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BIG MONEY N AFRICA

want to know you what the fight on Central African Federation is all about you had better know a little about the Oppenheimers. They've got a big stake in this

Sir Ernest Oppenheimer has resigned his post as Permanent Director of the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa! Don't let the news disturb you. He still remains chairman of this and twenty-three other companies (besides being an ordinary director of thirty-six others) in his African mining empire. The fin-ancial "rights" he is giving up conferred, in his own words, "relatively small benefits owing to income tax and estate duty."

In return for relinquishing this post, the Board of which he is chairman is recommending that he be paid £50,000 for 1952, and that his family holding com-pany, E. Oppenheimer and Son Ltd., be issued with 200,000 shares of 10s. in the Corporation at 10ss. each! Compared with today's market price of 13ss., the net tax-free profit on this deal should be £300,000.

The wealth of the Oppenheimers can be guessed by the fact that to purchase these shares they nave to put down over one million pounds in cash in two aninstalments.

In May 1950, on the death of the other Permanent Director, Sir Ernest Oppenheimer did even better by exercising his right to acquire one-and-a-quarter per cent of the total capital at par. In this way he acquired approximately 80,000 ordinary shares at 10/- each, whose market value was the same as to-day, i.e.,

On this deal, the immediate tax-free increase in capital value was half-a-million pounds sterl-

By contrast, the average wage of the Africans in Sir Ernest's copper mines was until last month, £3 a month.

This has now been increased after the recent strike by an Arbitrator's Award of 1/10d. a shift.

At the Arbitration Court, Sir Ernest and the other copper

magnates were represented by that well known defender of "suffering" fellow Knights, Sir Hartley Shawcross, who succeeded in cutting the demands of the N. Rhodesian African Mine Workers Trade Union by

The Anglo-American Corporation draws its profits from two of the four Rhodesian copper mining companies, and from gold and diamond mines such as de Beer's and the Diamond Corporation.

These profits will be safe-guarded if federation is imposed on Central Africa, and if the non-European resistance movement in South Africa is crushed. Incidentally, the Bill introduced by Dr. Malan to permit savage reprisals against this resistance movement being supported by the United Party, one of whose leaders is none other than Harry Oppenheimer, M.P., the "Son" in E. Oppenheimer and Son Ltd., himself a director of 47 companies! Austin strike of 2,000 is solid

Vehicle Builders at the Austin Company for the reinstatement of their victimised Chief Shop Steward, John McHugh, enters its third week, there is evidence of growing sympathy and support from many thousands of trade unionists. Trade Union Branches have passed resolutions of support. The Executive of the Birmingham Trades Council has recommended to its General Meeting due on Saturday, March 7th, the full support of all



The Birmingham District Committee of the Amalgamated Engineering Union has likewise decided on full support and is sending an Austin Shop Stewards Committee explanatory leaflet to all its factory shop stewards.

Collections have commenced for the strikers and for relief of workers rendered unemployed by the strike.

As reported in our last issue, about 10,000 other Austin workers have been made unemployed by the strike of the vehicle builders. A blow against these unemployed workers has been struck by the Ministry of Labour, who in dealing with "test" cases has made a decision that debars virtually 50 per cent of the men from drawing unemployment pay.

It has led to widespread anger and is felt by many trade unionists to be a deliberate attempt to drive a wedge between the strikers and the unemployed at Austins, A suggestion has been nade that the Austin Workers should march and demonstrate outside the Ministry for unemployment pay or National Assistance so that the people of Birmingham can be made aware that the Ministry, acting in true Tory tradition, is doing its best to cause hardship and division among workers.

T. & G.W.U. PULL OUT

The decision of the Transport and General Workers Union Shop Stewards to withdraw from the Austin Shop Stewards Organisation is a blow against the unity of the workers tantamount almost to strike-breaking. In any case, it is a violation of the Confederation resolution "to do nothing to prejudice the strike of N.U.V.B.". the

All trade unionists-and not only those in Austins-must condemn this action.

the strike of 2,000 | Trade Unions in Birmingham. | the strikers by the Birmingham capitalist press continues. order to combat this, the Austin Joint Stewards have done valliant service by printing and distributing leaflets giving the strikers' case. A series of factory gate meetings in Birmingham has also commenced.

Reported by HARRY FINCH (A.E.U. Shop Steward)

But it is felt by every worker that not only is more publicity on behalf of the strikers essential. but more forces will have to be brought into this battle if a swift and successful decision is to ensue.

The McHugh case is the case of all workers. Behind Austin's arrogant management stands the powerful Employers' Federation, and behind them again stands the Tory Government, eager and ready to smash the Trade Unions. Confronted with such powerful enemies the N.U.V.B. needs all the help it can get to win the

Cognisant of this fact, the Austin Joint Shop Stewards Organization, at its meeting on Saturday, February 28, passed the following resolution:

"That this body of Shop Stewards is of the opinion that the full weight of the trade union movement should be put behind this dispute to bring it to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion.

We agree with this 100 per cent. All trade unionists should, through their union branches, bombard their National Executives for national support for the N.U.V.B. strike.

The vicious campaign against stewards are urged to collect as

Strikers Lay 'Red Bogey'

In a meeting of nearly 2,000 vehicle builders on strike at Austins, only one vote was recorded against a decision to "continue the strike until justice is won".

George Evans, District Organiser, of the N.U.V.B., stated that the 'red bogey' trailed around by the capitalist press had no foundation whatsoever.

"This is a fight for trade union principles," he said, "and it will be won in spite of all the slanders and sabotage".

much money as possible to help the strikers and unemployed members in distress.

Money should be sent to:-

The Financial Secretary, F. wilkins, 142, Wolverton Road, Rednal, Birmingham, 31., or to N.U.V.B. Offices, 41, George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham,

Socialist Gains in Austrian **Elections**

USTRIA held a general election last week. For the first time since 1930, the Socialist Party emerged as the major party in the country, receiving 1,818,811 votes as against 1,781,969 for the Catholic People's Party, which had previously held the top position.

Although the two parties have formed a coalition government since 1945 (and are likely to continue the coalition) there was a bitter dispute between them over increasing government expenditure to meet growing unemployment. The showing of the Socialists is an indication that if they are prepared to take an independent political course, they can expect rowing mass suppor

The Communist party lost one of its five seats. The Neo-Nazis lost two. Both these parties, as well as the Catholics, lost heavily in the popular vote to the Socialists. The Neo-Nazis, while on the decline in the country as a whole, made their biggest gains in the Soviet-occupied zone.

TRADE UNIONS AND THE LABOUR PARTY

A Special Feature on this vital question-by Phillip Williamswill appear in our next issue.

Labour Party Defence LL sorts of half-baked ing in the Party since the More-concentrated their efforts on pres-National Executive Committee—This is a new and e surising the N.E.C. and the Parliatine body they had obviously hoped portant development.

A 'political columnists' are cambe Conference. now gleefully speculating on the possibility of a split in the Labour Party following the Executive Committee.

sole purpose is to try and dis- industries in the country. credit our great Labour Movement -but they won't succeed. For even to these jaundiced gentlemen it will soon become clear that there is no split in the Labour

What there is—and what they don't like one little bit-is a gathering triumph of the vast majority of the rank and file of all efforts made in this direction. the Party over those few lordly leaders who would drag the move-

WHO SUPPORTS WHAT?

last meeting of its National must be much more socialist. It among the foremost in agitating decided, for example, that our next Election Programme must contain Of course they know nothing definite proposals for the nationaliabout it nor do they want to. Their sation of "all the key and major

The Right-wing opposed these progressive decisions then-and they oppose them now. But in- for the application of the Morestead of loyally co-operating with cambe decisions. the supporters of the Morecambe Slanderous at gramme based on the majority the clear purpose of creating a point of view, a small group of scandalous diversion inside the doing their damndest to frustrate main issue which was to draft a

The attacks started at Morecambe itself with the Lawther- trade unions and the Labour Party. ialist Outlook" will continue to ment behind the tail of the Tories. Deakin threat to withhold the That is the real meaning of the took the socialist course it was so powerful support they have received

pering and restricting the free play ing of discussion around the Confer- schemes Like the Margate Trades Union Congress before it, Morecambe decided that Labour's future policy those associated with it were associated with a social with the second with th

Editorial

Slanderous attacks have been decisions in formulating a pro-launched on these comrades with big trades union bosses have been Party to distract attention from the support through the medium of policy based on the decisions made public meetings. by the rank and file of both the

last N.E.C. which publicly rebuked clearly bent on taking. For this Sir William Lawther and the "Daily Herald". But to properly understand it requires also a little understanding of what has been happenpowerful support they have received

mentary Labour Party into ham- would be the instrument for carrythrough their anti-Party

A NEW DEVELOPMENT

True enough the N.E.C. decided that the "Tribune" Brains Trusts "were contrary to the spirit and the intention of the recent decisions of the Parliamentary Labour Party"—but they were not banned. It remains, of course, a bad decision—an attack on the right of Constituency Parties to organise public meetings with whatever Labour speakers they want; a blow at socialist education; and an unwarranted interference with the traditional right of Labour newspapers to organise material

For all these reasons the "Soc-But despite all this reprehen-ly activity—and despite the lutions of the N.E.C.

However, far more significant

This is a new and extremely im-

Sir Will is the swashbuckling leader of the 'shut - your - gob' brigade who lord it over the T.U.C. Now he has been publicly rapped on the knuckles. The T.U.C. is on the knuckles. The T.U.C. is to be officially informed of the N.E.C's. disapproval of his slanderous attack on the Bevanites in which he ignorantly likened these comrades to fascists!

The "Daily Herald" was likewise rebuked and the editor is to be informed that the violently anti-

No War On China!

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DEMAND CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS

Rosenberg. Here we re-print an

UR paper has many times appeal for a world-wide protest to protested against the proposed stay the hand of President Eisenexecution of Julius and Ethel hower. Our readers may like to know that "The Militant" is a Rosenberg. Here we re-print an editorial from the American socialist paper, "The Militant" and associate ourselves entirely with its statement added weight.

ISENHOWER'S cold-blooded refusal of clemency to the Rosenbergs is the second demonstration by the administration of its brutal and callous plans. First came the "get tough" foreign policy which has already taken the preparatory steps for extending the war in the Far East. Now it shows its iron fist on the domestic front.

Eisenhower's dooming of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg is a calculated political act. Its purpose is to strike terror into the hearts of all present and potential opponents of the catastrophic war that is being planned. It is the ominous portent of the trend toward the establishment in this country of a police-state dominated by the millionaires' club in Washington and directed against labour.

Eisenhower's statement denying clemency contemptuously ignored the main points of those thousands of Americans who pleaded for mercy in this case. These were: (1) Never in American history has the crime attributed to the Rosenbergs been punished with death in peace-time; (2) The death sentence was the product of the political witch-hunt atmosphere and not the merits of the prosecutor's case; (3) The Rosenbergs were charged not with aiding a wartime enemy of the U.S. but its "gallant ally," as Eisenhower, Roosevelt, Truman et al called the USSR during the last war.

The protests over the death sentence have come from people of all shades of political opinion. They include America's two leading atomic scientists, liberal and labour spokesmen and thousands of clergymen and educators.

The truth is the Rosenbergs have been doomed for political reasons. Their execution will be a monstrous mis-carriage of justice and an ominous stride down the road to a Police State in America. Only a great world-wide protest can force Eisenhower to change his military mind.

NCE upon a time an elephant made a friendship with a

to him: "my dear good man, will

you please let me put my trunk inside your hut to keep it out of this torrential rain?"

The man seeing what situation

his friend was in, replied: "My dear good elephant, my hut is very

small, but there is room for your

your trunk in gently."

forest heard the noise, and came

man and his friend the elephant.

In this turmoil the lion came

dare anyone disturb the peace of

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to see what was the matter.

The elephant thanked his friend

-- "The Militant," 16/2/53.

Big Business Takes Over

IG business has taken over full and direct charge of the American Government. President Eisenhower's

It all adds up to this: As the war drive of U.S. big business moves into the crucial stages, the captains of industry and finance have replaced their lieutenants in the government.

PREPARING FOR WAR

The Eisenhower administration. even before taking office had in-dicated the lines of belligerent war policy it intends to follow.

Eisenhower's trip to Korea, promised as a "peace" move, turned

DOLLARS GALORE . . . FOR GUNS ONLY!

The United States has spent 138,700,000,000 dollars on armaments since the "police action" in Korea began less than 3 years ago.

This is more than twice as much as the cost of all United States wars from the American Revolution up to and including the First World War!

out to be a military inspection tour, ending with thinly-veiled hints that the bloody fighting in the Far East will be extended in the near future.

The meaning of these threats has now been revealed by his decision to remove the American Seventh Fleet from Formosa and so release Chiang Kai-shek's American-trained and armed Na-tionalist troops for the invasion of the Chinese mainland.

If this is now followed by a total blockade of China a Third World War will not be long de-

Eisenhower has already turned his attention to the plans for a European imperialist army and

in America cabinet consists of eight millionaires and one trade union official.

sent two chief members of his administration. John Foster Dulles, and Harold Stassen, to Europe immediately after his inaugura-Motors, the largest industrial corporation in the U.S.A., and controlled by the Dupont "merchants of death". During the last war, General Motors alone made 12 billion dollars worth of arms The stated object of their trip was to counteract anti-war sentiment in Europe and to make

> Before returning to America they made it clear to European governments that, unless they fall speedily into line, all further dollar aid will be cut off.

> sure that the war plans go ahead

at full speed.

Truman's administration had already set in motion all the basic trends of the cold and hot wars large-scale armament. H-bomb development, organisation of European capitalism for war, interven-tion in Korea, witch hunt against American people and the rejection of all bids for negotiations by the other side. But these same policies will now be carried on more intensively.

The American people can expec more severe drive against their living standards in order that the corporations may become even

WHO ARE THEY?

The composition of the new administration shows how completely the direction of the nation will be carried on by an oligarchy of great wealth.

John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, is a senior partner in one of Wall Street's richest law firms, Sullivan & Cromwell, handles Rockefeller and Morgan interests, and specialises in work for giant monopolies and international cartels from General Electric to I. G. Farben. Dulles is also a director of International Nickel and Babcock and Wilcox, and chairman of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of

Rockefellers, and a director of Sinclair Weekes, Secretary of

Commerce, is chairman of the board of the manufacturing cor-poration Reed & Barton, a director the National Association of Manufacturers, and of several other corporations.

Arthur Summerfield, Postmaster-General, and Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior, are both dealers in General Motors.

Other important appointments include Sherman Adams, banker and industrialist; W. Williams, insurance and invest-ment magnate; Nelson Rocke-feller; Henry Cabot Lodge, junior, who comes of a New England family long closely tied to Morgan banks; Harold E. Stevens, industrialist; Roger M. Keyes, vice-president of General Motors; Robert B. Anderson, an oil and radio executive, and Marion B. Folsom, Treasurer of Eastman

Also included is W. Randolph Burges, chairman of the executive committee of the National City Bank and director of several banks and huge corporations.

The lone union official, Martin Durkin, as Secretary of Labour, will have the difficult task of exney-General, is a partner in Lord, plaining the policies of this pirate Day and Lord, law firm close to crew to the American workers.

Fight Conscription' say British Soldiers

A LETTER FROM GERMANY

and Danish conscripts against the length of National Service have focussed public attention in those countries upon the discontent of these young men, who are among the least fortunate victims of the present arms race.

billion dollars worth of arma-

George M. Humphrey, Secretary of the Treasury, is a director of over 30 companies, including Na-

tional Steel, Weirton Steel, and the

National City Bank of Cleveland.

Winthrop W. Aldrich, newly-

arrived Ambassador to Britain, is

head of the principal Rockefeller

(also Morgan-linked) bank, Chase

National. A brother-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, junior, he is

also director of many of the largest corporations in the coun-

Joseph M. Dodge, Director of

the Budget, is a Detroit banker and industrialist who was presi-

dent of the American Bankers

Herbert Brownell, junior, Attorney-General, is a partner in Lord,

Association.

ments. Secretary Wilson drew 626,300 dollars from the firm last

Our own Tories have now produced a plan to make National Servicemen liable to immediate recall for 5 years after they have finished with the Territorial Army. This plan may not have

equal readiness in similar circumstances.

After hearing the Rt. Hon. Mr. Elephant's conclusive evidence the Commission called Mr. Hyena and other elders of the Jungle who all supported what Mr. Elephant had

They then called the man, who began to give his own account of the dispute.

But the Commission cut him "My good man, short, saying: please confine yourself to relevant to tell us is whether the undeveloped space in your hut was occupied by any one else before and as they were gentlemen chosen Mr. Elephant assumed his posi-

The man began to say: "No, but —." But at this point the Commission declared that they had troops are waiting for. vestigate the matter with the greatsides and retired to consider their decision.

After enjoying a delicious meal at the expense of the Rt. Hon.

"In our opinion this dispute has arisen through a regrettable mis-understanding due to the back-

UTINIES of Belgian | produced any mutinies but it has been met with bitter opposition combined with an expectancy of public outcry at home.

> If the Tories have their way, young men conscripted between January 1949, and December 1953, must do 2 years full-time in the forces. 34 years in the Torritorial Army and then stay on the reserve for 5 years more—a total of 10½

This means that a large group young workers are legally liable for service whenever the government requires extra troops. Thousands of civilians could be recalled for war on China, for example, without the government having to ask even Parliament's permission. Remember Bill Tyler!* He was a regular on the reserve who was recalled and killed in Korea.

Now that this system is being extended to conscripts, Earl Alexander, Minister of Defence, has announced that recall will be made in an emergency. Is it possible that something other than war, say a big dock strike, would be considered an emergency?

Labour must stop this businessboth in its own interests and in the interests of its own people who are directly affected. And don't, for god's sake, let us have any of the polite disapproval so beloved by some of the old men on the opposition Front Bench! Our representatives in Parliament must

* Bill Tyler, an active worker in the Preston Labour Party, was killed in action in the early days of the Korean war. He left a widow and two young children. "Socialist Outlook" printed in pamphlet form his moving and prophetic "Letters From Korea". A few copies are still available, price 3d. each.

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The Elephant and the A Modern Fable

By JOMO KENYATTA One day, a heavy thunderstorm broke out, the elephant went to his friend, who had a little hut which, he says, illustrates relations between the Kikuyu people and the White settlers in Kenya. at the edge of the forest and said



A typical scene in Kenya today.

All stood around listening to who was one of the high mini- grumble any more, your hut is Elephant had provided, and he heated argument between the sters in the Jungle Kingdom, not lost to you. Wait until the authoritative voice, said: the heated argument between the sters replied in a soothing voice, and said: "My Lord, there is no disalong roaring and said in a loud voice: "Don't you all know that I am King of the Jungle? How of this little hut which your lord-

On hearing this the elephant,

sitting of my Imperial Commission, and there you will be given turbance of the peace in your plenty of opportunity to state your Kingdom. I have only been case. I'm sure that you will be having a little discussion with my pleased with the findings of the friend here as to the possession Commission." case. I'm sure that you will be pleased with the findings of the Commission."

ceros, Mr. Buffalo, Mr. Alligator, The Rt. Hon. Mr. Fox to act as Chairman; Mr. Leopard to act as Secretary to the Commission.

On seeing the personnel, the man protested and asked if it was necessary to include in this Commission a member from his side. But he was told that it was impossible, since no one from his side was well enough educated to understand the intricacy of Jungle

Further, that there was nothing fear, for the members of the Commission were all men of repute for their impartiality in justice,

Taken from "Facing Mount Kenya", by Jomo Kenyatta, and issues. We have already heard the reprinted by permission of the circumstances from various unpublishers, Messrs Secker and biased sources; all we wish you

by God to look after the interests tion? of races less adequately endowed with teeth and claws, he might rest assured that they would inest care and report impartially.

The Commission sat to take evidence. The Rt. Hon. Mr. Elephant was first called. He came along with a superior air, brushing his tusks with a sapling which Mrs. Elephant had provided, and in an

"Gentlemen of the Jungle, there is no need for me to waste your valuable time in relating a story which I am sure you all know. I have always regarded it as my duty to protect the interests of my friends and this appears to have caused the misunderstanding between myself and my friend

from being blown away by a hurricane. As the hurricane had gained access owing to the unquiry to go thoroughly into this matter and report accordingly."

He then turned to the man and said: "You have done well by establishing friendship with my people, especially with the elephant who is one of my honourable Ministers of State. Do not would be returned to him.

The elephant, obeying the command access owing to the uncoccupied space in the hut, I considered it necessary, in my friend's occupation of your hut, but we own interests, to turn the uncoccupied space to a more econodeveloped space in the hut, I considered it necessary, in my friend's occupation of your hut, but we give you permission to look for a site where you can build another microscopic space in the hut, I conditioned to some interests, to turn the undocupled space to a more econodeveloped space to a more econodevelop

Mr. Elephant, they reached their verdict, called the man, and declared as follows:

wardness of your ideas.

'We consider that Mr. Elephant has fulfilled your interests. As it is clearly for your good that the space should be put to its most economic use, and as you yourself have not yet reached the stage of expansion which would enable you to fill it, we consider it necessary to arrange a compromise to suit both parties.

saying: "You have done me a good deed and one day I will return your kindness." But what followed? As soon as the elephant put his trunk inside the hut slowly he pushed his head inside, and finally flung the man out in the rain, and then lay down comfortably inside his friend's hut, saying: "My dear good friend, your skin is harder than mine, and as there is not enough room for both of us, you can afford to remain in the rain while I am protecting my delicate skin from the hailstorm.' The man, seeing what his friend had done to him, started to grumble: the animals in the nearby

ship sees me occupying

kingdom, replied in a noble voice, saying: "I command my Minister to appoint a Commission of Enquiry to go thoroughly into this matter and report accordingly."

The lion, who wanted to have peace and tranquility" in his these sweet words from the King here. of the Jungle, and innocently waited for his opportunity, in his belief that, naturally, the hut would be returned to him.

Forty Three Weeks the Week at Westminster Westminster -Still on Strike!

policemen severely manhandle women on official strike and peacefully picketing outside the firm of Rival Lamps in Addlestone, Surrey.

These workers were attempting to persuade a lorry driver to turn back from the firm and walking up and down before the gate. The police closed in on them, grabbing them or pushing them roughly aside. Mrs. Smith, one of the pickets was grabbed by a police inspector, kicked on the ankle and badly bruised.

FLUNG TO GROUND

Another picket, Mrs. Dunn, who was being roughly handled by another policeman protested that she had a spinal injury but was flung to the ground. She informed me later that she had had five operations on her back and wears a spinal support.

A member of the strike committee who went to speak to the driver of the van was blocked by a policeman and told to "get away". The van driver seemed reluctant to drive in but having violently immobilised the pickets, the police ordered him to pass through into the factory.

Mr. Luscombe, a local photographer, took photographs of the aggressive action of the police. He refused, however, to hand these to the Strike Committee, saying, "It's more than I dare do!"

The above incidents took place as the strike at Rival Lamps ended its 43rd week, and give a picture of the bitter struggle that is going on in this corner of Surrey.

THE FACTS

Forty-three weeks ago 90 per cent. of the employees at this firm stopped work. The firm employed approximately 130 women and tenmen, making car bulbs. Two of the strikers informed me that in 1951 the women were receiving only 1/4d. an hour. The management supplemented this with a weekly bonus of anything between 7/6d and 17/6d. None of these workers knew how this payment was calculated.

Despite resistence from the employer, the firm was organised in 1951, and after a week's strike the women were paid according to the 1951 engineering women's wages agreement.

The firm finally signed a Procedure Agreement—similar to that operating in other engineering factories—on April 30th, 1952, thus

FRENCH SUPPORT **FOR** 'LADY' STRIKERS

LETTER FROM THE FRENCH CHEMICAL WORKERS' UNION TO THE BRITISH E.T.U.

ear Comrade

We have received your let-ter of the 3rd February from the Confederation Generale du Travail.

We immediately made the necessary approach to our comrades at L'Air Liquide at Boulogne (Seine), and hope that the result will be to prevent any further supplies of cylinders of Argon gas from reaching Messrs. Rival Lamps, Ltd., Weybridge, Surrey.

We would ask you to let us know how the situation develops, and particularly advise us if further supplies have ceased.

We trust you will convey to the lady workers at the firm of Rival Lamps, Ltd., our expression of solidarity with them and we hope that they will prove victorious over the Em-

With our most fraternal sentiments,

For the Federation F. Lutinier. Secretary.

AST Saturday I saw ten | Police Brutality at Rival Lamps

day, however, and in violation of the procedure agreement, 28 workers, including the two shop stewards, were given one week's notice.

When the employers refused to

Reported by Bill Hunter

suspend the notices pending discussion, the workers came out on strike. Since then the firm have refused to meet the union officials, even when requested to do so by the Ministry of Labour.

The women on picket duty and members of the strike committee, to whom I spoke, were obviously sure that their fight was a just one and showed no weakening even after ten and a half months. And no wonder, in view of the attitude of this employer! The workers here built up their organisation against his bitter opposition and have firmly carried on their struggle to protect it despite difficulties, such as those I witnessed

In the little hut where the eleven members of the strike committee meet daily I saw evidence of the democratic way in which the strike is run. On the wall was posted a decision that all minutes of the stone, Surrey.

recognising the trade unions. Next | strike committee are open to members. Opposite was the monthly statement of accounts. I was told by one of the leaders of the strike that the picket rota was carried out with no backsliding.

The A.E.U. and the E.T.U. have officially recognised the strike. Workers at the General Electric Company and the British Oxygen Company, have stopped supplies of tungsten wire and Argon gas to

FRENCH SUPPORT

Now the Trade Unions of France, in a spirit of international solidarity, have responded to a request to stop supplies of gas from there. (See box on this

Seeing the spirit of these strikers and hearing their case I felt that no real trade unionist could fail to sympathise with their stand or wish them success in their struggle. No criticism can be levelled at the strikers, but the Trade Union movement must ensure that this fight against a tin pot em-ployer in Addlestone is not left only to these women, many of them new to trade unionism.

Real Trade Union solidarity should make impossible a repetition of last Saturday's police brutality.

Donations to Rival Lamps Strike Committeee, 71 Byron Rd., Addle-

IT'S WORK AND WANT LFRED ROBENS told the

A House, when opening the Debate on the Distribution of Industry and the employment situation, that industrial production is 3 per cent less than it was in 1951. He believed that the pattern of unemployment at the moment was a dangerous one.

His figures showed that there are 22,000 fewer people working in basic industries than there were twelve months ago.

At the same time, there are 123,000 less people working in the manufacturing industries compared with a year ago. While this is taking place, we find, according to Alf Robens, some 23,000 more people in the distributive trades. There is little hope of getting more people into basic industries and manufacturing under a Tory Government busy "setting the people free".

Once again the North-East Coast and South Wales are beginning to show the high spots of unemployment.

OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

IR DAVID MAXWELL FYFE is a kindly man, but behind that kindly counten-ance there lies a determination to cope with the "cosh boy" before he (that is the cosh boy) has used his

by Harold Davies, M.P.

that nobody is going to charge old Uncle Tom Cobley and all with carrying an offensive weapon when all that he carries is a pocket-knife about three times the size of a shoe-horn to cut up his twist tobacco. Mind you, it might be a bit difficult if the old boy gets one "over the eight" at the "Duck and Goblin" and starts telling the lads in the bar what he would do with the ruddy Tories if he had his way!

Suppose he pulls out the ivory-handled old "bacca" knife then and starts pointing at the landlord with a blade as big as a paddle. I wonder if the village villain could charge him with being in possession of an "offensive

On the other hand, if anybody's wife chases him out into the street with the rolling pin, then, as I understand the Bill, she is after him with an "offensive weapon".

Chuter Ede agreed that we cannot abolish crime by legislation, but he believed that the case for some such legislation had been made. He helped the House to get a sense of proportion by saying, "They have between six and seven times as many people in prison Now, as the Minister admitted, the population." He added, "Be it this Bill is drastic, but I am sure said to their honour, the police

they have been approached on the subject, have always said they do not wish to be armed." This Bill at least gives them some further protection.

KNOCKING 'ELL OUT OF SPELLING

IFFERENT people supported Dr. Follick's Simplified Spelling bill for different reasons. One who supported him was the Tory Member for Bath, Mr. I. J. Pitman. If we are not careful, I can see that the Editor of this paper will have to set up a new lot of type.

Far more important than spelling is the comprehension of the language, and I find it very diffi-cult in the House of Commons to convince the Tory Members that the battle against illiteracy can easily be won without an investigation into simplified spelling, if the number of children that a harassed and over-worked teacher has to deal with was drastically reduced.

Nothing galls me more than to see Members of Parliament swelling with synthetic indignation over schoolboy illiteracy, while they are content to leave the children of the workers huddled in classes of anything from thirty to over fifty in Infants' and Primary Schools. And what schools some of them are!

I know children who are ex-pected to master the mysteries of the three R's in schools that would give a Derby racehorse convul-

In the battle for a true Democ-

racy, a sane civilization would willingly sacrifice some of its guns and bombers to reduce the size of classes and increase the number of teachers in our schools. I do not expect this Bill, to go through its stages to the Statute Book, and I am quite sure that a Labour Government could do more to cure illiteracy in four years by improving our standards, than four hundred years of simplified spelling.

*The Labour Party's Future (from page one) on making a real bid for social-ism. than associate themselves with a really socialist Labour Party, a section of the top leaders of the

which appeared on January 29th is considered by the N.E.C. to be a violation of its decisions.

Finally, to complete the discomfiture of the trade union bosses, the Chairman of the Party, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, took the remarkable step of informing a press conference of his personal dislike (which he said was "widely shared") of the conduct of both the "Herald" and Sir William Lawther.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Far from signifying split—it means the very opposite. A majority of the N.E.C.—overwhelmingly right wing in political composition though it is—has decided to call ity of the N.E.C. a halt to the campaign which has been raging against the Left Wing. They are not prepared to carry the attacks on Aneurin Bevan and other leaders of the Left, to the point where expulsions could no longer be avoided.

They have realised that such a course would bring the N.E.C. into headlong collision with almost every Constituency Labour Party

were responsible for the Morecambe decisions. It is the complete answer to all those pessimists without smashing their noses.

WHAT NEXT FOR THE RIGHTS?

Now that the 'grandees' of the T.U.C. have failed to smash back the Party's forward socialist move, what will they do next?

Certainly they give no indica-tion of accepting defeat gracefully. On the contrary, Arthur Deakin immediate reaction to the N.E.C. decisions was most ominous. He at least, it seems, is bent on smashing his nose!

Securely ensconced in all the machinery of the State, the close associates of the 'captains of in-

Speaking at Bristol last Satur-



ARTHUR DEAKIN Tory Ministers -"not all a bad bunch"!

were responsible for the More-were responsible for the More-him!

At this same meeting Mr. Deakin plete answer to all those pessimists declared his opposition to "full-who are for ever moaning that blooded socialism" (or, as he quaint-whatever Conference decides "the ly put it, the "nationalisation of this leadership always ignores it". No- and that"). And there you have it one— least of all the leadership—the root cause of all the conflict. of a mass Party like the Labour Mr. Deakin (and Sir Will, and Sir Party—can indefinitely ignore the Lincoln, and a few more), won't working class! At least not accept "full-blooded socialism" accept "full-blooded socialism"—but the Movement will and does! This Morecambe Conference certainly did a good job of smoking everyone out!

TRADE UNION AND LABOUR

It is now becoming clearer every day that certain trade union leaders view with horror the growing movement started at Morecambe. for a full-blooded socialist policy for Labour.

dustry', consulted on (almost) every turn of State policy, flattered day, he virtually challenged the right of the N.E.C. to interfere in any way with the policies of the Trade Unions have absolutely "Daily Hardd" no desire to remain linked to a

They view the trade union movement from the lofty heights of their 'important' and 'responsible' positions in society. They sible' positions in society. They therefore do not see them as the natural ally and mass support for a Party wedded to socialist ideas. Since they consider the Tories "are not such a bad bunch" it is velation that those who contempute logical that they should reject the idea that the end of consistent trade unionism is the establish.

Their whole philosophy is summed up in the recent statement from the General Council . . . "Governments come and Governments go, but the trade unions go on for ever!"

A split and div

now on explains to every worker in the country that there is absoniated for Aneurin now on explains to every worker in the country that there is absoniated for Member of Parliament—who agitates for the adoption of aggressive socialist policies for the Labour Movement.

It is the reaction of consequence of the country that there is absoniately no conflict between the interests of the trade unions and interests of the trade union structure.

The trade union structure decent living

trade unions would prefer to take their organisations into some kind of political "neutrality". This is where lies the only danger of

trade unionism is the establishment of socialism. they are assured of the whole-hearted support not only of the Constituency Labour Parties—but of the great majority of the trade

A split and divided Labour And it is this conception—hope-lessly conservative through and through—which lies at the heart of their bitter hatred for Aneurin Bevan and anybody else—beta.

trade unions.

It is the opposite of split because it means that the N.E.C. has at last conceded—consciously or unconsciously, willingly or unwillingly—that the point of view of Bevan and the Left is the point of view of the vast majority of the membership.

Make no mistake about it, this is a big victory for the rank and file whose socialist aspirations, in the country and not a few trade unions", he said, and by the "trade unions" he of course meant the top chiefs of the General the top chiefs of the General decent living standard demands—now as never before—the nationalisation and control by the don't wish to be disturbed—but started him in the face, he threatened to withhold money—so now he says "Lay off the 'Herald' or is a big victory for the rank and file whose socialist aspirations,"

The trade union struggle for a decent living standard demands—now as never before—the nation-distingtion and control by the don't wish to be disturbed—but status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed—but status in socialism of course is the greatest living standard demands—responsible' status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed—but status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed on't wish to be disturbed—but status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed—but status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed—but status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed but responsible' status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed—but status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed—but status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed—but status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed—but status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed—but status in society. They don't wish to be disturbed but responsible's tatus in society. They don't wish to be disturbed—but socialism of course is the greatest living standard demands—

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BILL MURPHY'S CORNER Rumour has it that Arthur

Deakin was very upset because someone had called him a dictator. His pal, Sir Lincoln Evans, tried to cheer him up. "Oh, forget it Arthur," he said, "The fellow's nothing but a parrot—he only repeats what everybody else is saying".



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-Francis Bacon, 1620 A.D.

ORE than 400 years ago, Sir Thomas More dreamed of a Socialist world in which men would live together like brothers. There would be such abundance that mankind would no longer be selfish. There would be peace and happiness. The tragedy of Sir Thomas More was that he lived 400 years before his time.

But today it is no longer a dream. Inventions have so in-creased our power over nature that the earthly paradise lies within our grasp.

But so long as those inventions and the wonders of modern industry are the property of a handful of big business men we "It is primarily the paper of the Labour Party which is determined cannot reap the reward. Because

the worker does not receive back all he produces he cannot buy back all he has made.

So goods have to be burnt or thrown into the sea-as they were in the thirties and as they will be again if capitalism continues. Wars will be fought to find markets as dumping grounds for the goods which the worker can't afford to buy.

Men's wonderful discoveriesnotably atomic energy — will be used not to create but to destroy, unless we can end the system which gives birth to war.

We cannot make decaying capitalism work-we have to replace

So let us-in 1953-work out a programme to bring Britain's major industries under public ownership and at the same time act to get rid of this rich man's government.

Frank Allaun.

This 'Property Owning Democracy'

Like Mr. Churchill I am a septuagenarian with over half century's political experience. I am therefore not surprised at the latest piece of insincerity to come from the Tories—namely, the so-called 'buy - your - own - house'

If people can afford to buy houses there are plenty available. But to trap young people by offering to accept small municipal deposits (a 'spider to the fly' procedure) and flattering such innocents by calling them "property-owning democrats" is a flagrantly dishonest policy, but quite typical of Churchill and the Tory Party. These 'gentlemen' know very

well that only a fraction of such 'buyers" will ever be able to complete the usurious payments demander in order to receive the title deeds to their property.

Mr. Ernest Marples, Tory M.P. and late Wallasey builder, now the Secretary to the Ministry of Housing, stated recently: "Walla-sey makes history and points the way to a real property-owning democracy with a lead that I shall encourage others to follow." The lead was described by the local Chairman as follows: "To buy a Council house, tenants can pay a minimum deposit of £25 plus legal The minimum repayment the present type costing about £2,000 is £13 10s. 0d. a month."

He could have added that this means £3 2s. 3d. a week—possibly plus ground rent, heavy rates, repairs and outside painting each four or five years! He might also have emphasised that in case of prolonged illness, few tenants would be able for long to meet would be able for long to meet wing Labour people. I suggest they we should boycott the wasteful these terrific charges Fujction will do as I have done and throw these oray of a corporation. He could have added that this these terrific charges. Eviction will Tory "property - owning - demo - cracy".

C.P. pamphlets on the fire.

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is purely a question of finding the even reactionary. money for printing, and we hope to overcome that obstacle very soon—(Editor).]



C.P. and the Labour Party

I should like to draw your They have ben circulating copies of Harry Pollitt's "Policy for Labour" with no other effect than to cause a lot of unhappiness among members of the Labour

do as I have done and throw these orgy of a coronation.

A. J. Johnson.

Coronation and the Youth

The press is making frantic efforts to popularise the Coronation. Every publicity stunt— The very lucid and practical tion. Every publicity stunt—articles by Tom Braddock, from sentiment to sensation—is F.R.I.B.A., on Rents and the Case being used to create the idea in for the Nationalisation of the the minds of the general public Building Industry have aroused that we are all united under the widespread interest, discussion and crown: Tory and Socialist, emapproval among all classes. They ployer and worker, exploiter and have proved that Britain could be exploited! It is a sickening spec-

The youthful age of the Queen profit to the community and the national health.

I should like to suggest that tell us, who really sands for the

country. But is it so?

The Queen-a rich woman in her own right—has nothing in common with working class youth of this or any other country. She is the titular head of the employing class and has identified herself (willingly or unwillingly) with the wars that class is waging against the youth of Korea, Malaya and Kenya. And in these wars it is among students of sociology and humanitarians of all classes and political creeds with a consequent benefit to the nation.

British youth who are expected to do the suffering and the dying while the owners of British wealth P. Allott. will do the profiting.

The time has surely come to ex-[We have every intention of pose the whole system of mondoing as our reader suggests. It archy as most undemocratic and

Keir Hardie, the immortal pioneer of the Labour Party, had this to say in 1911 on the Coronation of George V: "Half a century ago republicanism was the creed of Radicalism and Nonconformity. But the corrupting influence of wealth and the debased readers attention to the present newspaper press have eaten the tactics of the Communist Party. soul out of the manhood of the nation. But Socialism has come to reawaken the people to a new life, to sweep away sham and re-estab-lish realities."

"Kingscraft and Priestcraft are who, being Left wingers, used by the cunning and unscrucome under suspicion as being pulous to veil the truth from the responsible for this activity. In eyes of men. . . . If we cannot some cases, even the families of set our heel upon the thing we can

G. H. Terry, South Lewisham L.L.O.Y

TAKE YOUR SEATS. PLEASE!

A "News of the World" report gives a few examples of Coronation seats for hire. Here is a choice one:

"Park Lane (Marble Arch), luxury flats on third floor with six full-length 5ft. windows. Small stands are being erected providing seating for some 15 persons per window. Price, 50 guineas per person, inclusive of television, breakfast, champagne buffet lunch, and every comfort and convenience.

What! No Call Girls!

The Story of a Brave People

figure in this very large book is of course Josip Broz Tito, it is really the story of a collective hero, the Yugoslav masses and their Commu-

The author is well qualified to write this story, having himself been a prominent maker of some of the history he records.

Tito's political life followed pattern very familiar in Yugo-slavia. Born in 1892, into a poor peasant family, he passed from cowherd and farmhand, by way of a locksmith's apprentice, to the status of an itinerant engineer and then a trade union organiser. He joined the Croatian Social Democratic Party in 1910, was drafted into the imbecile Hapsburg army in 1914 and taken prisoner on the Russian front. The 1917 Febru-ary revolution released him and he later fought as a soldier in the Red Army and again fell prisoner, this time to Admiral Kolchak.

He remarks that during all his civil war experience in Russia he never once heard the name of Stalin mentioned. Lenin and Trotsky were the most popular names in Russia at that time.

Returning to post-war Yugo-slavia he found it in revolutionary ferment. The newly-formed Socialist Workers' Party with a membership of 60,000 was the most powerful party in the country but its leaders proved to be quite un-equal to the revolutionary task thrust upon them.

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mena occur; Mozarts and Turners arrive and in their teens are fully equipped, confident inspired and with the technical

bility to give expression to their

Of such was Harold Laski, but

never stop work, their output is

So with Harold Laski, he never

ested. Lectures, speeches, articles,

etters, books, committees, reports,

came with a steady never-ending flow, and all done in a way that

was just about as good as it could

be done in each particular field of activity or endeavour.

BRILLIANT MAN

ing, perfectly composed and confident; at a word from the Chair-

man, Laski stands up—no notes.

no gestures, a perfectly modulated

voice and a perfectly composed

speech, every sentence rounded off

and finished, correct in grammar

and punctuation, just as ready for

the printer as for the audience in front of him—and behind every statement a battery of support and

A memory that retained all the

Look at him at a political meet-

apparently fully developed ego.

HAROLD LASKI

A Review of Kingsley Martin's Book*

tical orientation (at one stage acts of individual terrorism were common), yet they were undoubtedly fighters for their class who suffered as the class suffered. Tito, Kar-

"Tito Speaks", by Vladimir Dedijer. Weidenfeld and Nicholson, 21/-.

deli, Rankovitch, and Pijade all spent much time in the Royal jails and this suffering was undoubtedly remembered during their future comfortable bureaucrats who were to visit them after the seizure of power following the end of the Second World

By 1929, the trade unions had been smashed, the Party made illegal, its militants either murdered or flung into jail.

The political crisis in the Comintern had its effect in Yugoslavia. Central Committees were "reorganised" and bureaucratic control hampered the effectiveness of the much persecuted organisation of the Yugoslav communists. For example, in the 1934 elections Moscow forbade the Party to participate as an independent Party Again the C.C. was "reorganised and this time Gorkic (later revealed as a police agent), was preferred to Tito as the Genera

The book usefully reminds

The next seven years is a record of bitter fighting against the Royalist reaction. The revolutionary leaders possessed little or no poli-There can be no doubt now that it was this insurrection, in which so prominent a part was played by the Communist Party, which sowed the seeds that were later to lead to Tito's final break with

OPPORTUNISTS As the rising grew in scope and

importance so also grew the reachery of Moscow. Against the objections of Tito and other leaders on the spot, they recognised the Royalist-Mihailovitch Coalition; they hampered attempts to organise partisans in Macedonia; they objected to Communists being in leading positions in the National Liberation Movement: they objected to the setting up of the Anti-Fascist Council as the de facto government of Yugoslavia and they cynically disregarded appeals for material help for the hard-pressed partisans. Finally, they enforced the Yalta Agreement without any prior consulation with the Yugoslavs.

The Russians viewed the Yugoslavs as useful guerillas and never as a revoltuionary movement. Stalin—not for the first time in history-attempted to stop the revolutionary developments. The Yugoslav communists — albeit without a very clear perspective tried to extend it. There was the basic conflict which finally led to the break.

Dedijer's book lacks a scientific presentation and the historical treatment is confused. There is no attempt to analyse political problems in a principled manner.
Indeed, principles are lacking throughout.

STALIN'S TREACHERY

One is forced to the conclusion that the present leadership in Yugoslavia has nothing to offer the workers of the world in the field of political theory. They learned at the feet of the centrist and empiricist Stalin and today they imitate, in their own way, his opportunist balancing between the great class forces in the world. (This is, incidentally, particularly noticeable in the chapters dealing with their attitude towards the colonial revolution.)

Nevertheless, there is much in the book which is of great value to the British workers. There is the experiences with the Comintern (and Cominform). But above all there is the solid fact—which no amount of slander can remove that the Yugoslav people, led by the workers, destroyed capitalism and established a workers' state based upon the armed power of the working class. That historical fact will enter into the consciousness of the Yugoslav working class -however much Tito may now pander, opportunistically, to Mr. Churchill and the leaders of World

SCOTTISH YOUTH PUZZLEI

WO alarming facts came to meeting run by the "British-laughter from the conference dele-light at the otherwise very American League of Friendship". gates. The rank and file of the quiet Scottish Conference of the Labour League of Youth reto him by the Scottish Council (As cently held in Edinburgh.

The first concerned the European Youth Campaign which is an American-inspired and thoroughly reactionary organisation embrac ing even the Young Conservatives

The 1952 Annual Conference of the L.L.O.Y. compelled the Party to disaffiliate the Youth from this organisation—yet it was revealed by a Yugoslav delegate that all the junior sections of all political parties—except the Communist Party—were affiliated to E.Y.C.!

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to him by the Scottish Council (As his description proceeded the Secretary of the Scottish Council at least had the grace to look discomfited).

AMERICAN PROPAGANDA

On going to this meeting the delegate was handed free litera-ture entitled "Russian lies about America" and many more anti-Russian books. It was openly admitted that the backers of the organisation were American Big Businessmen led by M.G.M., yet even with this huge propaganda The second alarming fact was revealed by a Glasgow delegate collapsed for lack of support—a who told of an invitation to a result which drew applause and

gates. The rank and file of the L.O.Y. at least is not taken in by this American propaganda.

Apart from these incidents, the main topics discussed were the alarming decline in numbers and the need for more socialist educa-Only eight resolutions were con

sidered and they dealt largely with education and closer liaison with trade unions in order to attract young trade unionists into the

EDUCATION WANTED

It was very apparent that the delegates considered education of primary and urgent importance, and also the necessity for free discussion and consideration of all cussion and consideration of an views within the party so that members could form their own opinions. statement a pattery of support and information, all ready to be turned on complete with reference in the event of any doubt being expressed

Quite a number of delegates stressed the fact that socialist beliefs and principles were important—not leaders. Aberdeen L.O.Y. delegate told conference that they have begun to read socialist classics and to discuss and review

The conference ended with the singing of the Red Flag and the dispersal of the delegates—a bunch of puzzled young people still trying to find the truth and determined to educate themselves towards it even if it has to be in spite of bans, straying leaders, and an anti-socialist press.

Helen Chalmers.

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stories and all the humour needed. but the story and the humour only used to drive home the point at issue. One example; at a meeting a woman school teacher asked what could be done about teachers salaries, ending up with a statement that of course teachers could not strike. Laski's simple reply was "Have you tried? Another characteristic of these apparent favourites of the gods is

on any point.

their lack of self pride or assertiveness. They are so absorbed with the endles tasks facing them and the boundless means of expression their own nature gives them that they pay little regard to their own immediate or future position in this world; generally they have no use for the next.

This makes them peculiarly susceptible to being taken advantage of and ruthlessly used by those with whom they are in contact. They can do anything, they always seem to have time to do it, therefore work is piled on to them; it is

* Harold Laski, by Kingsley Martin Gollancz, 21/-

never refused, they are worked to death. So was Harold Laski by the movement to which he gave his whole life. Kingsley Martin's book makes

this clear. It also draws attention to another side of Laski's char-acter, his confidence, too often misplaced, in those who should of a much rarer type; the economist, the theorist, and the inspired have been his comrades, those who took advantage of his will to work teacher, a teacher who could do as well as teach. Men of this class and ability to do it effectively. Laski was so certain of the rightness of his point of view that he relied solely on this to guarantee its acceptance. He did not fight back as a person, he stated his case and relied on the correctness of that case to win others to the point of view expressed.

When finally this confidence proved itself to be misplaced he did not fight back; he withdrew his name from nomination to the N.E.C. of the Party. He wrote on 13th February, 1949:

"Day by day I hear grim evidence of E.B.'s* continuing malice . . . The last phase has had a grim effect on me, so deep that I have refused to be re-nominated for the N.E.C. of

OPINION OF LEADERS

His opinion of our party leaders is perhaps worth noticing: "Attlee is not a great P.M., God knows he is timid. as well as shy, resentful about opposition, and more an admiropposition, and more an aumiable chairman than a leader. Bevin quite pathological in my own view—vain, disastrously ungenerous, quite definitely antisemitic in a brutal way. I put Semitic in a brutal way. I put Morrison easily first; Cripps is superb at things, but no good, as always, at persons; Dalton a good Minister but without any deep conviction even with security of tenure. Nye Bevan is by far the most courageous and intelligent.'

Finally, to show that Laski did not allow his traditions to over-come his judgment; "Even rich Jews risk Fascism in the hope of buying themselves off rather than strengthen the working class

Altogether a book to buy if you can, to get out of the library anyway. Not only does it give a true picture of a great Comrade, picture of a great Comrade, Harold Laski, but also a valuable comment on recent history of the Labour Movement.

* Ernest Bevin.

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