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A Delegate writes on the T.U.C.

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These Men Are **DANGEROUS!**

The 'Sickness' of the P.o.W.'s

By Janet Alexander

espionage quiz for the ex-Korean war prisoners now bound for Britain in the troopship Asturias . . . the War Office believes that about two - fifths of the junior N.C.O.'s and privates in the ship have been affected in varying degrees by Communist propaganda."—"News Chronicle", 11/9/53.)

T the time of the first wounded prisoners in system. Korea, there was unfavourable comment in the British press were received on returning to have represented their own lines.

Only those prepared to give lurid system.

stories of ill-treatment were allowed near the journalists. Others who could not fill this need were marked for a propagation which is a propagation which is a like with the system.

It was seen in the war of intervention against the young Soviet power in 1918/20. Appeals in the name of working class solidarity gramme of re-indoctrination, which started with lavish helpings of steak and ice-cream, and finished for the more stubborn ones with incarceration in an army "hospital" in the States, where, for all we know, they will remain in-

The returning British prisoners, at that time, were not subjected to this kind of pressure, though the papers played up any story of ill-treatment they could find. But now there is a truce in Korea and large numbers of P.o.W.'s are on their way home, a change is taking place. Public opinion is being place. prepared in advance, to be either hostile to those of the troops who speak favourably of their experiences in North Korea, or to treat 'them as "sick men". There has been a B.B.C. talk on the subject, and the press is following suit.

The War Office has revealed that of the men returning, two-fifths have been influenced by Communist propaganda. It is a new kind of war these men have been men!

For many of them now know the real purpose of the Korean war—and that makes them dangerous men!

fighting, and this high figure of "disaffected" is a startling illustration of that fact. The sympathy of these soldiers has been sought and won by the "enemy" for their ideology—for their social system.

This never happened in either of the two world wars. Indeed, where both sides in a war support the capitalist system, it cannot happen. Whether it be of the democratic or fascist variety, a T the time of the first capitalist country is unable to gain exchange of sick and the allegiance of enemy troops, on

The phenomenon of a moral "assault" on an opposing army is on the way American prisoners only seen where on one side you have represented a decaying obsolete order, and on the other a new and essentially revolutionary

> were aimed at the troops sent to crush the revolution, and they had their effect.

> And now in Korea, we have seen the shape of things to come. Any future war will be an openly declared war of ideologies, Com-munism against Capitalism, with the world split into two warring camps. On the side of capitalism will be arrayed all the latest destructive techniques. On the side of Communism, above all else will be the power of the idea.

> Here is a weapon the imperialists can never match, which can make armies melt overnight—a germ warfare more deadly than

isolate them.

Huddersfield Rent Strike Threatened

Council Tenants Resist Rent Increases

(Yorks.) Borough Council on Tuesday, September 8, at which over 1,000 tenants turned up. has increased the rents of all council houses in Huddersfield. Over 8,000 tenants are affected by increases ranging from 2s. 6d. to 4s. 4d. Some houses are now over 27s. per week rent.

A number of tenants arranged a meeting on Thursday, September 3, at which 150 people were

THE Liberal Huddersfield | held in Huddersfield Town Hall

The tenants have decided not to pay the increased rents.

A Huddersfield Tenants Association has been formed, with an elected chairman, secretary and treasurer, and a volunteer com-mittee. Its task is to organise resistance to the increased rents and to appoint a deputation to see the Council.

Last night (Thursday, September present. A second meeting was 10) I was able to be present at a

Reported by G. Gale

meeting of this committee. deputation consisting of the chair-man, secretary, treasurer (all men) and three women volunteers, was appointed to see the Council, though the secretary reported that he had not yet received a reply to his letter to the Town Clerk asking for an interview.

In the event of an unsatisfactory outcome, another mass meeting will be held. Determined efforts are being made to spread the strike and make it a success.

People are distributing Tenants

Association membership (fee 1s. a year) and leaflets urging tenants to join the strike. Partic-ular attention is being paid to estates where the Association has no contacts as yet, though most estates have representatives on the committee. Meetings are to be held in every estate on Sunday, September 13.

There were reports of inevitable weaknesses - people who were going to pay the increase—but, on the other hand, one member reported that in a street of 70 houses only two were going to pay the increase.

In general, tenants appear to be asking each other what they intend to do. In other words, people are waiting for a lead, which the Huddersfield Tenants Association is determined to give.

There are, however, two black spots in this strike.

Firstly, although Labour Councillors opposed the increase and many Labour Party members are affected by it and are actively supporting the strike, the Hudders-field Labour Party has as yet given no official support to the Tenants Association.

Secondly, Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu, Labour M.P. for Huddersfield East, attended the large meeting in the Town Hall but refused to speak, though repeatedly called upon to do so. Later, however, he upon to do so. Later, however, he gave an interview to the press which appeared in the "Yorkshire Observer" of September 10 under the heading "Don't Refuse to Pay Rents, says M.P." Mr. Mallalieu said he sympathised with the tenants but could not advise "a few brave individuals" to risk eviction by refusing to pay the eviction by refusing to pay the

This has had a discouraging effect on a number of tenants, which the Tenants Association is fighting hard to overcome. If the association has its way, it will not be a case of "a few individuals" but of a mass strike. Whole estates cannot be evicted—nor even half of one estate! The tenants have only to stick together.

Just as all signs of weakness will be exaggerated by opponents of the strike, so will rumours of "Communist inspiration". The meeting I attended last night was Council was elected on a blatantly anti-Labour division of the Ward clear that the Communist Party has no hold on the Huddersfield Tenants Association.

This is not a case of organised troublemakers making capital out of the people's hardship, but a genuine democratic expression of widespread discontent at an unjust

Terror Unbridled in Kenya

Fighters for African freedom being rounded up by soldiers of the King's African Rifles and the local "Home Guard". The acts of sheer terror which follow these arrests are described in the article on page 2.

How Much Longer Will Labour Stay Silent?



A Square Deal For Workers' Children

the magistrates tell us that In case any one should be taken the children of today are suffering from a rampant disease known usually as "invenile delinquency".

In case any one should be taken in by this propaganda I recommend them to come to Pimlico or, for that matter, any other working class district. If they cannot come let me tell them what happened in the local Lucanile Court the other. ''juvenile delinquency''.

They give various reasons for this outbreak but if you look at them closely they usually boil down to the fact that the Welfare State is rotting the nation. In fact

Labour Parties Rallied to E.N.V. Strikers

NGINEERING workers at E.N.V. Willesden, who were on strike from November 1951 till February 1952, have now issued a full audited account of the Strike

Total income from all sources to their fund was £14,712 and as is to be expected, the great bulk of this money came from other factories.

No fewer than 56 Constit-uency or Borough Labour Parties sent donations, as well as 14 Ward and Local Labour Parties and two Leagues of Youth. These Labour Party donations amounted to nearly

THE Tory press, the the children (and their parents) are having too easy a time altogether!

our local Juvenile Court the other day.

Two young boys had been brought before the Court. They were accused of having stolen books from the station bookstall at Victoria. Their father was asked by the magistrate, Professor Barbara Wootton, whether he had anything to say. He had. The "West London Press" reported as

"'Our living conditions are very, very bad. Kiddies don't get a chance!' Turning to the Professor he said, 'I don't know what kind of an upbringing you had, but I am a working man.

"'We can't take the children into the park to play every day and they have to play in the back streets.'

"When Professor Wootton attempted to stem the outburst the father said, 'You asked me whether I had anything to sav and now you are trying to hush me up. I am attempting to place my case at the right place today, I want to speak freely.

By **Andrew Kirkby**

door of our own. You don't get a chance to bring your places.'

"You don't get a chance. . . ." Housing conditions in the Victoria and Pimlico area are as bad as any in London. Working class families share houses which were originally designed for far fewer people. City and County Council flat-building schemes are far from meeting the needs of the waiting lists. Yet within a stone's throw of some of the most overcrowded districts there are luxury flats standing empty waiting for Mr. Moneybags to take up a lease at, perhaps, some hundreds of pounds per year. You can see some of them in Ashley Gardens, behind the Army and Navy Stores.

There are some fine tree-lined, grass-covered squares in the district. They are closed to the children of the neighbouring streets. Eccleston, Warwick, St. Georges and Vincent Squares are protected by high wire fences for the enjoyment of a privileged few whilst the great majority of the and now you are trying to hush the up. I am attempting to lace my case at the right place oday, I want to speak freely.

"We would prefer a front with the great majority of the local children play on the pavements, on the bombed sites, in the gutters. They dart in and out of the heavy traffic and there is a steady toll. In St. Georges'

Square many requisitioned houses down the various "negotiations' contain council tenants whose Such children must play in the roadway. Only the children of the "private residents" are allowed into the Square's gardens. Class division at the toddler stage!

For years the local Labour Party has been campaigning to boundaries. have the Squares thrown open to the public. For years the private Open the private gardens... interests involved and the 100 per Take over the empty flats. . . cent. Tory City Council of Westminster have evaded the issue. be said that "You don't get a Legal complications have bogged chance".

Such delay suggests a cynical indifference to the health and safety of working class families, particularly of the children. The Labour movement has not given up the fight, although the Tory Council was elected on a blatantly clear that the Communist Poets.

The demands are clear . . We must end the days when it can

Dockers Demand Wage Speed-up

ON Sunday, September 13, greatly speeded up the results workers unofficial speakers said the same dictatorial attitude meeting called by the unofficial Portworkers Merseyside increase." He went on to say Council increase Last vear's discuss the pending wage award

The general level of the wage increase. meeting was high and it was the Unions representing the method of collective bargaining port industry are going forward in negotiations for a wage award but unless the records. port industry are going forward is obsolete." [As the employers and the in negotiations for a wage Bill Johnson, one of the union failed to agree, the award, but unless the pace is prominent Merseyside Port matter has gone to arbitration.]

Committee at the Lord Street that time wasted in protracted blitzed site, Liverpool. The negotiations and the Tory purpose of the meeting was to Government's policy of deliberately forcing up the cost of the results of which were ex- living has offset any benefits pected the following morning. we might have gained by a

"Since the Tories took power, clear that the Merseyside port- personal needs and household struggling for its fulfilment. workers expect a substantial requirements have taken a wage award. Speaking at the meeting, Mr. Dan Brandon, Editor of the "Portworkers' standards and the benefits of Clarion", said: "At the moment the Unions representing the method of collective bargaining."

Council ignore last year's mandate to extend social ownership has been adopted towards the Dockers' Charter by the largest Union on the General Council, the T. & G.W.U. The Charter became Union policy in 1945 and still they were

T.U.C. — This Tory Jubilation Isn't Based On Fact

port on Public Ownership", Bryn Roberts (N.U.P.E.) delegate took the rostrum in described it as ". . . a support of the "reference back", described it as ". . . a support of the "reference back", ing them to living costs as a until distress signals brought Bros. "fodder" basis, and, as expected, Heywood and Williamson from the asserted that increased production on the library are reported on the library forms to oppose the motion on tivity was the only basis for wage jubilant press reports on the behalf of their own organisations victory of the Platform on all General Workers) though voting major questions which confor the Report, seemingly hadn't fronted Congress proves how the heart to speak for it! right Bryn Roberts was.

SUPERFICIAL 'VICTORY'

"Leading in" the Public Ownership Report, Bro. Geddes, for the General Council, had many delegates wondering whether they had read the right one, until his conclusions made it apparent that, like the Report itself, he paid boundless lip-service to Social

The Clarnico Victory

Many thanks for the "Socialist Outlook's" support for our fight for Trade Union recognition, and for your kind offer to publish any material about our strike in your paper.

After a strike lasting nine days the directors of Clarnico's have at last agreed to accept our terms for the appointment of shop stewards and collectors.

It remains to be seen whether the directors will remain true to their word.

Secretary, Clarnico Strike Committee.

General Council's victory is obvious in the fact that delegate after

Further significance lies in the These victories however wholly superficial. The "Communist" smear and the customary personal abuse were customary personal abuse were susceptible to rank and file customary personal abuse were General Council's main resource.

A.E.U., Provin, and file pressure, and of other Unions one and a half million votes were not

WHAT THE PRESS 'FORGOT'

These abstentions, and the minority vote victory, inspired Vincent Tewson to report, at the close of Congress, that one Union's votes of 1,277,000 had not been had much publicity in the press. Ted Hill, was lost on a show of but the statement which followed hands. The "Communist" smear by the T. & G.W.U. delegate "That was applied with a heavy hand on the his delegation's card had been up this question, as it was on the on every occasion" has been motion that the level of re-arma
The "Fuel Conservation Report" on every occasion" practically ignored. has been

It may be of interest to recall that the Standing Order under which Sir Lincoln Evans was permitted to retain his seat as a delegate was the same which removed Keir Hardie and Tom Mann as delegates to Congress!

The "Observer" (September 13) referring to nationalisation stated: The views of Messrs. Deakin and Williamson, and of Sir Will Lawther—the Big Three who can more or less decide what Trades

All those were killed by Home Guard and White Mau Mau, the

Kenya Police Reserve, and they were taken from their homes at night on Wednesday.

MEN CASTRATED

Home Guard.

OVING the reference Ownership, but resolutely opposed than the voting result implies. The complete separation of the platform from the rank and file is apparent throughout the proceed. apparent, throughout the proceed-

On wages, Deakin rejected relat-

What Happened at the T.U.C.

ByNorman Dinning

resolution calling for support for Unions campaigning for higher wages and which declared that increased productivity should be reflected in living standards. out that the Report condemned the whole of industry for the wasteful

The resolution against the British Productivity Council's local committees, as impinging on workrecorded. This announcement has shop piece-prices, and moved by had much publicity in the press.

Ted Hill, was lost on a show of but the statement which followed by the T. & G.W.U. delegate "That was applied with a heavy hand on cerned to the community of the ing Britain's economic recovery.

> Similarly smeared was the "impossibility of selling British complete severance of the General coal in a free market whilst our miners receive six days' pay for five days' work at a $7\frac{1}{2}$ hour day".
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> Throughout the proceedings 2

MORE ARGUMENTS FOR NATIONALISATION

Union policy is going to be—have prevailed". This is the significant fact of the Congress.

Bearing this in mind, all questions take on a different aspect Conservation Report reterred to the Such superficial victories cannot continue. The class lines are sufficient coal for Britain's needs. Having read the Council's "Fuel called leadership is in the saddle. Conservation Report" in part, I Its unseating is merely a matter of took the rostrum myself to point time. Council's Report referred to the

increases. This did not prevent him, however, from opposing a Attended the Douglas T.U.C. as

delegate from the A.E.U.

whole of industry for the wasteful methods of fuel usage and that the main obstacle to efficiency was that private capital for re-equipment and mechanised stoking, was usely to be a control of the cont unobtainable.

ment is the major factor prevent- in itself is a strong case for the extension of public ownership.

The A.E.U. motion for a cammotion for unrestricted world paign to defeat the Tory Govern-trade on which Sam Watson ment, though rejected on a show (Miners) artificially introduced the of hands, is the final proof of the

> Throughout the proceedings 2 million votes were consistently Socialist in objective. The Big Three card vote is recognised as Tanner's Productivity the General Council's mainstay.

Such superficial victories cannot

Write.... Witch-hunt: Time to Act

More Readers

OUR readers may be interested to learn that a Trades Council is being formed in Whitstable and Herne Bay. An inaugural meeting was held recently, at which the secretary stated that favourable replies regarding the formation of the organisation had been received from 15 Union branches in the area, giving a potential membership

I now quote verbatim from the report of the meeting given in the 'Herne Bay Press', September 11. 'One point he (the secretary) did stress, was that they should be as non - political as possible. He realised there were some left wing factions who would try and make the Council a platform for propaganda, but they must be firmly dealt with no matter to what party they belonged. If that was not done, the public would begin to say 'Hello, another cell'."

doctrine? Not on your life! The leopard never changes his spots but he can modify his manifestos!

The Conservative policy of not having a policy, as well as being a weakness is, in another way, a source of strength. The clever Tory is the one who agrees with

May I draw your attention to the fact that the warning is directed only against "left wing factions", also that these are to be "firmly dealt with" to whatever It shows that the modern, moderate party they belong. This means that not only Communists are to be silenced, but all Labour Party with his "industrial charter" and with his "ind supporters except those of the right wing.

Isn't it time that rank and file Trade Unionists made strong and determined protests against this sort of thing?

Florence M. Picton. Herne Bay.

These Tories

would like to appear are Burke 1951. It is a lesson many of us and Disraeli. Burke flourished in the days when English reaction bold, we must be Socialists. was thoroughly panic stricken by the tremendous social upheavals

Carmarthen

tion and it is to him we must look to see Toryism naked and gibbering with anti-democratic fear; the Tories of today who privately revere Burke as their supreme ancestral arbiter of politics and morality could hardly parade such sentiments as these in "The Right Road for Britain".

"A perfect democracy is the most shameless thing in the world . . . our constitution is far better than the choice of a nation, far better than any sudden and temporary arrangement by actual election . . . 10,000 times better than choice." (Burke).

Do modern Conservatives reject such literally anti-democratic doctrine? Not on your life! The

Tory is the one who agrees with Burke that what distinguishes wise government is the ability "to know the best time and manner of yielding what it is impossible to keep". "mild" budgets, is the man to fear.

The lesson and moral of all this? We must go where the ever-adaptable Conservative cannot follow; we must press on with a social revolution based on the Marxist ethic, which the Tories are congenitally incapable of understanding and, therefore, of adapting and distorting to their own purposes.

Want Watching:

In any contest between "moderate" social democracy and that bastard hybrid Tory democracy the result will be victory for reaction, as we saw in October 1951. It is a lesson many of us have yet to learn. We must be have yet to learn.

Stop The White Terror in Kenya! A cry for help from the Kikuyu people—read it and ACT!

Following are extracts from the exact text of a letter written on behalf of the Kikuyu people:

This letter is to greet you and to give you news from here.

Things here have grown terribly bad and I am sure that you don't get the whole truth of how things are here, because it is only the papers you read, which are written by the White Mau Mau in Kenya.

The Home Guards you hear about are the greatest enemy of the country because of what those people have done together with the white settlers, things which no one will forget for many hundreds of years to come.

Those among the Home Guards who had previously had disputes about land or cash crops or of any kind, took advantage of the emergency to eliminate their advers-

Home Guards are given permission to do whatever they like, to kill anybody without reference to any higher authority.

In their meetings the Home Guards jot down lists of names of those whom they want to kill, take it to show the district officer who gives them a motor-car at night and then they fetch every man from his home, put them in the car and then shoot them, some in the car, others at a cross-roads, leaving the bodies there, and others they take to the forests and shoot them there.

Some of the bodies they take to Kiambu and in the morning they are said to be terrorists.

This sort of thing has been going on for a long time, and those who are doing that work are both Home Guards and White Mau Mau—the Kenya

a few like Njorogo wa Kago Many men have been castrated by (Simeoni) and Stefano, the father the White Mau Mau. of Thiani; those are from Waidake

Many of their homes have beeschool and were taken from their burnt and many of their children houses by the Kenya Police Reserve on denunciation from the were burnt inside them. No good or property are allowed to be taken out of the burning huts, not [The writer then gives a long even cash, it has all got to be list of Kikuyu killed in Githun-

HOMES BURNT

None of the houses are burnt during the day, they are alwave burnt at night, and even houses of people who were arrested and detained in the past are now being burnt.

What is happening here is ind, took advantage of the emergency to eliminate their adversries.

If you happen to be well off and certain Home Guard happens to a liseless of these killings of intervals.

Recause of these killings of intervals.

What is nappening here is terrible—even we are not living at home. The Reverend Bwana Gatungu and Charles Karao were arrested in May and were sent to Kajiado. [Follows a list of those killed arrested in May and were sent to continually in this trouble.

Because of these killings of innobe jealous of you, this is the time when they get rid of you.

Because of these killings of innobe jealous of you, this is the time when they get rid of you.

Because of these killings of innobe cent people whenever those concerned feel like it, many yound whether you know anything or people feel compelled to go away not, you must say that you took when a woman says she does They find this is a good time to exterminate those people. The home.

They find this is a good time the elder men are no longer at to exterminate those people. The home.

They find this is a good time the elder men are no longer at the Mau Mau oath, because if you when a woman says she does refuse to do so, your home and not know about the Mau Mau that of the locust will be the same, oath, boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same, oath boiling water is kept near that of the locust will be the same that of the locust will be the same that the locust will be the same that of the locust will be the same that the locust wi or castration are being burnt, you without mercy.

example, at Gathage water mills. There the women of that side are compelled to go to the mill, where they are shut in and all their clothes taken off.

From 5 p.m. to 6.30 they are forced to go into the water behind the dam with their hands raised above their heads; they are up to their necks in water and stay there for 25 to 30 minutes.

Then they are taken out, still naked, and are beaten and beaten, being at the same time told to say that Kenyatta administered the Mau Mau oath to them at his home, which is not far away.

A great number of women are

and she is just left there.

EXTERMINATED

What I could tell you is that nobody is allowed to move from one village to the other without a pass, even Indians are not allowed to enter Kikuyu country.

The reason is that they should not disclose what is happening here. There are some villages in which the population has been completely exterminated. Even to gather the information which I have given you in this letter is There is another new thing. It

is to arrest anybody without dis-crimination, children as well as People are being hundreds thousands without being given

They are said to be Mau Mau.

They are lined up, and then cut The houses of those who go or you will be given to the white and is poured on her breasts until up and told—up to here, one year; away from home for fear of death settlers, who will certainly shoot here skin comes off there and then up to here, two years; and so on, and you are not to ask why.

The people of Rift Valley were expelled under the pretext of being Mau Mau and put into detention Another terrible thing now If she is dead, she is dead. If camps. Those are the people who happens at certain locations, for not, that is her own business. were given three to seven years

> They are the people who refused to work for the white man and returned to the reserve.

> Many of them have been castrated.

At a camp in the farm of a certain European when all the men were imprisoned, their families, wives and children were left in the camp without anything to eat because none of them had been allowed to take anything with them when they were driven out.

They left all their goats and crops be hind them on the European farm. There are some who left about two stores of maize and and others about 80 to 100 goats.

Some are beaten, others are detained, and then given three, five, six or seven years imprisonment.

They are said to be Man Man. After some time it was decided Kikuyu station, without knowing where to go or what to eat.

The great trouble they found is that of hunger, because the people in the reserve had very little to eat themselves.

BANANA PEEL

So it has become a custom with the women to go to the market to pick up waste of sugar cane and banana peels to eat. That is the type of food which they give to heir children.

Another thing is that of people who have been detained in camps like Githunguri, Kiamuangi, Uplands. Every night two or four of them are taken out by the white Mau Mau, the Kenya Police Reserve, to be

Three young men from Mbari ya Kihara were shot on July 18. These bad things are still going

What should we do about this? Of course, we are still being beaten and killed. Can you see some people and tell them the story?

This Conference must give REAL aid to Africa

called by the Congress of Peoples against Imperialism in tion calls for the evacuation of London's Beaver Hall on British troops from Egypt, the immediate abolition of all forms September 26 and 27.

organisms, and that all the peoples of Africa have a fundamental As far as

of a delegate conference people of the respective countries. the resistance movement

Among other things, the resoluof racial discrimination, technical The main discussion will centre assistance to raise the standard of round the basic resolution. This living of the African peoples, the asserts that the principle of right to organise political, Trade democracy is applicable to all Union and co-operative organisations. We standard of the people detected the property of the property dition of their political and social books and pamphlets without

MANY KILLED

I cannot tell you the names of all the people who have been killed, but I can make mention of all the make in the resolution are fighting. The iails of Kenva definite time-table should be set and Nyasaland are filling up with a star as it goes, this is a very atricans cannot provide out of good propagandist resolution. But their meagre earnings. We must their meagre earnings. We must good propagandist resolution. But their meagre earnings. We must their meagre earnings. We must something for the indefinite future, passing resolutions, the Africans cannot provide out of good propagandist resolution. But their meagre earnings. We must something for the indefinite future, passing resolutions, the Africans cannot provide out of good propagandist resolution. But their meagre earnings. We must something for the indefinite future, passing resolutions, the Africans cannot provide out of good propagandist resolution. But their meagre earnings. We must something for the indefinite future, passing resolutions, the Africans cannot provide out of good propagandist resolution. But their meagre earnings. We must something for the indefinite future, passing resolutions, the Africans cannot provide out of good propagandist resolution. But their meagre earnings. We must something for the indefinite future, passing resolutions, the Africans cannot provide out of good propagandist resolution. But their meagre earnings. We must something for the indefinite future, passing resolutions, the Africans cannot provide out of good propagandist resolution. But their meagre earnings. We must something for the indefinite future, passing resolutions, the Africans cannot provide out of good propagandist resolution. But their meagre earnings we must something for the indefinite future, passing resolutions, the Africans cannot provide out of good propagandist resolution. As far as it goes, this is a very

FRICA's struggle for free- out, after consultation with repre- the victims of British imperialism, isers—all the thousand and one sentative African leaders, for the In South Africa the lash is scar- things which we take for granted of a delegate conference rapid transfer of power to the ring the backs of many a hero of in Britain but which are often records of the respective countries.

A letter from a Kikuyu, which appeared in the "Daily Worker" on September 7 and which is reprinted on this page describes the unrelenting terror to which the people of Kenya are being sub-

We say Africans must have the peoples, whatever the present contions and to publish newspapers, right to organise. That is very good. But effective organisation requires technical resources which Africans cannot provide out of

yond the dreams of African Trade Unionists.

Africans are being arrested in their thousands and hauled before imperialist courts. We must provide funds to enable these victims of oppression to get adequate legal defence and to look after their families when they are in jail.

We say give them the right to oublish newspapers and pamph-lets. Very good—but let us send them the cash to make all this

Morecambe, Douglas and Margate

there has been a consistent understood only from the stand-strength of the left.

Trade Union life cannot be the stand-strength of the left.

So we say to the stand-strength of the left. the left. This was to be ex-

Arthur Deakin threatened the left wing with reprisals, and whatmight think about his promises to them, he certainly is a man of his word as far as the fight against the left goes.

THE BACKGROUND OF **DOUGLAS**

This was followed up by one from Morrison and it culreprisals against the Bevanites in parliament. At the time it was parliament. At the time it was pretty clear that Deakin and Co. wanted to carry the fight much further, but here they ran up against difficulties. The right wing parliamentary group led by and Greenwood could not go the whole hog in a provocative campaign which might well have split the Labour Party. They understood that whereas Mr. Deakin would still remain boss of the T. & G.W.U. they stood a good chance of losing a decisive section of the Labour Party. So they issued some vague instructions on the Bevanite Brains Trusts and a rebuke to the T.U.C. This latter event disclosed a serious crisis in the camp of the right wing and temporarily halted (at least openly) the campaign against the left.

the Unions. They began, in their own way, politically. O'Brien in his "love to Churchill" greeting, fired the opening shot. This was followed up by several speeches after listening to the "Lord of hailing the need for Union "independence". The line was unmistakable. The T.U. right wing after a setback inside the Labour after listening to the "Lord of this Deakinite "more production" cry.

The struggle of class forces is Party were now drawing closer to the Tories. All this culminated in a sharp meeting or the General Council during which the left wing led by the N.U.R. attacked Deakin and Co. in fairly strong sharp meeting of the General usual superior tone of this august

refused to lead the Road Haulage shado workers against Transport detion. important section of workers.

At the conferences of the T. G.W.U., the Mineworkers and M. G.W.U. there were many signs that the right wing apparatus men were extremely busy. In the case of the M. & G.W.U. the "top chieftains" refused to nominate Mark Hewitson as the Union representative on the N.E.C. they consider him some sort of Bevanite fellow traveller?

Lawther launched the campaign for Morrison to replace Green-wood as treasurer and Eirene White withdrew her nomination as women's representative on the as a protest against the intolerable atmosphere created by Deakin and Co.

DOUGLAS IN PERSPECTIVE

analysed within the framework of tribute to one whom each re-upon the workers. this situation. After a year of concentrated organisational preparation the right wing met on "home ground" so far as the MacLean, outstanding fighter

The period was one of intense apparatus struggle went, and it could not have been otherwise. The big Unions had the "block vote" so streamlined that they lost some of it in their haste to support the platform. On the other hand the left held its ground with something in the region of $2\frac{1}{2}$ million votes. It was not enough to carry resolutions but it disclosed a basic line up of Unions which have consistently clashed with each other since the O'Brien telegram.

Superficial reporters of the conference, such as the "Sunday Observer" hail the proceedings as a great victory for the right. Pessimistic people on the left may also be overawed by the proceedings and consider that it registered ings and consider that it registered

Socialist Outlook

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Trade Union life cannot be picture in carried at annual conference. These are, it is true, important indications of current opinion, but they are not by themselves decisive. What is decisive in the ever the rank and file of his Union long run, is the class action which lies behind the resolutions. At the Margate T.U.C. last year the right wing lost out on the nationalisation issue, but it has taken Moreambe and the Tory denationalisation schemes to put some teeth into the fight. Even now this has Gaitskell kicked off with his not got really going, because like everything else the working class

- By -G. Healy

will only begin the fight on the study of the agenda for Moreverges with the struggle to maintain their standard of living. Last year's T.U.C. adopted a resolution in favour of nationalisation, but this did not save the Road Haulage workers.

left stands the greatest wage movement since the end of the war. "But", someone may ask, "did not the Congress call for more producof course it did. Thus tion?" spoke the voice of the machine, but everyone knows that the real picture is different inside the workshops. employers" "Its all up to the says the "Observer", The T.U. right wing then concentrated on a "clean up" inside the Unions. They began, in their minded employers are engaged over way politically. O'Brien in more and more in a trade war.

The struggle of class forces is always decisive. Should this emerge from the coming wage movement, then the placid apparatus of the T.U.C. despite the block vote will disintegrate rapidly; the left will begin to gain strength inside the machine and a new era for British Trade Union-On the industrial front Deakin deliberations were therefore overshadowed by a major contradic-The right wing, through nationalisation and in turn in-apparatus organisation, got its flicted a serious setback on this vote over the left, but the growth of class forces working to undermine the apparatus had consider-

SINCE the right wing defeat a big victory for Deakin, but both at Morecambe last year, conclusions are wrong.

Trade Union life. estimating the real

> So we say to the superficial observers: "Please don't worship too much the accepted fact of the Deakin - Williamson block vote procedure—go amongst the rank and file and get their feelings before you hail 'the victory for the right'."

The reason for the considerable organisational demonstration of Deakin and his friends is an expression of the enormous fear of what the future holds for them. Their strength must not be underestimated but the left must make its starting point the growth of working class resistance to Tory-

MARGATE

This is also particularly true of the preparations for the forth-coming Margate conference. A cambe alongside that of Margate reveals important progress in the development of political ideas within the movement. Whilst at Morecambe the wording of the basic resolutions were in many cases vague and general, this time Two things stood out very they are much more clear and clearly at Douglas. The right precise—the party is now beginwing through the apparatus ning to understand its Socialist defeated the left—but behind the goal and is speaking up accordgoal and is speaking up accordingly, and this, in itself, is also a reflection of the deepening of class forces over the past year. It is the political answer to Deakin's steamroller tactics.

> The left goes to Margate with a Union block vote in the region of 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ million and at least 600,000 C.L.P. votes. Great questions will undoubtedly be keenly contested and it is possible that the left can get some of its policy included in "Challenge to Britain" oold leadership from the floor will be necessary.

ites on the platform will join forces with the rank and file on the floor and thus guide the conference in a real Socialist direc-Theirs is a heavy responsibility—all eyes are upon them.

The left has made important progress inside the Unions and L.P. over the past year. It has forced the right into a desperate last-ditch stand to maintain its position. The development of the class struggle in Britain is now creating conditions whereby the left will have the opportunity to deal the knock-out blow to apparatus men inside the T.U.C. and the L.P. The question of the hour is "will the left be sufficiently prepared to seize the opportunity for this?"

From the experiences of the past year, one great danger two-fold. To give the local voters emerges—that is the tendency to a chance to meet their local M.P. try to confine working class struggles in the country to the verbal debates in Parliament and its committee rooms. That error broke up the movement of the Road Haulage workers. It will do considerable damage if insisted upon in the future. If the left is to defeat the right it must place itself squarely on the side of the vast millions who are demanding more wages—not only in words but in deeds. Let us back up the Parliamentary debates with some real action in the country. A declaration by "Tribune", giving full support to all workers demanding more wages in any action they may take would greatly help this progress. It would put the teeth in the fight to defeat finally Deakin and Morrison.

The right-wing decisions Douglas rest on feet of clay; Margate can be the scene of a -but here again no one should most important victory—but the underestimate the apparatus offen- real test lies ahead and can only sive organisationally. To get be decided if Labour's left amendments carried will mean a supports and leads unconditionally stiff struggle. It can be done but the millions now moving into action against Toryism, not only in Parliament but in the country.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS

ONTRARY to the pessimistic conclusions drawn by most of the Left Wing press in Britain, our German Correspondent writes that the result of the West German Election does not mean the defeat of the German working class.

The great mass of the middle class, and a small section of the workers, voted for Adenauer's Christian Democrats because they credit them with the present prosperity of German industry and are fearful of any drastic change. All the neo-fascist parties were decisively rejected. The working class remains solidly

Our Correspondent's full analysis will appear next week.

Student Survey Shows Need For Left Lead

a University tends to lay them and who had no real idea of what Socialism stood for. stress upon the more ciation of Labour Student selves and realise a little of the Organisations last week worked with the South Hammersmith Labour and Co-operative Party in their Socialist Week.

The group was led by Tom Williams, the local Labour and Co-operative M.P., and also included many of the local L.C.C. and Borough councillors.

and Councillor on the doorstep; and to make every supporter of the Labour Party into a member of the Party. It was to this end that the team of students worked and carried out their door to door canvass.

In 1945 when Labour first won the seat the membership of the local party was only 40 but by 1953 it has grown to over 2,000 and last week the student team succeeded in adding another 438 members, thus putting the cause of Socialism on an even firmer foundation in South Hammer-

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT?

It was stressed in the conversaions with people that they were being asked to support the cause not only with their vote but also with a membership subscription of 6d. per month. Many Labour supporters were only too pleased to be able to help the cause in this way, and many admitted that a sense of frustration was felt in between elections when there appeared to be no concrete method member. which they could assist the cause if for a variety of reasons they could not actively participate in local affairs. Financial assistance seemed in a large number of cases to provide the outlet required for support.

The lack of political education understanding was clearly numbers of apathetic people who Socialists. just not interested in the political parties, and also in the large numbers of staunch Labour supporters who were merely such because their fathers and their

ECOGNISING that life in father's fathers had been so before

theoretical approach to the political problems of the team with their conversamodern world, six student tions with this type of people have members of the National Asso-influenced them to think for themsignificance of the democratic vote.

> This general lack of political education led to many interesting discussions among the members of the team. One of the major undecided problems was whether we are to demand a certain level of political awareness and education before we allow these people into the Party; or whether we should permit them to join and educate them after within the Party ranks.

> The team consider this an interesting and vital problem and one which could be developed a great deal further.

VALUE OF A LEFT WING

Another interesting fact which the team observed was the number of people who were apathetic and doubtful because of a feeling that the Labour Party had deviated from its original Socialist programme. It was very pleasing to note that when it was pointed out to these people that there was a fighting Socialist wing of the Labour Party many of them recovered their interest. Some of Labour their Socialism within the ranks of the Party.

In this way it is perhaps true to say that a number of peon who would have drifted out of politics, or gone over to the Com-munist Party, have been saved for the Labour movement.

The team feel that this is an important guide to the feelings of the rank and file supporters and something which is attention of every Labour Party

In general, the campaign week was of great personal benefit to every member of the canvassing team. It gave an opportunity for studying local and national problems at first hand. University studies will now be recommenced with many useful things learnt and a large number of trends and probapparent to the team in the large lems to be discussed with fellow

Signed:

R. P. Seymour.

R. Bradbury.

J. C. Smith.

Labour's History

No. 16. Clydeside's Greatest Revolutionary

John MacLean—The Rebel Teacher

silently wound its way through not for John. the streets of Glasgow. It was Thousands of working The lesson of the T.U.C. which people had gathered from all all the Clydeside revolution-aries, his life burnt out at the early age of 44, fighting for Socialism and working-class

working-class families.

Widowed at 42, his mother eturned to the mills to eke out an existence for herself and family of tour. Scrimping and scraping and lean will be entenly remembered. Increases. The workers lettesed to give place to a new society. I concarefully nursing every penny, she Their most brilliant expositor of pay and formed themselves into sider capitalism the most infamous, succeeded in providing her family Marxian economics, his activities Tenants' Committees. Several bloody and evil system that manwith a decent education. John was spread all over Scotland. Every workers were summoned before later to remark: "It was the know-available minute of his day, at the Small Debts Court for failure workers have no economic interest to pay and immediately the shiptory and some even in the early hours of the yard workers struck work. and sisters to enable me to be morning during breaks in the educated, that made me resolve to night-shifts, he spent developing a use my education in the service of class consciousness amongst the the workers".

After graduating from Glasgow A typical incident in the life of pre-war level there would be a series on June 12.

day in the year 1923 that a M.A., he took up occupation as a an

His whole conscience revolted the largest demonstration of its against the surrounding class kind ever to be seen in the oppression and widespread social injustices; every fibre in his body was set ablaze by the appalling The lesson of the T.U.C. which met at Douglas last week must be over Scotland to pay final dustrial capitalism had inflicted



emancipation.

MacLean's passage through life was not an easy one. Son of a potter, he was born at Pollokshaws on August 14, 1879, ten months before the collapse of the Glasgow City Bank had created unemployment and acute privation for many working-class families.

med for an educated working class and the leaders of the Section and the le of Socialism, but Das Kapital is the University. A study of Marxian theory is necessary to anyone who wishes to take an active part in Socialism."

workers.

The crowd filed right round sharks and stock manipulators.

The supreme test for those who had embraced the faith of Social-ism came in 1914. The war clouds

- By -Dalkeith Councillor David R. Smith

burst and the leaders of the Second International scattered like a lot of wild geese. MacLean stood firm culmination of imperialist rivalry.

"Our first business is to hate



Addressing a monster demonstration MacLean warned the Government that unless steps were Government that unless steps were *This stirring episode was taken to restore the rents to their recounted in our Labour's History

the floor of the building and out activity occurred on October 27, again, much to the dismay and 1915. He was charged with "utter-consternation of the financial ing statements calculated to preing statements calculated to pre-judice recruitment." At a meeting hadden to be a meeting of society for the benefing all. I have nothing to retract. for 15 years in the Socialist army worth fighting for. God damn all other armies." The sentence was £5 or five days imprisonment. He chose the latter and lost his job into the



Conducting his own defence MacLean delivered the most MacLean was largely instrumental in promoting the famous accused but as the accuser of Glasgow rant strike. The sum accusing the dock of Glasgow rant strike. The sum accusing the famous accused but as the accuser of Glasgow rant strike. The sum accusing the famous accused but as the accuser of Glasgow rant strike. ded in providing her family of Scrimbing and scraping with blood owners attempted to exploit the from head to foot. Capitalism is war situation by demanding rent rotten to its foundations, and must increases. The workers refused to give place to a new society. I conded in providing her family Marking active part in Socialism."

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T was on a bleak December University with the degree of John MacLean was when leading general strike on the Clyde. The a patriot so far as my class is conday in the year 1923 that a long procession slowly and long procession slowly and eacher. A sedate life within the through Glasgow in 1907 he drop the charges and the Governountry. I stand loyal to my suggested that they invade the ment to introduce the first Rent country because I stand loyal to the class which creates the wealth His first arrest for anti-war throughout the whole of the world. I fight for an absolute reconstruction of Society for the benefit of

> MacLean expected no mercy a heckler had interjected: "Why from a bourgeois Court of Law; don't you enlist?", and MacLean nor did he seek any. The sentence had retorted: "I have been enlisted imposed was five years penal

Terms of imprisonment during which he was subjected to severe mental torture and attempts to ruin After later serving another 14 his nervous system, and his hunger months for "advocating strikes to strike in protest against the prevent conscription", he again appeared for trial on May 9, 1918, charged with sedition.

After later serving another 14 his nervous system, and his hunger strike in protest against the chemicals added to his food, appeared for trial on May 9, 1918, finally shattered him both physically and mentally. His life already receding from his body, he contested the Cophele age agendic contested the Gorbals as a candidate of the Scottish Workers Republican Party, which he had helped to form. He collapsed and died six days before polling day. To the very end he was to be seen stamping his way across Scotland thundering out his hatred of the capitalist system; at the same time. pouring forth his love for humanity.



What finer tribute could have been paid to his unflinching devo-tion to the working class than his first Soviet Consul to Britain?

His memory will remain con-secrated in the hearts of those who carry on the fight for the triumph of his ideals, long after the present day renegades who were associated with his name have been forgotten.

Socialism can't be built with **Jerry-builders**

F Socialism is to be built in Britain for the lasting benefit of Britain's people, we must not give the contract to those "Jerry-builders", Messrs. Attlee, Morrison, Gaitskell and Co. (very Ltd.) whose edifice was built upon the shifting sands—as the last General Election so clearly

values and especially for some mines nearly worked out—or for railways, of which many branch lines were closing down through road competition, decay and out of date rolling stock.

murmur from stockholders, any more than from the Bank of England proprietors, who were openly delighted with their own good luck!

Was this kind of one-sided deal equitable to Britain's majority, who, in order to pay the vast

★ Star Letter ★

interest demands, have had to forego increased old age pensions, and, under Toryism, seen food subsidies reduced and bank interest

Of course it wasn't fair!

Now these flagrant failures are pulling strings to gain executive control once more!

Ramsey MacDonald and Jimmy Thomas and Co. over again!

Let Margate decide to rebuild on the rock of Socialism, instead of subsidising wealth at the popular expense.

Let us study honest Keir Hardie human race. and go all out for our Socialist objective!

ambitions.

Margate should abolish any rules which permit the leaders to flout rank and file opinion!

There should also be a move to nationalise half Britain's national. daily, weekly, women's and evening press, which should be handed over to the Socialist Party (not its Secretary) and writers of the National Union of Journalists only—with plenty of space for public opinion!

Then, and only then, will freedom of expression prevail in

The circulation of the Tory-Liberal controlled other half of the press would then rapidly

When friendly liaison wit Socialist and aspiring Socialist countries becomes a fact, the Communism of today bereft of fear of united reactionary govern-ments, will become the Socialism of tomorrow, with all that means in peaceful trade, and security war (now impossible) between the working peoples of the world, now being driven to fight, and arm at enormous ex-penditure to keep up a ruthless imperialism, out solely for the private profits of the few!

Herbert Feilden.

Our Readers Write..

who should have that, if it had been left to the people of Persia, Malaya, ist policy can put such a propersian oil? that, if it had been left to the people of Persia, Malaya, ist policy can put such a propersian, that oil would still be Africa and other hitherto back-gramme into practice. below ground, with benefit to ward areas have awakened to the we are proud of the fact that Persian Oil?

As one who likes to hear all points of view, I have read a good deal of this pocket newspaper, "Socialist Outlook", over the No wonder there was not a ing new in it whatever. The old parrot-cries (which the official Labour Party, to its credit, has jettisoned in recent years) are there in abundance, but verbal pyrotechnics and abuse of political opponents cut no ice with in-telligent people. Neither does playing the Soviet game by helping them to spread their propaganda help British working people.

> Those who believe in democracy are always anxious to see a strong opposition party. Consequently I am not altogether pleased to see the British Labour Party losing ground as it seems to be but I fear that it will lose even more unless it takes effective steps to disown its lunatic fringe, which keeps on thumping the same old empty tub. Moreover it will lose its capacity to work for social its capacity justice and all that goes with it. There are many reforms which are long overdue even in this country, and much remains to be done before we can claim to have achieved freedom for the individual in a just society. Let us, therefore, unite ourselves so that we may by our unity achieve this before we attempt to unite the

There are 50 million mouths to feed in this Island, and, if Persian We are out for the public in- oil can help to fill them by way of terest, and **not** to advance private the City of London, let us do nothing to prevent it. Remember What is happening

What utter folly and iniquity to Britain's great majority, to give mining stockholders' inflated war values and especially for some nobody. The one-world boys may boast of their 'international outor else he is at pains to conceal his knowledge.

As one who likes to hear all British working man reduced so that the 'teeming millions' elsewhere may be uplifted. If you don't, you should be glad to support British enterprise, the fruits of which do not stay in financiers' pockets all the time, as you very well know.

Donald Saunby. Grimsby.

A Reply From C. Van Gelderen

of the Tory mind. The last paragraph especially is coached in the spirit of what the lads in the army used to sum up as: "To hell with you, Jack; I'm alright." What matters if the 'teeming millions' in the backward regions of the world slave away under conditions of indescribable misery, as long as the 50 million mouths in this

Of course, the greater part of the wealth created by the exploitation of the people in the colonies and in countries like Egypt, Iraq and Iran, has gone into the pockets of the wealthy in the shape of fat been given to the working class in this country and then only in return for hard work. The workers of Britain have had to fight, and fight hard, through their Trade Unions and political parties for any improvements in their standard of life, for an increased share of the wealth which British capitalism was sucking from all

fact that the wealth of their lands is being drained away by foreign financiers. And they have made up their minds to put a stop to

This need not mean a lowering of our standard of living—if we reorientate a great deal of our traditional thinking.

Instead of **exploiting** the colonial people, we must seek to

A CORRECTION

There were two unfortunate errors in the article on "Poplarism", which appeared in our last issue. The councillor who seconded the resolution was Charlie Keys, not Keen as stated in the article and the name of John Scurr was misspelt Scruff. The Editor expresses his regrets for these

co-operate with them on a basis of complete equality. This demands, in the first place, that we recognise their right recognise their right to political independence and full control over their own economies. We need from them raw materials for our industries and food for our people; they need from us capital equipment with which to develop their own resources and—for a long time to come—the manufactured goods we can produce in such abundance.

On this reciprocal basis we will be able to help the people in the backward parts of the world to advance and to raise their own standard of living while at the same time safeguarding the stand-

We are proud of the fact that the "Socialist Outlook" continues to publish what Mr. Saunby likes to call the "old parrot cries" of the Labour Movement. Like most supporters of the present system he would like to see a Labour opposition" shorn of its Socialist programme and simply a "left" reflection of Toryism. To this we will never agree.

We will fight, within our Labour Movement, for a Socialist policy Jones for nothing. "What every which alone can safeguard the worker wants from life is security standard of living of the British" writes Mr. Jones. Are workers (about which Mr. Saunby these workers not entitled to shows such concern) without, at security? the same time, filling the already bursting coffers of the City millionaires.

Compensation By T. W. Douglass. **Taxation?**

N his article "Nationalisationand How" Ernest Jones tells us that "The nationalised railways shell out £32 millions per year in interest alone to ex-shareholders and the National Coal Board . . . £14½ million to members of the same class". He goes on to tell us the that this being the case national-class isation is "A profitable game for shareholders".

His cure: "Stop the payment of interest on nationalised property and subject all hardship claims to a Trade Union commission".

I suggest to Mr. Jones that

his mind. He altogether lost sight

of the fact that the N.E.C. had taken no notice of the two resolu-

tions passed at the Morecambe Conference of 1952 which we have

press all holders of Coal Stock or Railway Stock should be informed that they were now holders of Government Stock. The Chancellor of the Exchequer thus being responsible for the payment of compensation would result in the widow contributing her mite and the millionaire his whack towards the cost of nationalisation. The miner and the railwaymen would pay no more than they were entitled to pay according to their income.

And Mr. Jones' cure is worse than the disease. Non-payment of compensation in the case of the mines and railways alone would mean the sudden withdrawal from the market of £46½ million worth of purchasing power. Imagine the ruin and unemployment that would cause! The servants, shop assistants, and the many others who had been kept in employment by this £46½ million would thank Mr.

Compensation is paid not because of any love for share-holders but to maintain the stability of the money market during the transition period between capitalism and Socialism.

Sunderland.

'Not On Your Life!

OMPENSATION for the nationalised industries is paid to maintain the stability of the shareholders and moneyed class. This class, which is parasitic, spends the £46½ million from the mines and railways on unproduc-tive things such as fur coats and racehorses, such people do not let 1d. to the wealth and well being whole. If acehorses, such people do not add of the country as a whole. compensation interest payments were stopped then £46½ million nationalisation is not being carried would be immediately available to out correctly. The true method is to place the cost upon the nation old ones, build new engines and and of life, for an increased share of the wealth which British apitalism was sucking from all which arts of the globe.

What is happening today is that standard of living while at the to place the cost upon the industry concaches and thoroughly modernise and and not upon the industry concaches and thoroughly modernise cerned. We should call upon a the transport system, which is future Labour Government to do very much overdue. I have no what the Tory Government did in doubt that there would be enough the case of Steel. Through the jobs thus created to absorb all those thrown out of work by the impoverishment of the share-holders. Cases of real hardship would be reviewed by appropriate Trade Union Committees.

Pay the shareholders out taxation says Mr. Douglass. Not on your life! This would only increase the already existing burden on the working people who pay the major part of taxation as it is. Does the capitalist pay tax out of his meagre spending money? Would the rich cut down on fags to pay off the £46\frac{1}{2} million? Their solution would be simple, put up the prices of their products, squeeze the workers a bit harder, employ clever lawyers to evade the tax laws. In the end it would be the workers who would have to pay the share-holders. Now they pay through transport costs and the price of coal and through low wages in the case of the workers in the industries concerned. Douglass' scheme was adopted the workers would still pay, through higher prices and speed up on the

The only Socialist solution is to stop the payment of interest ex-shareholders and utilise the money made available for improving wages and conditions and modernisation schemes, all very sound investments.

Nottingham. Ernest Jones.

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The N.E.C.'s Back Room Boy T the request of its represented nobody but himself— therefore there was not much Conference did not seem to cross

attended conference at Wimbledon, on September 5, 1953, to hear a review of

at long last, hear a member of the N.E.C. on the subject. No such thing. No member could be found, and the meeting was addressed by Mr. David Ginsburg, an official of the Party, i.e., Secretary of the Labour Party Research Depart-

There was some protest about this, but the meeting was informed that Mr. Ginsburg was one of the people behind the scenes really responsible for "Challenge to Britain". So on that he started.

Southport. He first of all explained that he

Regional Office the rather odd in view of the fact that chance of getting people seriously Surrey Federation of the meeting was called on official interested in political and econinstructions. Is it to be understood omic questions!

Labour Parties held a well that the N.E.C. is not prepared to He began by saying that the

He began by saying that the

defend the statement it has put document was put out by the forward?

N.E.C. in order to command the Anyway, he waded in for an support of the greatest possible "Challenge to Britain" by a representative of the N.E.C.

All sections of the movement were present in force.

Most people thought we would, at long last, hear a member of the N.E.C. no the subject. No such

re-printed on this page. Compare these definite instructions with "Challenge to Britain" on Home Affairs, every single issue dodged, and on Foreign Policy not a word of any sort.
Ginsburg then informed the

meeting that since there had been six years of successful Labour Government it was therefore more difficult to put over a challenge to capitalism. From this we are to assume that Ginsburg thinks that because we have got full employment and the Welfare State everybody is satisfied. What a pity he spends his time in Transport House. He should get about the constituencies a hit constituencies a bit.

According to him, our only hope is more trade with the U.S.A. and Canada. How? He did not know, but he hinted that perhaps jet aeroplanes were the answer; then if we could only get another 50 million tons of coal all our difficulties would be overcome. Nothing else needed. No Labour Party! No Socialism! Only 50 million tons of coal! How wicked of the miners not to get it!

In fact, right through his speech he time after time stressed the difficulties of a capitalist economy. Then he explained that all the possible solutions were so difficult as to be well nigh impossible, and then, time after time, the worker must produce more and consume less. That was his only real message. What conclusion are we to draw

from all this? Is Ginsburg really responsible for "Challenge to Britain", has the N.E.C. accepted it because there is nothing else, or it knows no better, or what?

Anyway, the meeting was in no oubt. When Mr. Ginsburg had doubt. When Mr. Ginsburg had finished there were about 20 threeminute speeches from delegates. Every one of them condemned "Challenge to Britain" and Mr. Ginsburg's defence of it. Not one single voice was raised in support. This, after 100 minutes from the back room boy. He did not reply to the discussion, and the Chairman told him to go and tell the N.E.C. what he had heard.

Tom Braddock

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What Was Decided By Last Year's Conference

On Home Affairs

"This Conference, recognising the need to place before the electorate a policy covering a set period, resolves that a similar course of action to that adopted in 1945 be followed by drawing up a five-year programme of policy and proposed legislation for submission to the electorate prior to the next election. . . .

"As our ultimate security depends in the last analysis on our own productivity and raising the efficiency of British industry, there should be greater public control over production. This involves the enlargement of the public sector by further nationalisation and by the extension of Municipal and Co-operative enterprise. deference therefore instructs the National Executive Committee to draw up a list of the key and major industries to be taken into public ownership during the five-year programme, it being made clear that no further sums of compensation shall be paid in respect of these industries being re-nationalised, and that the basis of compensation for newly nationalised industries and services shall be fair to the consumers and the workers.

"The programme shall elaborate the plans for Britain's next step towards a more Socialist society, with special attention to increasing the share of the national income taken by workers by hand and brain and to a more speedy diminishing of the existing inequality of

On Foreign Policy

"This Conference urges the Labour Party to be on its guard against the danger of supporting anti-working class forces in international affairs, the recognition of Franco's regime being a case in

"It declares that we can best serve the cause of peace by sticking to our distinctive Socialist principles and refusing to subordinate them to American, Russian or any other pressures. In particular, the Conference urges (a) the promotion and expansion of East-West trade and (b) resistance to the use of our military strength as a means of enforcing territorial changes in Eastern Europe or elsewhere.

"Finally, it deplores the condemnation of the risings of the oppressed peoples as Soviet-inspired plots, and affirms that peace can best be secured by seeing that maximum aid is given to undeveloped areas.'