from maladministration in their minority interests by capitalists and feudal grandees has an unmitigated food shortage and social crisis. Proletarian and Peasant revolutions are the order of the day and millions of people are rapidly developing their ability to overthrow the imperialist minorities and thereby obtaining for themselves economic and social security. Thus the guarantee that modern science will most certainly ensure ample food supplies for a population much larger than the present. The triumph of the peoples over the warmongers will release vast scientific research resources, in particular to develop the production of nitrogen, which cannot fail to multiply the essential elements for healthy living for many more than the present world population of only a little over three thousand million persons.

PROPHETS OF DOOM - DISCIPLES OF MALTHUS!!!

The United States of America has a population of two hundred millions, thirty-five millions of whom live in poverty. But the capitalist minority are wading knee-deep[^] and wasting vast quantities of good food, at the same time destroying further huge amounts because they cannot make a profit by selling it and all this along-side a policy of restriction of food production. It is not surprising that such a lunatic society as capitalist U.S.A. is correctly characterised by Mao Tse-Tung as "A Paper Tiger". The wisdom of Chairman Mao is underlined and proven by the valiant Vietnamese who are actually increasing their food production while having to be engaged in the immense and victorious task of knocking hell out of the Yankee invaders. (In spite of the belief expressed by "Communist" Party of Great Britain's leaders that "Neither side can win in Vietnam".) Read Val Sutherland's article in this issue about the food production triumphs in little Albania for a realistic picture of what can be accomplished under revolutionary socialism. We totally reject the prophets of doom and the disciples of Malthus.

Such pessimism as described above is the direct outcome of the rejection of Marxism-Leninism and acceptance of various forms of revisionism with consequential lack of confidence in the enormous, with emphasis on 'enormous', potentialities of Workers Power. Such people, posing as "progressives" and "leftists", fail completely to observe the rapid disintegration of capitalism, or more often than not, they recoil subjectively from the revolutionary prospect. They do not understand the inherent rottenness of imperialism. We are living in the very midst of the greatest period in history. We must be capable of seeing both the wood and the individual trees. Mass self-consciousness and self-expression have reached the highest ever plane, side by side with unprecedented technical and social achievement.

A COLOSSAL EXPLOSION OF CREATIVE INITIATIVE.

The only obstacle to a colossal explosion of creative initiative

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is the continued political power of the capitalist class. This is still a formidable hurdle, not to be overcome by fine words, but a hurdle which is measured only in relation to the lack of completely united working-class and peasant action in certain parts of the world, especially in Europe and North America. Social-democracy, in our country the Labour Party and its petty-bourgeois supporters, has much to account for in misleading the workers that socialist revolutionary changes - and socialism IS revolutionary - can be secured without revolution, or to take the 'Communist' Party of G.B. version that the "Parliamentary Road" will take the masses to prosperity and social security. Such people argue that the exercise of WORKERS POWER to overthrow the capitalist class and system must not be whispered in case it scares the "Leftists".

It must be evident to any, except the woolly minded and pacifist, the intellectually blind or those who simply refuse to face the obvious fact that the 'British' capitalist class are at this very moment preparing to throw aside the 'Labour' Government as of no further use to them in face of dangerous threats to their profits. Cecil King, newspaper tycoon, declared in relation to rumours of moves towards a coalition government of the 'right', despite his denial of such a motive, that "I have certainly been sounding the leaders". At the same time Joe Grimond, Beeching, O'Brien (B. of E.), Robens (Coal B.), Paul Chambers (I.C.I.), and many others in big business and high finance have not hidden their desire for a "business Men's government". We have no doubt whatever that such people could readily recruit today's Ramsay MacDonald's and J.H. Thomas's from the 'little men with big ideas' now in the hierarchy of Labour Government. These people can with a flick of the finger 'create' a national crisis, just as the pro-Hitler elements around Edward Rex were preparing for a 'coup d'etat' before the other section of the imperialists, more afraid of danger to their Empire from Hitler than from the Bolsheviks, forestalled the 'coup' by manipulating the abdication of the throne. Private ownership of the press, with the willing, and often diabolically subtle co-operation of radio and television personalities make it easy for the 'anti-people' elements to work up a dishonest scare to soften-up the public mind in preparation for their crisis tactics.

POWER MUST BE SEIZED. IT IS NEVER GIVEN VOLUNTARILY BY THE ENEMY.

How often we find workers expressing in most militant terms hostility to the anti-worker actions of their own employers, but in the very next breath extolling the 'virtues' of Labour Government and the "I'm Backing Britain" distraction. Such is the potency of the propaganda machine. Yet, the spirit of revolt grows and as the conditions of unemployment or stagnation in the so-called 'Development' areas, spread beyond these areas, as it is already doing, the cost of living rises and exasperated frustration prevails throughout the ranks of the workers, the spirit of revolt will reach greater heights of intensity. As this develops we can be certain that the employers, the capitalists, rally around their strongest and most ruthless leaders for the defence of their high profits and property interests, determined to defeat the workers and, to this end, readily have recourse to the brutalities of fascist thuggery.

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Workers of Scotland, in common with those across the Border, and particularly the young workers who have yet to learn from experience how brutal the employing class and their allies of high finance - the capitalist-minority- become when their privileges are threatened, must flex their muscles and act unitedly to destroy fascism, whatever form or alias it may assume, and to act in their democratic self-interest as the working-class, who form the vast majority of our people.

In the final struggle for justice the workers must exercise their immense united strength to SEIZE POLITICAL POWER from the minority, not only as their democratic right, but as the ONLY GUARANTEE that industry will function solely in the interests of themselves and their families.

WORKERS. Divided, we are repeatedly defeated. United we cannot fail. Power must be seized, it is never voluntarily surrendered. This is a historical truth which applies to the class divisions here as well as everywhere else under imperialist rule. Karl Marx proved it, Lenin applied it. Mao Tse-tung develops it. We, in our struggle here, cannot escape it.

"Past the sunken boat
A thousand vessels wing.
Beyond the withered tree
Ten thousand saplings spring"

THE LAND IS A' THE MARKISS'S

By James MacTavish.

From Kenmore
To Ben Mhor
The land is a' the Markiss's;
The mossy knowes,
The heathery howes,
An' ilka bonnie park is his.
The bearded goats,
The toozie stots,
An' a' the braxy carcasses;
Ilk crofter's rent,
Ilk tinkler's tent
An ilka collie's bark is his.
The muir-cock's crow,
The piper's blaw,
The ghillie's hard day's wark is his;
From Kenmore
To Ben Mhor
The world is a' the Markiss's.

ON SEEING THE ROYAL PALACE AT

STIRLING IN RUINS.

Here Stewarts once in glory reign'd,
And laws for Scotland's weal ordain'd;
But now unroof'd their palace stands,
Their sceptre fallen to other hands;
Fallen indeed, and to the earth,
Whence grovelling reptiles take their
birth,
The injured Stewart line is gone,
A race outlandish fills their throne;
An idiot race, to honour lost,
Who know them best despise them most.

Rabbie Burns.

.....Kindly sent by Ian C. Ritchie,
Glasgow.

ALBANIAN AGRICULTURE - ITS GREAT ADVANCES AND PROBLEMS.BY VAL SUTHERLAND.

A report was submitted by the Minister of Agriculture, Comrade Piro Dodbiba, on the results obtained and measures to spread scientific and technical experience. A complete revolutionary change has taken place during the years of the people's regime, headed by the Agrarian Reform laws and the collectivisation of the land.

With the advent of the active participation of the working masses, the scientific and the technological sections of the ministry, the output and quality of production is leaping ahead.

The directives of the 5th Congress of the Party of Labour, that is the 4th five year plan which covers the years 1965 to 1970, envisages an increase of from 50% to 300%, in cereals, meat, milk etc.

They have no pool of fallow land or large reclamation schemes to create this really great increase, but intend to achieve it by modern methods and the active and enthusiastic support of all concerned. They have a motto "There is no bad land only bad farmers". There were few large fields in the past and little done to level, drain and have workable units. This is now being put right and with deep mechanised ploughing is where most of the increase is coming from. Their achievements so far are that in the more efficient units their results are equal to anything in the most advanced parts of the world. There is little really good land, in fact, only 2% or 25,000 acres comes under this heading. Many mountain slopes are much too steep for tractors to operate and here they are terracing the area, a truly herculean task even with machinery. These mountain slopes are however without this treatment, little more than deserts and they can really make the desert bloom by this method. The irrigation schemes to water these terraces which consist of dams and aqueducts are built upon the edge of the snow line.

Before the application of scientific farming even on the collective farms in the early days, production was quite low, around 10cwts. per acre. These farms are now producing between 1 ton and 2 tons per acre with some high yielding fields as high as 2 tons 15 cwts. per acre. These figures would satisfy most farmers here in Scotland, but the Albanians are forging ahead to reach higher goals. Of course as Comrade Piro Dodbiba points out many farms are not up to the higher levels yet.

Of the hilly lands which are possible of high cultivation, there are some 500,000 acres. Of this total only 130,000 acres have been modernised and brought up to a high standard. As regards the reasonably level lands of the plains which amounts to 560,000 acres, some 300,000 are up to standard. The state farms have done very well in this respect, perhaps better than the 'la' collectives. The Ministry of Agriculture are placing great emphasis on reclaiming the unworkable areas on the mountain slopes which are not able to be terraced. The arable land in the country only represents 7 to 8% of the land surface and Comrade Piro Dodbiba states that this must be doubled or trebled. He also states that horticulture and forestry need a new study. The dairy industry in the plains is good with many high yielding dairy herds.

EDINBURGH - NAPALM BOMBS - VIETNAM - DOW CHEMICAL COY. U.S.A.By ALAN LAIDLAW, EDINBURGH.

On 8th. February several members of the Worker's Party of Scotland took part in a demonstration at the George Hotel, Edinburgh, where the Dow Chemical Coy. of the U.S.A. agents were holding a reception to demonstrate their foam building materials to architects. This firm produce~~s~~ Napalm Bombs used by the U.S. forces in Vietnam. In addition to the W.P.S. such organisations as "Vietnam Solidarity"; "University CND"; "Architects Against Vietnam War"; produced upwards of one hundred participants, first in front of the hotel but soon inside the foyer which caught the authorities napping. The chanting of the delegation demanded the appearance of representatives of Dow Chemicals, who in due course appeared behind a phalanx of policemen to say "only technical questions". When asked "How efficient are Napalm Bombs for killing Children" he retreated carrying his whisky glass. The police warned that those who refused to leave would be arrested and the delegation promptly sat down. Thirteen, including David Shanks and Alan Laidlaw both members of the W.P.S, Central Committee, were arrested and jailed for the night. Meantime the Editor of the "Scottish Vanguard" insinuated himself into the reception, accompanied by the young girl secretary of the C.N.D., and took the opportunity to put pointed questions on why the Dow firm does not turn exclusively to the production of pre-fabricated hospitals for the reception of the suffering adults and children hit by the firm's Napalm Bombs in Vietnam. Thus the demonstration forced upon those inside the reception, the general public and civic authorities the role played by the Dow firm and the U.S.A. Government in Vietnam. Next day in the burgh court the Magistrate Bailie Simpson Bell, a rather stupid and narrow-minded business man, attempted to impose a fine of £15 on each accused, despite the fact that the maximum on each charge sheet was £10. The thirteen were fined the maximum, but with remarkable speed organised by the University Labour Club, the public over-subscribed the £130. required to meet all the fines. The episode induced very wide publicity, in press, radio and T.V., to the fact of the Dow Company's Napalm interests.

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However the dairy herds in the mountainous areas still require to be developed. The emphasis has to be taken away from sheep farming as they consume large areas of ground without helping in the production of cereals, whereas dairy cattle by being partly housed can fit a cereal rotation programme and supply this with large quantities of manure.

"The spreading of scientific information and agricultural propaganda needs much greater attention," said the minister and more importance given to technical sessions in the districts. During these sessions reports on the results on advanced experience and experiments are read out.

As one of the agricultural workers of Scotland, I can appreciate the great effort and victory which they have and are achieving in Albania, and we of the Workers Party of Scotland wish them every success.

"... Ah, Lenin,
Life and that more abundantly, thou Fire of Freedom!
Firelike in your purity and heaven-seeking vehemence;
Yet the adjective must not suggest merely meteoric,
Spectacular—not the flying sparks, but the intense
glowing core of your character, your large and splendid stability.
Made you the man you were—the live heart of all humanity!
Spirit of Lenin, light on this city now!
Light up this city now!"

(Hugh McDermid)

"Red, black, white or yellow,
What does it matter?
If you work
Then you are my brother!"
(Rex Warner)

"Socialism" is:
as if they were more valuable
Than mortgages
And stocks and bonds and shares!"
(Paul Potts)

ENGLAND TOO IS A NATION - HAS THIS BEEN FORGOTTEN?By Tom Murray.

The workers of England, throwing overboard all traces of 'Great-nation chauvanism', with which they have been bedevilled for generations, to the delight of their wealthy minority capitalist-imperialist ruling class, are now raising the demand for absolute economic and social justice. The workers of England will seize power, retrieve for themselves all the land and wealth of their great country. They will rescue, revive and embellish their native culture, so long submerged, and in certain respects even completely destroyed in the filthy slime of private profit-making and colonial exploitation.

London, allegedly the cultural centre of England, is in fact a bloated, ill-organised conglomeration of seemingly endless streets of mostly mean buildings all subordinated to the wishes and requirements of commercial money-lending, stock exchange gambling, corrupt press propaganda, capitalist racketeers. All this is sustained upon the backs of millions of underpaid and economically insecure workers. The workers of England can and will transform this overgrown and deformed monstrosity to make it a fine Thames-side workers' garden city.

Today in the decline and fall of the 'British' Empire the decadence of U.S.A. imperialism has entered to soil the cultural landscape still further with the drivel of its highly commercialised "anti-culture", in the process contaminating considerable sections of our youth.

However, the workers of England have the ability and talents to do so and in due course will undoubtedly overthrow, by direct action and force if need be, the present 'British State Establishment.' Thereby the workers will take back for the exclusive use of their class - the wage and salary earners - the only people entitled to enjoy the fruits of their own productive activity, all the land, factories and other establishments stolen from them in the name of "Constitutional Legality". The private property constitutional and legal system of 'Britain', being itself the creation of the exploiting minority, has in the eyes of the workers no sacred or moral justification for its preservation. For example, where did the predecessors of the present-day landowners get their so-called 'title deeds'? Of course from strong-arm theiving, intrigue, royal favours and other crimes against the old-time peasants and workers. These same thieves and robbers constituted themselves the English 'Mother' of Parliaments, elected by a tiny minority of the adults of England and proceeded to give the title of "Legal Right" so-called "Constitutional" authority. Too many English workers for far too long fell for this "constitutionalism". They were seduced by spurious propaganda and disgraceful bribes falling from the tables of the profiteers in colonial wealth which in turn was secured by the most ruthless and physically cruel exploitation of our brethren, the natives of these many lands conquered by 'English' Imperialism, and incorporated in an imposed "Legal" system. Now, however, these oppressed peoples are rapidly destroying the last vestiges of 'British' tyranny, and proudly asserting their independent nationhood.

Together with the workers of Scotland, Wales and All-Ireland, the workers of England will follow the example of the ex-colonial peoples by seizing power, by whatever means they find necessary, and in the process completely destroying the "British State" and the whole conception of a "United Kingdom".

THE WORKERS' PARTY OF SCOTLAND.

"Scotland is a NATION composed of two classes - those who live by EARNING wages or salaries, the vast majority of our people - THE PROLETARIAT, - and the WEALTHY BOURGEOIS MINORITY, whose luxuriant living is derived from UNEARNED INCOME, dividends, profits, rents, in other words, THE EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN.

The SCOTTISH NATION is a grossly UNDERPRIVILEGED part of the IMPERIALIST STATE know as GREAT BRITAIN, whose dominant power and authority is the ENGLISH CAPITALIST ESTABLISHMENT". From the "Manifesto of the W.P.S." Copies free.

Many people will support our aim in whole or in part. This is good. These aims must and can be achieved. We certainly want many members for our Marxist-Leninist Party, but we are not concerned merely with adding large numbers. It is important to enlist

those really willing to study and fight, thereby helping to develop and enhance the revolutionary quality of the workers. Candidate membership extends to a period of approximately six months. The membership subscription is two shillings per week.

Perhaps it should be emphasised that our policy and programme is always completely open to the fullest scrutiny by the public.

"The Scottish Vanguard", Monthly 6d (9d by post) 9/- per annum, post free. Special rates for several copies or wholesale terms on request. Please become a seller at your place of work or locality. Specialised leaflets, for example, on "The Miners"; "The Bus Workers"; "The Unemployed"; "The Shipyards"; "On Rents"; are available in quantity at very low rates.

Our Party resolutely rejects any kind of 'Front' organisation or policy of secret infiltration to other organisations.

The W.P.S. is in a position to offer a great variety of literature. Specially recommended: "POLITICAL POWER A CLASS ANALYSIS By Dr. S.W. TAYLOR. Price 7/6, Postage 1/-. ALL INFORMATION (& Orders with cash) from W.P.S. c/o The Bookstore, 63, West Port, Edinburgh, 1. or from, W. of Scot. Organiser, C. Lawson, 310, Albert Drive, Glasgow. S.1.

COMING EVENTS:

"The John MacLean Society" will be launched at a meeting of all interested persons, on Sunday, 31st. March, at 3pm. Grand Hotel, Sauchiehall St, Glasgow. Eminent Speakers.

"The Scotland-China Association", Annual General & Public Meeting, Sat. 4th. May, 3pm., in Chaplaincy Centre, Forrest Road, Edinburgh. Professor Joan Robinson, Cambridge, just back from China, will be the principal speaker.

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There can be no Socialist future for the workers of the Nations now incorporated in the "British State" without the complete destruction of that State. This will be accomplished only through the leadership of those who base their politics on the science of Marxism-Leninism, in a community of free nations linked firmly in a harmonious brotherhood of workers. The Workers Party of Scotland struggles enthusiastically and very confidently towards this practical and wonderful objective.

WE ARE MANY.

THEY ARE FEW.

UNITED WE STAND.

POWER WILL BE OURS.

"Sow seed, - but let no tyrant reap;
Find wealth, - let no impostor heap;
Weave robes, - let not the idle wear;
Forge arms, - in your defence to bear."

(Shelley)

"Gold, yellow, glittering, precious gold!
Thus much of this, will make black white; foul, fair;
Wrong right; base, noble; old, young; coward, valiant.
... thou common whore of mankind." (Shakespeare)

ALBA GHÀIDHLIGA Gaelic Reader's View:ALBA SHAORA GAELIC SCOTLAND.(PART 2)A FREE SCOTLAND.By
FINGAL.

Tha sinn air cluinntinn mu mòran cinnidhean anns na linntean a chaidh seachad agus iad a' call nan cànan aca. Chan eil fhios againn air cinneadh 'sam bith co dhiubh gun robh cho neo-shoillsichte a leigeil a cànan mhathaireal gu deonach a bhàsachadh.

Chan eil fhios againn mar an ceudna air cinneadh 'sam bith a chall a cànan nach robh air a slughadh gu h-iomlan leis a' chinneadh a chuir a cànan fhein cirre eadhon ged a bha foghlumte agus eachdraidh de ghnè eile gu leir aice roimh thàinig i fo chumhachd na cinneadh eile.

A casual and uninformed observer of the contemporary Scottish scene noting the phenomenal rise in membership of the S.N.P. and the almost weekly opening of new branches of that party throughout the length and breadth of Scotland might well be excused in thinking that Scottish independence is all but imminent. Unfortunately much as the writer would like it to be so this is not the case at all. Indeed if the S.N.P. continues to work towards Scottish independence souly in the manner that it is doing at the moment real Scottish independence could, may well, be completely unobtainable. Shorn of all the clever phraseology, the ready catch words and the miles of statistics which are turned out daily by the party and by some of it's individual members the present day S.N.P. contemplates nothing more than a semi-autonomous state, English speaking as it is at present, and still under the English crown. No real change in fact! If anything a situation which would give greater and more honest substance to the term United Kingdom than is the situation at present. An outside observer would be quite correct in coming to the conclusion after comparing the S.N.P. which is de-facto the Scottish national movement (so called) with nationalist movements in other small countries in Europe who successfully won full independence for their respective countries that in the strict sense of the word the S.N.P. is not a nationalist movement but some sort of devolutionary movement with slight nationalist overtones.

The S.N.P. base their whole argument for Scottish independence on the fact that Scotland is a wealthy country and is being cheated out of the fruits of this wealth by London mis-government. This is of course a hard fact and a great injustice and should be righted but there are parts of England who are just as badly treated in this way. This is simply not a good enough argument for the setting up of a separate state in the northern part of this tiny island off the coast of Europe. The dispassionate observer from Europe or elsewhere would think that a movement pledged to setting up a separate state on such an argument would be both illogical and ridiculous and of course he would be perfectly correct in reaching this conclusion. If de facto the peoples of this island are all the same in that they recognise one language, -English- with it's attendant literature, culture and traditions as the national language of the state then by all the laws of nature and of logic the setting up of a separate Scottish state is wrong and diametrically opposed to the well-being of the inhabitants of that area known as Scotland.

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It should therefore be transparently clear to any person who calls himself a nationalist that an English speaking Scottish state would be absurd and by the very fact that it was English speaking it could not hope to remain independent for very long and that a merger with the greater mass of English speakers in the south would be but a matter of time. One only needs to look towards German speaking Austria who at the appropriate time merged with their fellow German speakers in the neighbouring German state, to Canada where the state is in jeopardy because of the natural movement both physically and psychologically of English speaking Canadians towards the U.S.A. and to Belgium where French and Dutch speakers are inexorably drawn to neighbouring France and the Netherlands respectively. Therefore if we desire to establish a truly independent Scottish state, a culturally, economically as well as a politically independent Scotland and when we have set it up to consolidate it and make it inviolable we must use the most effective weapon in our armoury for the . In the writer's opinion an opinion held needless to say by countless nationalists throughout the world who have striven successfully for their own countries' freedom the revival of the national language is the most effective weapon for this monumental task of building a nation.

A Gaelic speaking Scotland would of course still have many problems to solve and many enemies to repulse both from within as well as from without but the built-in protective barrier of the national language would give it's people an opportunity to solve their country's problems in their own way, in a way naturally suited to them. No reader of this magazine of course needs to be reminded that England today is but the rusty vessel from which the English language emanated. English today has reached it's zenith as the grossest vehicle of degenerate materialism the world has probably ever known and from the U.S.A. and it's dependences such as England, thanks to the misuse of mass communications, a continuous stream of verbal vomit flows over the English-speaking world every minute of the day and night. With perfect seriousness I contend if Scotland did not have a virile, melodious and expressive living language to restore to the whole of her land we would have to search for a dead language such as Pictish or Strath-Clyde Welsh to resuscitate in the nation's defence!

Realising the necessity for the use of this our ultimate weapon or ultimate deterrent how should we go about priming this anti-English missile for action? Well firstly by the study of the mistakes and successes of cultural and national freedom movements that existed and exist in other countries similar to our own. Hungary, Czecho-Slovakia, Denmark, Norway, Finland, the Faroe Islands and Israel are but seven countries who have successfully restored their national languages to their rightful places again. Information about their language struggles can be readily obtained from their embassies and consulates. There is abundant literature on the question of the revival of the Irish language ironically in English and we can certainly learn from the un-success story of the Irish struggle to become culturally, economically and politically independent. Of course our fellow Celts and contemporary "rebels" against English rule have a large virile and astonishingly successful language freedom movement which in most of it's aspects we could imitate in Scotland right away. Once armed with this information and the self-confidence that it engenders action can be taken.

SPLENDID BATTLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE

— From January 29 to February 4 —



Over 50,000 enemy including more than 10,000 U.S. aggressor troops wiped out



Over 1,500 enemy planes destroyed



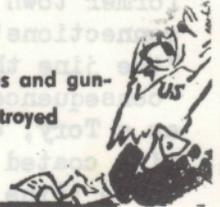
Over 4,000 enemy military vehicles destroyed



200,000 puppet troops disintegrated



50 enemy warships and gunboats sunk or destroyed



A Gaelic Scotland - A Free Scotland. Continued from page 10.

The next step should be the setting up of Gaelic language study groups throughout all organisations pledged to the freedom of Scotland, S.N.P. branches etc. Competent native-speaking teachers are admittedly hard to find but nowadays good low priced "teach yourself Gaelic" booklets are on the market together with their relevant tape recordings and a record course in the language is also available although it is rather expensive. Members of these study groups should be encouraged to use the Gaelic versions of their forenames and surnames. This completely painless, effortless and simple step is a great morale booster it being an unmistakable sign of the bearer's complete committal to the idea of Scottish separatism. The recognition of the national language by the nationalist movement in Scotland would be a tremendous step forward. Nothing would ever be quite the same again. Campaigns such as the pressurizing of local authorities to use Gaelic in Street names, public notices, council forms etc., the recognition of Gaelic by the English authorities in Scotland through their government departments in Scotland and the use of Gaelic in the universities and schools would follow quite naturally hot-foot after each other. We would then certainly be on our way to a really free Scotland as we would have started to behave like true nationalists - as true Scots!

Chan urrainn do Alba a bhi 'na dùthaich shaor gun Ghàidhlig.

Chan urrainn do Ghàidhlig a bhi 'na h-ìre teàruinte gun Alba shaor;

Scotland cannot be a free country without Gaelic.

Gaelic cannot be secure without a free Scotland.

THE END.

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Mrs Margaret Kennedy,

Hon. Secretary,

Dionnasg Gaidhlig Na h-Alba,

(The Gaelic League of Scotland),

1059 Maryhill Road, GLASGOW. N.W.

Current Topics

PERSONAL INTEREST IN £209,000 OF CORPORATION CONTRACTS

FIVE "PUBLIC" SPIRITED EDINBURGH COUNCILLORS

The Town Clerk of Edinburgh has reported that Lord Provost Sir Herbert Brechin, and Councillors Robert Smith, Eric Kean, David Adamson, Tom Morgan and Lord Dean of Guild Alex. MacLead have business interests in Corporation contracts. But, the Town Clerk goes on to report that some other members may have similar or related interests but amounts are difficult to obtain.

So now you know, citizens of Edinburgh, how financially useful it may become to be a Town Councillor. You will also recall that a notorious jerry-building former town councillor has made an enormous fortune through his 'excellent connections'. It used to be common for up-and-coming 'business men', first "tae jine the Kirk and become an (holy!!!) Elder", then invite those of some 'consequence' to private dinners and parties, all leading to adoption, generally as a Tory, candidate and election as a Councillor. And his fortune, large car, mink coated wife, large west-end dwelling and all the other perquisites which these 'fine citizens' cherish so lovingly, are assured. The workers should be well aware that this sort of thing is the general rule throughout Scotland, by no means confined to Edinburgh. The Scottish National Party must beware of the 'band-waggoners' who will readily switch to their ticket for their own selfish, if never openly admitted aims. **THE ONLY ANSWER IS "WORKERS" POWER**, regardless of all pleas for the 'democratic' qualities of our Local Government and Parliamentary systems.

"TOO MUCH OF A RIGHT WINGER" SAY SIX S.N.P. MEMBERS IN FIFE.

Six Branch Office-bearers, including Two County-Councillors.

These six members of Cardenden Branch have resigned (according to the capitalist press reports, (always, we are well aware unreliable and tendencious in their reporting), because they reject as a prospective Parliamentary S.N.P. candidate a member whom they regard as a 'right Winger'. May we suggest a "Tory in their Camp"? S.N.P. members take note of the paragraph above and be warned. Please recall also what we said in the leading article of our last issue, that "The ultimate objectives of the S.N.P. consist of two diametrically opposed aims" - the minority, non-socialist, - the majority, the working-class representing their class interests and that of the overwhelming majority of our population. **WE HARDLY EXPECTED TO GET SUCH SWIFT CONFIRMATION AS THE CARDENDEN INCIDENT HAS PRODUCED.** Your answer, comrades, is join the W.P.S.

William Watt of Dundee writes to say, "10/- enclosed, please send monthly copy of 'Scottish Vanguard'. As a long standing member of the S.N.P. I find your paper educative and interesting.

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