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AT a time when Churchill and Eisenhower are openly

preparing the Third World War, the right-wing leaders of the T.U.C. and the Labour Party—ably backed up by the "Daily Herald"—have delivered a

further blast of hatred against Aneurin Bevan and the left-wing of the Party. This is no "personal" question.

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SCOTS LOCOMEN TO STRIKE ON TRANSPORT

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bit as hostile to the Tory the Road Haulage workers and with good reason. For just as the lorry drivers are faced with a return to sweated conditions for some and unemployment for others, railwaymen will be faced with speed-up, reduction of staff and longer hours to make good the loss of the most profitable section of the Transport industry.

At a conference held in Edinburgh on Sunday, Janary 18th, delegates representing locomotive men from branches all over the Scottish Region recommended that railwaymen in Scotland take part in token stoppages against the Tory Bill to de-nationalise Road Transport and de-centralise the railway industry.

Under the plan to de-centralise the railway industry each region must pay its way and stand alone as an economic unit. This would particularly affect the Scottish Region (apart from all the other anti-working class features in the Transport Bill), because of the many "necessary" but uneconomic lines in Scotland, especially in the Highlands.

Uneconomic as these lines may

AILWAYMEN are every Scotland which in some cases are the only means of transport in Denationalisation Bill as Road Haulage workers—with good reason. For just

With these features in mind and the serious effect the iniquitous Tory Transport Bill will have on the transport workers and the working class in general, the delegates recommended the stoppages to the railwaymen of Scotland.

Passed by 14 A.S.L.E.&F. Branches

branches of Aberdeen (Ferry Hill), Aberdeen (Kitty Brewster), Carlisle (Canal), Carlisle (Kingmoor), Corker Hill, Dundee, Perth, Thornton, Glasgow (Polmachie), Glasgow (Eastfield), Glasgow (Parkhead), Edinburgh (St. Margarets), Edinburgh (Haymarket), Edinburgh (Dalvy Road), realising that the de-nationalisation of Road Transport and de-centralisation of the railways will create economic chaos in the railway industry and will lead to further closing of (uneconomic) branch lines and a to the detriment of the public and which in consequence will mean be, they provide a necessary transport service to the Highlands of engage in token stoppage of work February 15th."

"That this Conference of Scot- on Sundays as from and including tish Branches of the Associated Sunday, March 1st, and to con-Society of Locomotive Engineers tinue such token stoppage each and and Firemen, comprising the every Sunday until this Committee of Scottish Branches decide other-

Therefore we call on all Railwaymen to act with us in the token stoppages. In doing so we declare that we are not embarking on industrial action for political purposes but are solely concerned to protect our living standards and general conditions which are manifestly threatened by this measure introduced by the Tory Government, which has only considered tite advantage of party for few at the expense of service to general contraction of the services the public and the workers in the Transport Industry. In order to secure the maximum degree of cofurther large scale redundancy in operation and co-ordination with the Industry, recommend to the the respective Trade Unions inmembers of the A.S.L.E. & F. and volved, we agree to recall Con-N.U.R. Branches that they should ference in Edinburgh on Sunday,

Morecambe Conference deciof the last Trades Union Congress. What they don't like is the decision to extend nationalisation. Behind all this smoke screen of personal abuse, they are hoping to bury the October Conference bear this out.

RIGHT-WING CRESCENDO

No sooner had the delegates voted the Bevanites on to the N.E.C., called for a specific list of new nationalisations, and in-sisted upon a more Socialist course in foreign policy than a Right-Wing chorus headed by Hugh Gaitskell and Will Lawther opened a ferocious attack upon these decisions. Up went the smoke-screen, and a frantic hue and cry

What is really involved is an attempt by the right wing to frustrate the carrying out of the sions and the policy resolutions that decision deep down and out of sight of the Party. All the internal developments since



was raised about the alleged men- alisations but merely a "general ace of the Bevanite "party within mandate". At the recent joint the party". Labour Party Executive, Lincoln This was followed by Mr. Attlee's demand in the House that the Bevanite M.P's. disband their Evans and Aneurin Bevan expres-sed sharply divergent views on this issue of further public ownergroup and the rules were altered in the midst of elections to the front bench to favour Right-Wing candidates. The Bevanites com-plied under protest against these ship. A section of the Right-Wing on both bodies opposes any immediate extension of nationalisation. The present clash between the Right and the Left must be viewed in this setting.

The emboldened Right-Wing then further unfolded their line of nestling closer to the Conservatives. T.U.C. chairman Tom tives. T.U.C. chairman Tom O'Brien saluted Churchill's visit to Washington. Lincoln Evans accepted a knighthood from the very Government which is tearing down the nationalised industries, including iron and steel of which he is Union secretary. And Attlee at Rangoon justified Lyttelton's policy in Kenya despite its condemnation by Asian Socialists.

All these moves to the right have been accompanied by harsh public denunciations of Bevanism by the T.U.C.'s Big Four, Arthur Deakin, Tom Williamson, Sir Will Lawther and Sir Lincoln Evans. These attacks have mounted in fury while the N.E.C. has been proceeding with the task assigned at More-cambe of drafting a general election programme which MUST contain a list of "key and major industries to be taken into public

In clear opposition to the More-cambe mandate, Herbert Mor-rison has been proclaiming that the National Executive should not pro-

"TRIBUNE" ATTACKED Right-Wing strategists have ap-

parently seized this occasion to curb the Bevanite leaders who want to see the Morecambe decicisions implemented. Taking an article in "Tribune" as a pretext, the T.U.C. called upon the National Executive, assembled at the same time in Transport House, to proceed against the Bevanite paper for criticising certain Union leaders. The N.E.C. majority passed a resolution "strongly deploring the attacks" and saying that "articles of such a character deflect the movement from its real purpose and create a situation in which personalities become more important than principles.'

Do "Tribune's" articles sub-merge "principles" in unwarranted attacks on "personalities"? Quite the contrary. "Tribune" voiced the opinion of every Socialist in the country when it disapproved of Lincoln Evans' acceptance of hon-



Morecambe platform: Bevan declares Socialism is the only answer -Dalton, Attlee, Summerskill, Phillips look .

THE Americans—or rather drove him to his last refuge on the Generals and Rig the island of Formosa. the Generals and Big Businessmen who rule that great country - have decided to extend the Korean war to the mainland of China itself. All of mankind now trembles on the brink of the Third World War. That is the meaning of Eisenhower's decision to remove the American Seventh Fleet from Formosa.

merely "ceasing to defend the shores of Red China" is the most sickening humbug yet issued from the White House. Under the pro-tection of the United States Navy, Chiang Kai-shek has been per-mitted—and materially aided—to build up an armed force of some 600,000 men. American Generals have trained the staff officers and American factories have produced Chiang's military equipment

In fact, this army on Formosa is an American force in all but the name, specially trained to be let loose on the Chinese mainland at the appropriate time. And, according to Eisenhower-now is the

Chiang Kai-shek represents all that was rotten and corrupt in the old Chinese society. In a civil war which raged for a quarter of a century, the workers and poor peasants finally routed Chiang and his landlord-capitalist forces and

WHAT THE CHINESE REVOLUTION LOOKS LIKE (See 'Letter from China' on page 2) Archangel' should be surprised.

And there he has sat like some great vulture—the counter-revolu-tion personified—waiting to swoop down and tear to pieces the new, decent, basically socialist society which the great Chinese people are so laboriously building

Now, bogged down in Korea —the land they have crucified— Chiang's American backers have given him the all-clear to attempt a landing in China.

Is there any honest man or woman in the Labour Movement The President's claim that he is who still believes the Korean war is being waged "against aggression"? If there is, then surely this latest move of Eisenhower must convince him that the Korean

Editorial

war is—and has been from the start — the biggest and bloodiest attempt at counter-revolution since Deniken and Wrangel terrorised the peoples of Russia in 1918.

Churchill knew all about it when he visited Eisenhower and how he must have laughed when he received O'Brien's message of good wishes. But Churchill won't talk, because he—like all capitalist politicians—hatches his plots behind the backs of the people, in the dark, shrouded by the curtains of secret diplomacy. With perhaps a few diplomatic reservations, Churchill will go along with America's war on China and noone who knows the counter-revolu-tionary record of the 'hero of But Churchill's efforts to put the clock back in 1918 were frustrated by British workingmen and women, by the Labour Movement, by the London dockers who refused to load his munitions ships. And that, fundamentally, is how he will be frustrated today.

Our Labour Movement won't stand for war on China. Conference after Conference has demanded recognition of Mao Tse Tung's Government as the legiti-mate Government of China. (What some of our Right-wing leaders will stand for is, of course. quite another question.) But the duty of every socialist is clear. We must refuse to go along with this dastardly war plan. We must insist that our Movement breaks the bonds that tie us to Churchill and, through him, to Eisenhower Chiang Kai-shek and the Third World War. We must cease all further co-operation with the Tories in foreign affairs.

That means that we must demand a withdrawal of British troops from Korea. We can't oppose Chiang's war on China and at the same time continue to support another sector of that same war in Korea.

This is no time for smart talking to dodge the issue. Literally, the fate of the world is at stake. "Socialist Outlook" has opposed the Korean war from the start because, on the part of all the great powers. it was a war against the common people, a counter-revolutionary war. With all the sincerity at our command, we appeal to our readers to fight against the extension of this war.

our Party must issue this ultimatum to Mr. Churchill: Either off big profits, but the preserva-

you refuse to go along with Eisenhower or — Labour will consider itself free to take every action necessary to frustrate your American war plans against China.

Such a step requires the full and conscious support of Labour's millions of supporters. For this reason we ask all local Labour Parties and Trade Unions to demand of the N.E.C. that it call a Special Emergency Conference to decide the line of action to be followed in the event of a war on

Floods ARE preventable

hundreds of lives through the sea

all, a single bomb will do just as safe and strong. much damage and kill many more people.

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We no longer value human life, wars have made us callous in such Moreover, it pays bigger dividends to go in for human slaughter than to safeguard and preserve life. Atom bombs and In our opinion, the leaders of coronations can be taken up with had been neglected.

would not only have caused sor-row and regret but would have roused public opinion to find the cause of the disaster.

Our East Coast people because the profit. What do the lives of several hundreds of ordinary people mat-ter so long as the brass hats get neither labour, material nor money a good show and the dressmakers to devote to such things. Ministers to devote to such things. Ministers have a good turnover in corona-of the crown admit this when they tion robes. Today, these things come and state that great efforts must now are forgotten in a few weeks. After be made to make these barriers

> and the flood. Had they held, the people would have been safe. They people would have been safe. They gave way because labour and cause we are worshipping false material were not used to keep gods, slaughter by war and vain them in good and proper condition. The water did not flood over The water did not flood over the top, it knocked holes in them.
> This was possible because upkeep women and children, to say noth-

Who cares about human life? It

IFTY years ago the sinking tion of barriers against tide and is so much nicer to make a mess of a passenger ship in the flood can be left to chance.

North Sea, and the loss of Death and disaster has come to seatings, also it pays off a better our East Coast people because the profit. What do the lives of several



In the old days such disasters Look at the photographs, read the accounts, everywhere the banks of God's anger; we know better today, but is it not true, neverthetoday, but is it not true, neverthetoday. less, that these poor people's lives ing of cows, sheep and pigs.

Tom Braddock

Police pressure gets its victim

surged round Wandsworth Jail at the execution of Derek Bentley on Wednes-Nation-wide disgust at the treatment of Bentley forced its way into the daily press and a case of class justice cries out too way into the daily press and into the House of Commons, was refused a hearing.

This backward boy of nineteen was convicted with Craig of murder, although it was Craig's gunshot which killed P/C Miles, 15 minutes after Bentley's arrest. Bentley in fact never used violence or offered resistance to the police. He was armed with a knuckleduster, but he never used it. He

By EVA BOULT

was tried for murder on the grounds of complicity, and was found guilty mainly on the basis of words he was accused of speaking to Craig on the roof. Craig, being 16 and under-age for the death-penalty, was detained during "Her Majesty's pleasure".

The jury in finding Bentley guilty, added a recommendation of mercy, and Lord Goddard made it clear in passing sentence that he considered Craig as the more guilty and dangerous of the two.

Yet Bentley's appeal was refused. No mercy was shown. Maxwell Fyfe, Home Secretary and head of the Police, refused to recommend a reprieve. The boy's mother brought fresh evidence, but this was not considered.

Two days before the execution. Mr. Silverman placed a motion on the order paper to raise the matter in the House of Commons. At 10,15 p.m., too late to take action, he had a message that the motion would not appear on the order paper. Next day in the obvious reasons cannot be given, riouse the Speaker explained, who said to me: "They hung

IVE HUNDRED people murder—until it had been carried

So Derek Bentley was found guilty of being on the warehouse roof and saying "Let them have it day, 28th January. Thousands Chris", and was hung. The Press had signed a petition for clem-play down another; it may report ency, which was refused. one young gangster as a medical The public draws its own where the appeal of 50 M.P's. murder, and murder will out.

These two boys were illiterate. unhappy products of a war society They had learnt a lot about guns and gangsters from films. They attacked private property and became involved on the rooftop in a fight with the police, in which a policeman was killed. The State retaliated by jailing Craig "during Her Majesty's pleasure" and hanging Bentley.

The death penalty is a barbarous survival of vengeance-punishment It has been abolished in most European countries and all evidence shows that it is valueless as a deterrent. The final onus is left to the Home Secretary to recom-mend a reprieve or not. All progressives, who oppose capital punishment, should have fought together in this particular case to keep Bentley alive. Public opinion pressed home in every case can force a change in the law. Capital punishment is capitalist punishment at its crudest.

The reactionary warmongering interests would like to see flogging, harsher punishments all round and death without mercy for violent crime. On the other side the scientific approach stands for an en-tirely different treatment of lawbreakers; it explains crime against the background of social environ-ment. The Bentley case revealed most sharply the bare class conflict between the socialist method and that of decaying capitalism seeking vengeance for an officer of the law.

The whole thing was summed up

quoting the precedent of the notorious Gold Coast killings in 1947, that it was out of order for the House to discuss this legalised very soon!"

CYPRUS can be another KENYA

YPRUS, the British public should be warned, is another volcano in the specific teered for the British Army during the Second World War. Many promises were held out to the people. Prime Minister Churchill from the Turks by secret agreement in 1878, was the scene of considerable unrest and con-

Although Cyprus has been given a constitution, the British Governor with his "veto" and "orders in council" was really the autocrat of the island. Not one bill spon-sored by the Greek members of the Legislative Council was passed

By 1930 the living conditions of the people were so bad that the London "Times" remarked: "Cyprus has become the Cinderella of the British Empire." In October, 1931, the Cypriots rose up in "passive revolution" for their national liberation and union with the mother country of Greece. This movement was suppressed. The false constitution was discarded; all political parties, organisations and demonstrations were illegalised; and any meeting of more than five persons was Even the teaching of Greek in the schools was forbid

Despite this despotism, 25,000 out of 500,000 Cypriots volun-

BILL MURPHY'S CORNER

Southport Parks and Cemetery Committee had suggested a crema torium and two graveyard extensions to mark the Coronation, the Town Council was told.—"Daily

Proposed by Councillor Burnham, seconded by Councillor Downham. Warmly applauded by Councillor Crownham!

colonies ready to erupt. Before the last war this Crown Colony, which Great Britain took over the state of the last war the Crown Colony, which Great Britain took over the countries that have earned the countries that every benefit.

But all these promises as well as the proclamations of the Atlantic Charter and the U.N.O. were

By COSTAS ELEFTHERIOU

thrown into the dustbin by the instead another constitution which the Cypriots, after their bitter ex-periences with the earlier one, completely rejected.

Since the end of the war the British authorities have worked hard to stamp out the liberation movement. In 1945, police forces raided the headquarters of the Pan-Cyprian Federation of Labour (T.U.C.), arrested and imprisoned 18 members. That same year British Indian troops shot and killed unarmed Cypriot solliers who had refused to fight in Palestine and demanded demobili-sation. In 1947, police fired upon demonstrators peacefully celebra ting the 126th anniversary of Hellenic regeneration: a boy of 1 vas killed and five men injured.

Although in the peoples' plebiscite of January 15th, 1950, out of 224,747 Greek Cypriots 215,105 voted for union with Greece the British authorities persist in denying them the most elementary principles of political freedom.

Why? The British Government wants to keep Cyprus a stand its oppression, it concludes colony in order to turn it into the biggest military and air-force base except: "Liberty or death." Then

Bentley Case | How the Revolution Came to a Chinese Village * Eye-witness * Account *

The writer of the letter we publish below is a Chinese worker who had been on a visit to his native village in South China. It was written to a friend in Hong Kong and from there was forwarded on to us. It is of the greatest interest as an objective eye witness record of how the revolution came to a Chinese village. It is to smash this great liberation movement which is lifting the Chinese peasant out of the age-old darkness and toil that Dulles, Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek are plotting war against the Chinese

were extremely frightened were extremely frightened were extremely frightened were adulated unconditionally; middle the Army of Liberation arrived peasants had to be examined and approved. Only the former could be officials. of the district authorised a group of bad old autocrats and rich peasants to assume the This new body decided to subleadership of the village as President of the Peasant Association, Woman's association, etc. They became the sole masters.

They went off to banquets at the homes of the landlords and appropriated large quantities of food from the rich and the peas-ants. A part of this booty was passed on to the leader, the rest was divided amongst themselves. The peasants were very discontended at their haughtiness and abuse of power.

A YEAR LATER

Over a year later during the winter of 1950, a work brigade of young "cadre members" of the C.P. came and then things went differently. They took their meals in the homes of poor peasants or agricultural workers. One was sent back because he ate dog meat with a middle peasant. Another was made to eat bran used as hog fodder because the peasant in whose house he lodged had no

These "cadres" slept in the same beds and suffered from the same vermin as the poor peasants. During the day they assisted them in their work, asked all sorts of questions, gradually established sym-pathetic relations. They explained matters to the peasants, overcame their cautiousness, and encouraged them to meet in small groups and speak up about their suffering.

After this period of ferment, general peasant "meetings for struggle" were held at which the poor expressed all their grievances. These were called "Speak Bitterness" meetings. Then the entire relations between men and women. understand what a poor peasant, division of the land.

Y native village is very village population was divided into classes and the Peasant Association reorganised. Poor peasants were extremely frightened were extremely frightene

JUSTICE

were largely government function-aries or members of the Peasants' Association. The table placed before the judge was called the "Tribunal of the People". All the peasants and agricultural workers participating in the public trial were called "members of the jury".

The meeting of this court of iustice was marked by imprecations and blows. The verdict was given by majority vote of the peasants. The criminals with blood on their conscience were con-demned to death, after confirma-tion by the district authorities, which was rarely withheld. Those autocrats who had not committed blood crimes were condemned to life imprisonment and to "reform by labour" in the forced labour camp which exists in each district.

Parallel with this settling of accounts with the bad autocrats, the peasants launched a struggle against the landlords and the rich peasants "for the return of pro-fits." These included excessive rent, interest and mortgage payments, losses sustained in dealings with businessmen and rich peas-ants, and unpaid labour—all incur-

red over the three preceding years.
These "profits of struggle" were first stored in the house of the Peasant Association and subsequently redistributed. In addition, the Peasant Association drew up a list of lands, houses, furniture, working tools, clothing and food, stocks which were to be distributed later when the land was ex propriated.

On my return I had the impression of a complete change in the talks of 'classes'. They clearly

parting shot at the government of

administration to the need for

Reducing the Ground Rent (KU YUAN)

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tions, in the street, the women behaved in a natural and confident lord is. Since I belong to the way, devoid of timidity and excessive reserve. They were no longer afraid of their parents, husbands or parents-in-law.

OPIUM GONE

Customs have similarly changed greatly. Smoking opium and gambling have disappeared. Peasants go to their fields during the day and leave their tools and their cows there upon returning at evening, without fear that they will be stolen. Traditional fights between villages regarding conservation of water and other grievances, between families over ancestral graves, and between farmers, have disappeared. The Buddhist cult has declined greatly but still survives, particularly among the women. People no longer bother much about questions of 'money' in marriages which are consummated with less ritual and ceremony

In the main the peasants are very industrious in their field work. The government has encouraged everyone (including landlords) to take up work on untilled soil which is completely exempted from taxes for the first three years and remains the property of the cultivator. Consequently, there is no longer any land lying fallow.

CLASS CONSCIOUS

At home, in the Peasant Associa- an agricultural worker, a middle peasant, a rich peasant or a landgarded.

> Landlords and rich peasants cannot participate in the Peasant Associations. All seven officers of its leading committee are elected and serve without pay. The cantonal administration ordered the village to send seven men into the militia; these were elected by the Peasant Association and each received a rifle from the government. The poor peasants and agricultural workers are now the real masters in the village.

WOMEN ADVANCED

I took part in a meeting of the Peasant Association which occupied itself mainly with determining how the landlords were living. whether they were submissive or not, etc. One woman said: "Yesterday I saw so-and-so greet a rich peasant. His position is not very firm; we must criticise him." This peasant woman had learned to use such an advanced expression as "not to have a firm posi-

The landlords have become the most wretched people. Around their necks has been hung a cloth with the inscription: "Landlord" or "rich peasant". The village peasants have told me that landlords will not be considered citizens or receive their share of the land until five years following the



FRENCH SOCIALIST 'ANTI-McCARRAN' ACT The outrage of the latest Mc-

Carran Act has aroused public opinion in France to a high pitch. French sailors guilty of nothing more than resistance to the Nazis and the Vichy regime have been barred from landing at U.S. ports. Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies, hitherto friendly to the United States, have been so in-censed they have introduced a sort reprisal measures against "any foreign nation which holds obstinately to practices inadmissible between free nations".

It cans for any rice is bartered for plentiful rubber. He said it was ominous, dangerous, etc. And he called the attention of the new Eisenhower administration to the read for

siders Cyprus a British colony of great military importance and have no intentions of accepting the opening of any talks on the subject of union with Greece.

For 74 years the people of Cyprus have groaned under the boot of the British imperialists. Innocent victims have been sent to spend days, months and years in the damp cells of the central prisons of their own island be-cause they believe that "all people have the right to be free". All peaceful attempts to gain that freedom have been met with the answer: "the subject is closed."

Cypriots are wondering how long this can go on. Their pati-ence is nearly exhausted. When a subject people can no longer of the Middle East. It was said: the servants of imperialism and promised us."

'The British Government con- their press start shouting: "Terrorists!

> But before the situation in Malaya and Kenya is repeated in the Mediterranean, you in Great Britain ought to know how the people of Cyprus feel. Here is a message from one of them, addressed to the imperialists.

"You who live in luxury. who can enjoy life as you like. You who have never seen families with many children live in caves like animals. Families to whom bread is a luxury. You who never saw children walking the streets in winter with bare feet and in rags. You who ignore the real facts of life under exploitation in the colonies, don't cry 'terrorists' at us. We, the colonial peoples, know very well who the real terrorists are. And we will resist them until we achieve the freedom

ANTI-UNION GANGS

Ceylon for concluding its trade pact The Japan Federation of Emof anti-McCarran bill. It calls for ment, under which much-needed defence have formed "defence corps" of factory guards who are being drilled, helmeted and armed with clubs. Although the pretext is that these groups are needed to cope cope with "Communists" and "The British Communists and to cope with "Communists" and "saboteurs", they are obviously being prepared to suppress union organisation and activity and assault union militants.

"Minoru Takano or Takano organisation and activity and assault union militants."

Trade Unions has warned that these groups represent a revival of the hated Labour Service Corps. This was a terrorist body created by the pre-war Japanese Govern ment to make the workers comply with the dictates of the employers and the regime. It had trained squads in every workshop.

These were dissolved at the end of the war and are now being recreated. The only difference is that they are not directly sponsored by the government but by the employers. Members of the new "defence corps" must pledge to faithfully carry out any order from their managements.

Both the industrialists and the government are seeking ways to retaliate against the union movement which launched a tremendous offensive against restrictive legislation and for higher wages this autumn. The miners and electrical workers waged heroic strike strug-

ported in the "Socialist Outlook". The employers succeeded in wearing out and starving out the

grant adequate cost-of-living in-creases was the same used in Britain. They could not afford them in view of the intense competition in overseas markets; exports would fall and unemployment grow if wages were not held

Cry From Greece A REVIEW

In this moving booklet*, the relatives of Greek political prisoners and exiles send their cries for help to the outside world and in particular to their British friends.

Few who read it will turn a deaf ear to these pleas or refuse to help in one of the many ways suggested by the League for Democracy in Greece.

In addition to letters from the relatives, a number are included from the prisoners and exiles themselves. A letter from the political exile Pandelis Karagitsis is in itself a document of interest, since it was this letter and its appeal for relief supplies which constituted the "evidence" against him and for which he was sent to exile shortly after being released from prison.

The booklet is illustrated with drawings by the British artist, Paul Hogarth, who visited Greece in August 1952.

"Cry From Greece", League For Democracy in Greece, 19, Beak Street, London, W.1. Price 6d.

Docks Unemployment

'Sack Yourself' Scheme is a flop

Merseyside Dockers Demand Decent Pensions for the Aged

(Reprinted from the "Portworkers' Clarion")

There is nothing startling about ment. these figures for the scheme was doomed to failure from its inception. It was a weak-kneed solu-tion put forward by the union to stave off mass dismissals, and with its obvious failure the Émployers will again put forward "solution" to the problem.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

applied at any moment and with- are ignored by his newspapers. out any warning. The Merseyside Portworkers Committee's decision

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HE latest available figures to call a national Portworkers hours be less our income must be show that only 263 conference in London next month maintained, and that brings us to dockers out of a total of the situation and comes not a of 30s. a day. 77,000 have elected to sack moment too soon. Rank and file themselves.

The largest number, 119 is don, Merseyside and Manchester, from Merseyside, 66 dockers in London, 30 in Hull, 20 in Manchester and the remaining 28 from the various ports in the country.

BOSSES WILL SQUEAL

To our readers we say the above the Union must not be tolerated by some solution, and to the Emiliar that and file. We are Trade ployers: "The only way your and Unionists who believe (not pay cut the register peacefully in the delegates will "lobby" their the various ports in the country.

M.P's. at the Houses of Parlia
The money can and must be Not one man shall leave the in-

OUR SOLUTION

The Capitalistic solutions of the Unions and the Employers have been given great prominence, but tions to Dock problems, based as they are upon the principles of SOCIALISM and COMMON DECENCY, are indigestible to The Employers' solution may be the Boss Class, and naturally they

> However, that does not deter us from stating them and our solution to the burning problem of the day -unemployment—is that the old men of the industry be struck off the register at 65 years of age and paid a pension of not less than £2 5s. 0d. per week (half of the present guaranteed week). This would eliminate the surplus labour and by taking the strain off the "guarantee", would enable it to be increased to £6.

> Thirdly we would abolish the unnecessary two calls a day and substitute ONE and NONE on Saturdays, for as workers faced with a shortage of work we demand that days worked per week per man be limited to five, and the hours to 40. As human beings we must cat and so must our families and therefore though the

BOSSES WILL SQUEAL

British Labour

Through Canadian eyes

HERE was a brief paragraph in the local press recently to the effect that Philip of Edinburgh, together with six companions, had busied themselves as "sportsmen" and shot some 800 pheasants in a single day. It appears that there are able-bodied men who have nothing better to do than butcher the wild-life of the country; that there is plenty of land available for this kind of "enterprise" and that Philip is getting £40,000 a year to do a job that could be done by a poulterer at far less cost and on far less acreage.

Why not put him to work at usual wages in a commercial abatoir, where he could enjoy the "sport" every working day in the week?

recently saw a copy of a magazine called the "Field", pubzine called the "Field", published in London. In that magazine were pages—in small type of names and addresses of masters of the hunt, harriers beagles and various other forms of diversion indulged in by the feudal remnants that are still allowed to use enormous acreage for their pleasures as well as waste the time of themselves and their lackeys.

In that same magazine are pages of "small" country homes for sale; even the "smallest" of them having at least four bedrooms, plus tenants' cottages, plus a house for the "manager", plus acres of parklands, etc., etc.

t is evident that the owners of the advertised properties are prepared to move out, or they would not sell. Why not take the places over wherever they could be used by homeless people, and let the former owners try to exist in houses that require no servants or managers, etc.?

In short, there is still far too much Fabianism evident in the Labmental consideration for the top level parasites; too little recognow wards of the state and doing very well with even less effort than before.

"A marciful Providence fashioned us holler
O' purpose thet we might our

White Rock, George Weaver.

found out of the huge profits that these men have helped to build for the Shipowners. Naturally, the Bosses will squeal they cannot afford it, but this is not true. From time to time the "Portworkers' Clarion" has published the profits made by these skinfint firms, proving that the demand for pensions can be met with ease from Shipowners' over - flowing

A STERN FIGHT

Never in history has a progressive step, mooted by the workers, been accomplished without a strong fight being waged against the Employers. Always the men's view is condemned as "absolutely absurd", and the Boss' view "absolutely correct", and so it will be in this issue which faces us

Dilly-dallying by the Bosses or The money can and must be Not one man shall leave the industry under adverse conditions without a struggle by the rank and file. This is an issue which we believe is of paramount national importance and we also believe it is an issue upon which Dockers in all Ports will join hands and fight along the traditional lines . . DIRECT ACTION. Brothers, be prepared. ORGANISE NOW.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION FOR POLITICAL ENDS

WHO SAID IT?

"When the time comes, if struggie between Capital and Labour I want it to be for something bigger than a penny an hour . . . I don't want to see a volcanic eruption of labour followed by a mere falling back into the same grooves. It won't be worth it. I don't want a mere blind struggle. want it to have a definite object—that of achieving for those who toil the mastery of their own lives.

ERNEST BEVIN IN 1920

Marty & Tillon

Behind the French C.P. Purges

France has been conducting its own purge trial of prominent leaders. For the past several months the columns of its press have been filled with accusaions against Andre Marty and Charles Tillon, prominent members of the Politbureau, along with demands that they make a full confession of their crimes and errors to the party.

Unlike the trials in Prague. Moscow and Eastern Europe, these have not brought the desired results. Neither have yet confessed. After all, the purgers do not have either state power or the culprits in their hands. A ferocious campaign of denigration has had to suffice, which has culminated in Marty's expulsion from the party and Tillon's provisional reduction to the status of an ordinary mem-

WHO ARE THEY?

Andre Marty will be remembered as the hero of the Black Sea Mutiny of French sailors who refused to be used against the Russian Revolution in 1919. Charles Tillon was the leader of the military resistance movement against the Nazi occupation during the late war. This movement, famed as the F.T.P. or Franc-Tireurs et Partisans, reached its height with the Paris insurrection of August 1944.

Among other things, the Central Committee of the French C.P. as taken Tillon to task for certain references he reportedly made to the 1944 events which place the party in a bad light. In refuting the accusations of the capitalist press that the C.P. aimed to take power during the anti-Ridgway demonstrations in June of last year, Tillon is supposed to have declared at a public meeting: "It is ridiculous to charge us with wanting to sieze power last June. We had greater opportunities in August 1944 and could have seized power then, but didn't because of certain pledges we gave.'

Is Tillon*insinuating, asks the Central Committee, that the party took the wrong course in 1944?

THE Communist Party of The C.P. acted correctly under the circumstances because the danger existed that de Gaulle would establish a Fascist regime and nothing should have been done to provoke de Gaulle.

> This argument could not be very convincing to C.P. members who recall the events of 1944. Thorez, the party leader, arrived from Moscow, forced through a policy of getting the partisans to turn in all their arms to de Gaulle's generals, and himself joined de Gaulle's Government. To say the Gaulle's Government. To say the least, an odd way of forestalling the establishment of a Fascist

So the Central Committee invoked another argument to bolster its position. The Anglo-American troops were in France and moving towards Germany; there was the danger of a "reversal of alliances" in which the Anglo-Americans would join Nazi Germany against the Soviet Union—and they could not be brovoked.

This argument, however, spells out what Tillon merely implied. It means that the French C.P. was bound by certain pledges at that time. Were they not the pledges given by Stalin to Roosevelt and Churchill in the secret agreement that divided "spheres of influence" in Europe at Teheran and Yalta?

Why has this question pertaining to 1944 become so burning an issue for the French C.P. today? The only plausible explanation would be that the more mili-tant members for whom Marty and Tillon symbolise direct action are dissatisfied with the current party line and have been asking: why doesn't the party prepare to take power here as it could have done in 1944 and as the Chinese Communists and others have done?

This supposition is confirmed by the fact that Marty and Tillon have also been accused of opposing the current "peace policy" of the party while Marty has been charged with flirting with "Trotskyism"—the label used for left-wing critics of CP. policy

GEORGE WEST

ONE UNION FOR **BUILDERS**

– Says Alec Littlejohn

must be socialised. Tom Braddock's recent articles have driven that fact firmly home. But in his analysis of knives and white overalls, demand the question, brilliant as it was, he failed to stress the important role of the building Trade Unions.

The struggle for a socialised building industry must be led by the building workers themselves; yet their organisations, as they exist at present, are totally unsuitable for this task.

The conglomeration of craft unions — plasterers, bricklayers, joiners, painters, etc.—loosely held together by the National Federation of Building Trade Operatives and the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers, dissipates than concentrates strength of the workers.

ONE UNION

The immediate fight must be for a single Building Union, incorporating all trades with 100 per cent. membership. An industrial Union such as this, pledged to fight for the socialisation of the industry and militantly led, is needed if we are to wrest the industry from the hands of private profit and run it, by the industry's technicians and operatives, who will build for the people and not for

The process of rationalisationthe replacement of many small firms by the few big monopoly combines—is inevitable under capitalism. Today, real power in the industry rests with a few big inevitable under powerful firms, e.g., McAlpines Wimpeys, etc.

But the workers' organisations are not keeping pace with this development. They have concentrated on the defence of narrow craft interests, little heeding the fact that modern building technique is sweeping away the old

paint a new house can be acquired by anyone within a few weeks Hence the increase of "interlopers" who, arming themselves with putty and get full union rates.

the Union nominally refuses to accept anyone who has not served an apprenticeship. Yet the degree of skill possessed by these "in-terlopers" is sufficient for the em-ployers' needs. And so it is throughout the entire industry.

almost solely concerned with the existent. Or at least soon will be

We must perfect our weapons before we can successfully tackle the enemy. Forward then to an industrial union of building trade workers and another step on the road to socialism.

THE Building Industry For example, in my own trade of painter, all the skill required to

Craftsmen are disgruntled, and

Here then we have a modern capitalist industry, manned by workers whose organisations are retention of craft privileges when those crafts are already nonas the process of rationalisation is

The Week at Westminster

■HIS is sheer cruelty to animals. Here they are bringing my typewriter to my bedside urging me to press on because the post goes out in an hour's time. Propped up with pillows, surrounded with hot drinks, half read books and newspapers, I wrestle with the 'flu while the wind and rain famous lines: whistles and moans in turn ' through every crack and crevice in the house.

principles swaller."

by Harold Davies, M.P.

"A ginooine statesman should be on his guard Ef he MUST hev beliefs, nut to b'lieve 'em tu hard "

You remember he was the great American who wrote in a poem called "The Present Crisis" the

James Russell Lowell's Poetical determination to require service of all who are fit; too much squeamishness about compensation to former owners, who are now wards of the state and "A stat at a pipe as big as a coal-bucket, either the poundage on Postal To me now he has become a Orders! Keep it up me lads! As demon issuing mushroom clouds long as you do this at least I shall of smoke and I am sitting on the be sure of the little pay I get after mushroom while he tells me what my expenses are paid. So here's happened after I left Westminster, to your winning Perm!

you? Fetch my telescope some-body, I think I can see the Stars and Stripes fluttering on the moon! tee preparing a world hook up

comics can have on Members do

PERMIT THE PERMUTERS THEIR FOLLY!

By the way, just to cheer you lads on, who fill up your Treble Chance permutations each week, Mr. Pitman, M.P., wanted to know "Once to every man and nation how much money we picked up comes the moment to decide, etc." last year from Betting Duty on last year from Betting Duty on But there you want to hear a bit the Pools. Believe it or not, about Westminster and a colleague you contributed the sum of £19,772,642 11s. 2d. to the Change tumbled books on my had like the pools. Believe it or not, about Westminster and a colleague you contributed the sum of £19,772,642 11s. 2d. to the Change tumbled books on my had like the pools. Believe it or not, about Westminster and a colleague you contributed the sum of £19,772,642 11s. 2d. to the Change tumbled books on my had like the pools.

SILVERMAN'S DRAMATIC HITCH YER VAN TO VENUS!

to know if we were keeping up our research into inter-planetary travel. Mr. Perkins wanted a Select Committee to make sure Britain didn't lag behind in research and development of planet travel. But Duncan Sandys seemed House to a full realisation of its sometimes awful responsibilities. He had gathered a list of names, not all from one side of the House to be seemed to be seemed. to be a bit fed up with the pro-blems that his scientists have in who supported his motion urging

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Editor: John Lawrence

TO BEAT THE COST-OF-LIVING! -OR HOW

OOD being such an expensive item in these enlightened times, it is here a great sav ing can be made. Instead of gorg-ing himself with fried bread or toast the docker must instead think and think hard. So instead of having food for thought, he will have thought for food. This will ensure a big saving and might eventually get the victims around to thinking who or what is responsible for such a sad state of affairs. How long this process can go on is problematic, but as an example I can quote that Jack Wafer (apt name) went on for 73 days.

BOOT LEATHER

All will agree when I say that their heads whenever spoken to of hot air.

John McShane A BIRKENHEAD DOCKER

the price of boot leather is exorbitant. So we must give thought to saving in this item. And so I suggest that on going to work or to look for work the docker will hop on his left foot and on returning he will hop on his right foot. This will be practised all day whenever possible and al-though we realise by the end of though we realise by the end of the day he will be probably hopping mad, he will have effected a 50 per cent. saving in footwear. Some we know will no doubt make a further saving by standing on over with some of his usual blasts the transfer of the training to want to the day he end of the training to want to the day he realise by the end of the training to want to the day he rought to would be daft enough to want to the day he rough to want to the day he rough to work the glowing reports about the glowing reports about the wiser if we would make the toward to work the work to work the work to work to work to work the work the work to work the work the work to work the work the

by the boss. However, this latter saving is not to be recommended.

The wear and tear of clothes in dockland is quite a problem in most dockers' budgets, and two solutions appear. undress at work and wear bikinis, or alternatively, we can take a leaf out of the song-writers book and "just wear a smile all day". In this weather both of these sug-

this world so he refused to accept a reconsideration of the Bentley responsibility for this new eagerness to visit Venus.

Of course, dear old Emrys Hughes would be Puckish. He wanted to know in a supplementary if anyone on the other planets would be daft enough to want to know what effect these American

Socialist Outlook

Big Support for Cllr. Smith

[Councillor Smith of Dalkeith, who recently declared publicly that he would have nothing to do with the Coronation sends us the following letter.1

Many thanks indeed for the support given by the "Outlook" to my views on the Coronation. As the murder, preferred to leave the I fully anticipated when I made fate of this youth in the hands of mportance of local government my statement in the Council Maxwell Fyfe. Chamber, I have met with much criticism in my own locality. The the present Home Secretary made local Tories were quick to pounce upon it and will no doubt make from going to the gallows, and the utmost of it when I seek reelection next year.

little consequence; our socialist murderer had escaped the gallows, faith cannot be vanquished, nor Maxwell Fyfe withheld from where events are moving swifter to get for a man like Haigh. than the ability of the people's minds to grasp the significance of them, the coming Coronation may well be the last.

The letters of support which have reached me from every part of Britain indicate that a considerble section of the Labour Party hasn't vet been contaminated by this cancerous growth of royalism which is eating into the heart and soul of our Movement.

It would be more to the point if our present leaders would emu-late the spirit of Keir Hardie in his denunciations of royalty, instead of paying lip-service to his memory. Best wishes to the "Out-

Dalkeith. Cllr. David R. Smith.



Bentley and the Tories

What has been significant for me in this diabolical hanging is the marked manner in which great people acted, or failed to It will remain an unpleasant memory as far as I am concerned that the Queen, in her coronation wear when an act of intervening mercy could have been expected, particularly as Bentley did not do

with the majority of policy gestions which they make.

It is true that far too may

wishes to the worst enemy

of the British workers, as so many

Unions have done, is no less in

Both Evans and O'Brien are

abusing their office and doing a

disservice to the organisations they represent. These are not matters

of personalities but of Labour and

Socialist principles. It is these

two worthies whom the N.E.C.

should have censured—not the articles in "Tribune" which pro-

tested against their actions.

Most people will remember how an impassioned plea to keep Haigh yet, with a jury's recommenda-tion for mercy and with the But defeat, should it come, is of added knowledge that the real authorities and be eager to become our objective prevented. In a world Bentley what he strove desperately

> As long as this case is debated, the prevailing opinion will be that the Speaker was either shielding ne Home Secretary or else was impervious to the fact that something human was at stake. I personally think that the whole mis handling of the affair was typical of the people in charge of Britain today. No doubt many people have received a new view of how these great personages really look

Churchill is one of the biggest talkers in public life today, yet it is remarkable how he had no comment to make on a life and death issue such as this. No doubt he will be overflowing with super-latives about June, though.

Leicester.

Paton Dene.

cose utterances have except to the democratic rights of the mem-

Municipal Elections

find myself in complete agreement ing control of the council for Labwith the majority of policy sug- our.

It is true that far too many Lab-

* Behind the Anti-Bevan Campaign (From Page 1)

our Council groups do not distinguish themselves sharply from the ories but the fault does not lie only with the groups. It also lies with many militant left-wing Socialists who are so absorbed in national or international problems that they fail to realise the vital

It is not enough for the Leftwing to "keep an eye on the Councillors"—this could never be completely satisfactory. Keen Socialists must themselves be prepared to stand for election to local members of Council groups. Only when militant Labour Councillors are elected will a militant Labour policy be applied.

Those who do not become Councillors should not only insist on their right to frame my policy together with the Cou group. They should put themsel in a position to do this properly by attending public Council meet ings, reading the minutes and taking a keen interest in all municipal matters.

These measures are essential preliminaries to the adoption of militant policies such as that put forward by the Penfolds.

> Cllr. Trevor Park, Tottington U.D.C.

Hinckley Launches Campaign

After electing its new officers' for 1953, the Hinckley and District Labour Party resolved at its annual meeting on January 21st, Thank you for the interesting to launch a very active campaign 'Socialists and Local Elec- to increase membership and secure by Yvonne and Bert Pen- more seats on the local council As a Labour Councillor, I with the ultimate object of secur

> Hinckley, C.L.P. H. J. Lappin. (President)

Who REALLY Fights For Peace?

EFT-WING Labour bases its policy on two considerations. It fights for the Morecambe decisions and the maximum unity of the Labour Party and trade union movement in order to realise them.

Our aim is to make the Labour Party fulfil the socialist aspirations of the pioneers who founded it. That is why we want to see it united and great.

The Right-wing on the other hand don't care about the unity of hand don't care about the unity of the Party. If it suits their pur-change and they feel they can get way with it, they will gladly expel individuals and disaffiliate whole Constituency Labour Parties. For this reason the Left-wing must be extremely vigilable against provo-cations and avoid like the plague cations and avoid like the plague so-called "communist" elements who manoeuvre them into positions where they risk getting ex-pelled and isolated. Every expulsion today is a feather in Mor-

THE VIENNA "PEACE DELEGATES"

Recently a group of well-meaning Labour Party members went to the Vienna Peace Congress. Transport House told them before they went, that if they undertook the trip they would be expelled upon their return. Those who Those who ignored this request are now being expelled.

The "Daily Worker" has given much prominence to these expulsions and has been extremely busy revealing in advance the names of

Sales Talk

OTTINGHAM readers have been doing some very good work canvassing and advertising the paper. Already they have got four newsagents to display it. They have also sent in some excellent suggestions, which arose as a result of visits to their local wholesalers.

One wholesaler is prepared to arrange for double crown posters outside newsagents shops at a small cost. If wholesalers in other areas are prepared to do this, and the demand is great enough, we will supply the posters. Meanwhile, local readers could have their own posters printed locally.

USE LOCAL PRESS

Advertising in the local press is a good idea. At the same time as the advertisements are appearing, it could be arranged with the wholesalers for more papers to be ordered for your

Local Trade Union Journals and publications will be only too willing to accept an advertisement. Make it clear in all adverts that the "Outlook" is obtainable through newsagents,

readers can help to raise the For about forty minutes the tense cash to pay for adverts and and serious struggle continued. posters. After canvassing, when you take the order into the newsagent, ask who the wholesaler is and offer to place the order with the wholesaler your-

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The following donations are gratefully acknowledged; St. Pancras readers 10/6d.; Bethnal Green readers 32/-; Nottingham readers 82/9d.; Islington readers 49/6d.; South Hackney readers 53/3d.; J. Ride, Fawley 5/-; David Ride 2/6d.; West London readers 195/6d.; J. S. Grose, Reading 10/-; E. Chapple 2/6d.; Twickenham readers 3/9d.; Soldier in Germany 30/-; Bermondsey readers 12/6d.; A. Corstorphin, Harwich 20/-; London Busmen 12/6d.; Leeds readers 36/3d.; F. H. Bryce, Twickenham 1/9d.; Croydon readers 3/-; Leicester Socialists 40/6d.; E.L.M., Enfield 11/-; E.N.V. Workers 20/7d.; J.A., Manchester 7/-; E. Godfrey 51/-; 2 Cypriot comrades 20/-; W. Keane, Manchester 7/9d.; T. Braddock 63/-; Norwood readers 40/1d.; C.E.U. Lads, Shellhaven Refinery, Essex 15/-; Westminster readers 82/8d.; H. J. Johnston, Manchester 7/-; G. Atkinson 3/-; Tottenham readers 79/-; Enfield Engineers 72/-; J. Pennington 5/-; North Hackney readers 75/6d.; Birkenhead readers 10/-; Platts North Hackney readers 75/6d.; Birkenhead readers 10/-; Platts Workers 42/2d.; Platts Buster 50/-; Salford A.E.U. members 13/9d.; Manchester & Salford readers 45/2d.; Ardwick Labour Party members 3/1d.; J. Clark, York 10/-; J. Walsh 5/-; G. White 5/-; F. Dannreuther 5/-; A. Cooper 5/-; J. Davis 5/-; V. Smith 3d.; Trades Council Collecting Card 1/6d.; G. Vickeridge 2/6d.; A.E.U. Expenses denotion 13/-; Harry 10/-; Sam 13/-; Lack & Win 15/6d.; R. T. donation 13/-; Harry 10/-; Sam 13/-; Jack & Win 15/6d.; R. T. Shelley readers 27/-; Anon. 2/6d.

Total-£70 17s. 9d

The following letter has been eceived from the Holborn and St. Pancras South C.L.P.: Dear Comrade,

In accordance with the instruction of the National Exe-cutive Committee of the Labour Party that participation in the Peoples Congress for Peace is incompatible with membership of the Labour Party, the General Management Committee of the Holborn & St. Pancras South Labour Party has expelled Mr. Alf Taylor who, before going to Vienna, had been warned of the consequences of attending.

Louis Bondy, **Press Officer**

the various Labour Parties from which the delegates came. Indeed "Worker" has provided a useful expulsion guide for Transport showing clearly that it re gards the expulsions as "victories" for its policy. Issue after issue provide Transport House with information as to who went from such and such a Party.

No one doubts the sincerity of the people who went to Vienna but sincerity in itself is not enough. Such individual action, undertaken with the full knowledge that it meant expulsion from the Labour Party, in reality weakens the figh for peace.

Every Left-winger who permitted himself or herself to be expelled on account of the Vienna Congress means one less L.P. member to fight for the More cambe decisions, which would be the most powerful blow for peace that could possibly be made at the present time. The battle for peace today is the fight to get the programme, and this can only be done by those who remain and fight inside the Party itself.

VIENNA HELPED THE RIGHT-

The "Daily Worker" and the Communist Party are opposed to the policy of Labour's left-wing, which insists upon the need to transform the L.P. into a real soc-They believe that it ialist party. They believe that it is clever for "left-wingers" to make martyrs of themselves and get thrown out of the Labour Party. Not only is this policy down-

right adventurism, it actually helps the right wing because it isolates the militants from the broad mass of the people who support the

Labour Party.

Phillip Williams

More than this, the Vienna "peace men" in some left-wing parties became the bait for a smart right-wing trap. It is well known for instance in London that if certain left-wing parties did not expel those who went to Vienna, Transport House would step in and re-organise the parties in such a way that the real leaders of the left-wing in these localities would be excluded. (By and large, those who went to Vienna were not prominent left-wing leaders. In some cases they were comparatively unknown in their local parties.) All this would provide "fun and games" for the "Daily Worker", but would be a tragedy for the left wing as a whole. Fortunately, it did not happen.

Labour's Left is rapidly learning the strategy necessary to fight the Right-wing. It will have nothing to do with the Communist Party It will have nothing or its stooge organisations. Let the crown of martyrdom and "Daily Worker" headlines be en-joyed by the "Individualists" that's their business. Left, that vast body which now comprises the majority of the Labour Party, will continue to strike a real blow for peace in guiding their Party's policy more and more in a socialist direction. They are the real "peace fighters".

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BIRMINGHAM SHARE-HOLDERS. Next meeting will take place at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Sunday, Feb. 8th, at 7.30 p.m. Business items followed by talk and discussion: 'Behind the Slansky Trial.'

CARAVAN SITE to let, or trailer. Apply J. G. Stocks, Heather Lea, Bradwell, Derby (via Sheffield). LEICESTER SHAREHOLDERS

and "Outlook" meeing will be held at Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate, Sunday, Feb. 15th, 11 a.m. Business items followed by discussion.

\star HAROLD DAVIES (from page 3)

Case. Mr. Speaker ruled the Motion out of order.

A packed House listened to Silverman, Reginald Paget and Leslie Hale as they pleaded to Debate the issue. Mr. Speaker was strictly following the precedent of all his predecessors. "As far back as I can find, there has been no precedent to the contrary of any Debate in this House of Commons being interposed on a capital charge while it was pending. For about forty minutes the tense

Nye Bevan believed that Mr. Speaker, from the precedents, was in a strong position, but he still felt that to remove a Motion from the Order Paper because it was out of order was not in itself a valid reason; because many motions appeared on the Order Paper which are known to be out of

Whatever you may think of the House of Commons, here it was arits best. One of the world's great est Assemblies putting everything aside for the rights of an individual to be looked into. Silverman had done all that a man could. Fearlessly he fought for what to him was the truth. He had failed but he had the stuff from which our Movement grew.

SEE HOW THEIR NUMBERS **SWELL**

Jimmy Carmichael is an expert on the administration of National Assistance, and in a written answer this week, he was told by the Minister of National Assurance that the number of people receiving National Assistance had moved as follows:

> 1948 ... 1,269,036 1949 ... 1,454,317

1951 ... 1,688,541. 1952 ... 1,826,382 We are now beginning to see the growing influence of Toryism at the helm. By now, too, Mr. Editor, the bloke at the bottom of my bed with the coal-bucket

1950 ... 1,593,114

is beginning to fade out. Reckon its time I packed in. Anvway here's the cat now sniffing at my copy of Russell. She's stuck her dirty paw right on "The Pious Editor's Creed". Here's my parting shot: "In short I

In Humbug generally, Fer it's a thing thet I perceive

to hev a solid vally This heth my faithful, shepherd

In pasturs sweet heth led me,

An' this'll keep the people green to feed ez they hev fed me."

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the many protests against O'Brien's message, nor did the N.E.C. censure any Union officials who have been publicly assailing the Left.

But the T.U.C. took no heed of

All their condemnations have been reserved for the Bevanites; all their disciplinary measures are aimed against the leadership of the Left which commands the support of the overwhelming bulk of the party.

"HERALD'S" ULTIMATUM

In a front page leading article next morning, the "Daily Herald" delivered a virtual ultimatum to the Bevanites which discloses the real intentions of the Right-Wing campaign. "In October, the "Daily Herald" asked: Can't we have an end of Bevanism? During the past two weeks "Tribune" has shown that the end is not yet. BUT IT MUST COME QUICKLY IF LABOUR IS TO WIN THE NEXT ELECTION' (emphasis in original). At the same time, Will Lawther told the Tory
"Daily Telegraph" that the Bevanite activities resembled those of

What meaning can such belli-

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must unconditionally surrender at once or be purged from the leadership and the party before the next election? The "Daily Herald" complains

hat criticism of the Union leaders lution passed by the Parliamentary Labour Party last October urging members to refrain from attacking each other. But far more serious accusations are to be levelled against the Right Wing leaders.

Their line of action is a betrayal of the whole course of party policy democratically arrived at by the annual conference. This is central to the present conflict.

WHICH WAY FORWARD

Four main issues have now been harply posed before the Party by the outrageous conduct of the right wing.

- The New Party Programme Will this include a definite list of new industries for public ownership as instructed by Morecambe?
- Foreign Policy. Will the N.E.C take into consideration the changes in the old foreign policy recommended by the conference resolutions, especially in regard to the colonial move
- Attitude towards the Tories. Are the representatives of Labour to seek conciliation with the Conservatives on major questions of foreign or domestic policy or will they put forward our own socialist answers and posi tions?

Party Democracy. Will the minority opinion at Morecambe abide by the majority decisions and loyally carry them out— or will they persist in the attempt to evade and ignore

When things settled down a bit fter the Parliamentary Party elections, many party members felt that the wrath of the right-wing had been appeased and the move ment could resume the fight agains the Tories along the line charted at Morecambe. The new measures taken to restrict freedom of expression in the party should dispel such complacency. Others are projected. The N.E.C. is investigating the "Tribune" Brains gating the "Tribune" Brains Trust for possible violation of party regulations.

Any further encroachments upon

the Bevanites that they bership and its socialist education can be prevented only if the ranks solidly support the left wing and its leadership against the reckless aggressions of the right. Nothing less than the socialist future of the Labour Party is at stake.

Safeguard unity and democracy in the party! Rally firmly behind the left! Call a halt to the right wing offensive! Keep the party moving forward on the road to socialism instead of drifting backward to conciliation with Toryism and subservience to imperial-

Lothian Miners Reject N.C.B. Offer

The following resolution was adopted:

"This mass meeting of Lothian miners emphatically rejects the recent Coal Board offer of 4/- a week for day wage workers and considers it an insult to the British miners. Whilst rejecting the offer, it calls upon the National Executive to press for higher increases than 6/- per week and to give to terminate Saturday working at the end of April under the national agreement.

Collections among supporters and

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