

## STOP HAULAGE SELL - OUT ! PAY NO COMPENSATION !

### These T.U. Demands Anger Mr. Churchill

**T**HE Amalgamated Engineering Union has demanded that the next Labour Government re-nationalise the road haulage industry without paying any further compensation. This is, in every respect, a just and reasonable request.

Those who are prepared to "buy", at knock-down prices, public property which the Government has no moral right to sell . . . are guilty of a thinly-disguised robbing of the national exchequer. They must expect no different treatment to that which is regularly meted out to other, less prominent, members of the burgling profession.

In the parliamentary debate on the subject, Mr. Morrison didn't go as far as the National Committee of the A.E.U.—not by a dozen miles!—nevertheless, his speech contained sufficient of the popular indignation at the proposed smash-and-grab on road haulage that it drew from Mr. Churchill a sharp rebuke.

#### Cat Out of the Bag !

Referring to what he called this "grave issue", the leader of the Tories thundered: "If persons acting in good faith . . . are to be dispossessed without compensation, or with inadequate compensation, a new era will open up."

"Of course," he conceded, "one Parliament may change or reverse the legislation of another . . . (but) . . . it is quite a different thing to violate the broad equities of legal

#### Editorial

or commercial transactions. It would not only affect our credit in many ways, but the constitutional authority of Parliament itself would be impugned."

It was a most important speech. It should be pinned up in the offices of every trade union leader who opposes industrial action to prevent the passage of reactionary Tory legislation. For what did Mr. Churchill say? Translated into everyday language he said this: I will recognise the authority of Parliament ONLY SO LONG AS THAT AUTHORITY IS NOT USED TO ATTACK THE WEALTH AND PROPERTY OF MY BIG BUSINESS FRIENDS.

No matter if nine-tenths of the population demands that no compensation be paid to the road haulage robbers, if the next Labour Government puts this policy into effect . . . Mr. Churchill will consider that the "constitutional authority of Parliament has been impugned"! What a lesson for those who try to teach us that Parliament stands above class interests!

But at least we should be grateful to Churchill for clearing away the mystery which surrounds the conception of "parliamentary authority". Labour must adopt a similar, clear-cut, class attitude to this institution.

If Parliament serves the interests of the working class—who are, of course, the vast majority of the population—then it should be supported and defended. But if—as at present—Parliament serves the interests of Big Business and is used to lower our living standards, we should consider ourselves under no sacred obligation to recognise its authority.

## Have YOU realised? The Outlook needs £50 a month

**THANKS** to the untiring efforts of our many supporters the "Socialist Outlook" is now a fortnightly.

For three and a half years we have appeared once a month—campaigning for the application of socialist policies by the Labour Party; fighting the twin evils of Toryism and War; and urging support for the colonial peoples' struggle for freedom.

Opponents have tried to prevent the sale of the paper by "bans" and rumours of "proscription". This rumour has been scotched. The "Outlook" has established its right to circulate freely in the Labour Party. Our confidence that the working class would not let us down was not misplaced! Now we confidently predict—we shall soon be a weekly!

But first, we must have £50 a month in our Fighting Fund. We do not yet receive this amount because, we are sure, many of our supporters do not yet realise our need. We have been so occupied with fighting false policies inside the Party that we haven't shouted our own needs loud enough!

To cover bare costs of production and distribution, and build a fund for the weekly, WE NEED THAT £50.

Send us a donation now. The need is urgent. We ask you to act.

## German Treaty Means A New 'Korea' Re-armament Against The Will Of German Workers

**WORLD** War Three has been brought dangerously near by the decision to rearm Western Germany against the will of the great majority of the German people. If the decision is ever ratified, the peaceful unification of Germany will become almost impossible.

Western Germany—firmly gripped in the vice of the Truman-Churchill war alliance known as the "European Defence Community"—will be in possession of a modern army of 12 divisions staffed and officered by ex-fascists longing to claw back, with the aid of bombs and tanks, the land and

property taken from them by the workers and peasants of Eastern Germany.

Confronted with this situation, the East German Republic—if only in self-defence—will re-arm and draw closer in every way to Soviet Russia and the non-capitalist states of Eastern Europe.

The stage is being set for another 'Korea'—on a vastly bigger scale and right in the heart of Europe.

The bestial gang of German fascists now emerging from the prisons with the blessings of their jailers, and once more preparing to terrorise the peoples of a war-weary Europe, are now considered by the American-led world coalition of capitalist powers as reliable allies in



## END THE SHAME OF KOREA

By George West

**N**OT all the censored reports and contradictory statements from American generals in Tokyo can hide the rottenness of the United Nations' policy towards the Korean prisoners of war.

Out of 170,000 prisoners, 60,000, then 70,000, now 100,000! (*Manchester Guardian* 17/5/52) did not want to return back to North Korea or China—or so we were told.

Is anyone foolish enough to think that the American generals would carry on a war solely for the human rights of 60,000 (70,000 or 100,000) "gooks"—as they have arrogantly termed the peoples of the Far East?

That only one in every four Chinese prisoners should wish to return to his family and land is inconceivable. These Chinese have experienced the Chiang Kai Shek regime, they know its corruptness; millions of their fellow countrymen deserted its armies to join those of the Chinese communists. Yet we are expected to believe that three out of every four, of their own free will, decided they wanted to go back to Chiang!

#### GENERALS ADMIT IT

No! The truth is clear. What is being manufactured is a propaganda trap for the peoples of the "free" world. The war was to be given a new moral whitewash so that when the truce talks break down, young lads could then die in Korea (and China?) assured that they were fighting for "human rights". But events in Koje (and now in Pusan) have exploded the whole scheme.

General Colson, successor to General Dodd, admitted that the Geneva Convention had not been carried out at Koje (is it for this 'indiscretion' that he has been reduced to the rank of Colonel?)

There had been wounding of prisoners. The commander of the camp admitted that when prisoners refused individual re-screening, troops were sent in to separate them up. Red Cross delegates received information from a prisoner, referred to as a 'man of confidence', which gave a shocking picture of the activities of U.N. troops.

They entered the camp at 4 a.m. shot prisoners who attempted to leave their tents, and generally unleashed terror in the camp, even kicking dead bodies being loaded on to lorries. There was no medical examination of the wounded who were thus loaded on to the lorries with their dead.

What 'voluntary screening' really means has now been thoroughly exposed. Thus the anger and panic of the American Command and its removal of Colson. They have cynically repudiated Colson's agreement with the prisoners, just as they have repudiated the Geneva Convention on 'voluntary repatriation'.

#### MASSACRES COMING ?

The whole affair stinks to high heaven. Some slight smell has even penetrated the nostrils of the *Daily Herald* editor. He commented on May 14th . . . "Events are disturbing. Evidence is confused and often contradictory . . . there is a growing anxiety that all is not well in the camps." If nostrils in that quarter are slightly twitching, the stench from the activities of the U.N. command in Korea is nearly suffocating real socialists in the Labour Party.

The mass movement of troops into Koje and Pusan is a warning that a wholesale massacre of Chinese and Korean prisoners is being contemplated.

We must end this filthy war in Korea. Our Party was built for nobler things than supporting wars against colonial peoples. Let us have done with the war schemes of American generals. Let all real socialists redouble their efforts to rouse the Labour movement to end the shame of Korea. **Withdraw British Troops!**

## 50,000 Own Britain

**T**HE "Financial Times" has made an investigation into the ownership of British industry. Their figures—given in a book called "Ownership of Industry"—are startling.

They calculate that 4% of the adult population now own the whole of British industry. But nine-tenths of these owners hold between them less than 35% of the total capital. Consequently, one-tenth of the total shareholders—that is, about 120,000 people—own 65% of all British capital.

Allowing for the fact that roughly half of these shares are in nominee and corporate holdings, it is safe to conclude that no more than 50,000 people (probably less) OWN two-thirds of this country and . . . **CONTROL the lot!**

Any suggestions ?

## Support Thomson Strikers

**DESPITE** biased reports in the national press, few workers will fail to understand the real nature of the Thomson-Leng strike. It is a strike for the very principle of trade unionism itself. As the General Secretary of N.A.T.S.O.P.A. states, it is to defend "the right to belong to a trade union".

Brothers, that is an important issue!! No apologies are necessary for supporting this strike.

The reason behind the dispute is simple. Mr. Thomson apparently thinks he is living in the middle of last century—before we won the right to organise legally. He has, in fact, succeeded in turning the clock back—for a quarter century at least—in his own small domain.

Ever since 1926 Thomsons has been non-union and anti-union on the employers' side. On returning to work after the defeat of 1926, the Thomson workers were forced to sign the humiliating "Document"—an agreement not to join a trade union while serving this employer whom even Churchill was obliged to characterise as:—"a narrow, bitter, unreasonable being, eaten up with his own conceit, consumed with his own petty arrogance, pursued from day to day and from year to year by an unrelenting bee in his bonnet".

This, however, is no harmless "bee". If Thomson gets away with it in the print trade, now that his challenge has been accepted, other employers will feel that they can get away with this antiquated policy elsewhere. That is why we support the slogan: "Black All Thomson Work".

Support for the Thomson workers is already nation-wide. The London Office of N.A.T.S.O.P.A., for example, has received at least a thousand messages of support and solidarity, both moral and financial. We endorse that support and call on our readers to continue and extend it until the victory is won.

This is an officially recognised strike. It is on the most fundamental working class issue. It is most deserving of your support. We ask our readers to make every effort to ensure that their organisations go on record on it, and offer every kind of assistance to the Strike Committee.

**Donations to Glasgow District Office of N.A.T.S.O.P.A., 65 Robertson Street, Glasgow, C.2, or to Head Office: Caxton House, 13/16 Borough Road, London, S.E.1.**

## The Slump:

## Furniture Bosses Attack Sliding Scale

**THE** employers intend that workers should bear the brunt of rising prices. That is clear from the attempts now being made to undermine agreements which tie wages to the cost of living.

The first direct attack on sliding scale agreements (which cover some two million workers) comes from the furniture trade employers.

Furniture workers have a cost of living agreement whereby their wages rise a penny an hour for every three points rise in the cost of living index. The Furniture Employers Association now propose to amend the agreement so as to allow a penny an hour for every four points rise in the index! But that is not all.

Maintaining that the agreement is "unfair to them", the employers propose that this change shall be made retrospectively from April 1951!!

### WHAT IT MEANS

They therefore claim a standstill in cost-of-living increases until the present index figure (now standing at 132) shall have risen to 140, when a penny an hour for every four points will then begin to operate.

This would mean that by the time it reaches 144 the workers, instead of having had 4d. an hour increase, as they would under the present agreement, would only get 1d. an hour!!

The response of the furniture workers in defence of the old agree-

ment has been magnificent.

7,000 of them, from 40 London factories, demonstrated in Hyde Park on May 15th at the call of the London Furniture Workers Shop Stewards' Council.

### SUPPORT FOR UNION ACTION

They decided unanimously to "reject emphatically the proposals of the Employers' Association to amend the Interim Cost of Living Agreement dated 19th March, 1951" and pledged "support for any action the Unions may deem necessary in defence of the agreement, and resolve to make the maximum contribution to prevent any worsening of the present Agreement and living standards".

A deputation of 12 representatives of a cross section of Factories and Unions was elected to present the resolution to the workers' side

of the Joint Industrial Council.

In sending us a report of this magnificent meeting, Bro. J. Moss, Chairman of the Shop Stewards' Council, writes: "The capitalist press (including the *Herald*) ignored the meeting, in spite of being informed before and after. I don't suppose it had the news value of the public burning of ration books by the Housewives' League, or the kind of clothes the Queen is to wear at her coronation."

"This demonstration", says Jack Moss, "should be an encouragement to the Unions in their efforts to secure the withdrawal of the employers' proposals and the addition of 3d. an hour for all furniture workers. It also prepares the way for, the time when, and if, it will be necessary to take further action in defence of our living standards."

## GARMENT BOSSES DODGE HOLIDAY AGREEMENT

BY A CLOTHING WORKER

**L**ARGE scale unemployment and "short time" now threatens all workers in the clothing industry, and the position is made worse by the poor state of T.U. organisation (Mantle and Costume).

After a long period of negotiations at the Wages Council on the unions' proposal for holiday pay at average rates, a new order was finally made. Despite many weak-

nesses, it registered a substantial advance for clothing workers on holiday pay. The order operates as from the 23rd May and is based on the last year's earnings.

Having opposed the proposals during the negotiations, the employers are now taking steps to avoid payment this year. Many have issued notices ending employment before 23rd of May, others are making proposals designed to avoid payment by wage cuts or alteration of conditions of employment.

An emergency meeting of the Mantle and Costume Branch, National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, at the Shore-ditch Town Hall on 22nd May, gave a strong lead to resist these attempts to avoid payment of the new holiday rates.

The London District Committee of the Union has agreed to support the Branch Committee's request for an immediate meeting of the National Executive to ensure full support for any workers who may be locked out.

Among those who contributed to the discussion, Bro. Frank Hamilton, reporting his experiences in a non-union shop, said the workers agreed to join the union after the boss had threatened to sack them in protest against the new holiday rates. He also pointed out how the workers would respond with enthusiasm to a good union lead.

Workers must close their ranks quickly if they are to succeed in resisting the attacks of the employers and obtain full benefit from the new Order for holiday pay. Working conditions cannot be maintained or improved without 100 per cent trade unionism. Only through struggle, properly led, will it be possible to meet the developing crisis.

Rank and file workers must pay more attention to union affairs and build the kind of leadership which will be equal to the tasks ahead.

### JOURNALIST SUPPORTS SLIDING SCALE

**Y**OUR last issue had a valuable article on the need to secure wage agreements that included a cost of living sliding scale and also an outright wage advance.

This is nothing impossible or Utopian. The printing unions, including the National Union of Journalists to which I belong, have recently won such an agreement with the provincial newspaper proprietors.

It obtained up to 12s. a week immediate increase and stipulated that there would be a further increase of 1s. a week for every point rise in the cost of living index above 120.

As a result we have since been paid an additional 13s. a week cost of living bonus.

The undesirable feature of the agreement was that—apart from cost-of-living bonuses—there was a stabilisation clause precluding further wage advances for three years.

Manchester. Frank Allam.

## THE MISSING 100,000: LABOUR YOUTH TRIES AGAIN

*"This Conference calls upon the N.E.C. to provide the money and facilities necessary to co-ordinate the League of Youth within the framework of the Party into an effective national body, with an upper age limit of 25, and with a democratic structure and an organising staff."*

(Resolution of Scarborough Conference 1948.)

**M**ANY people in the Labour Movement, both young and old, thought the Scarborough Conference would establish a fighting Socialist youth organisation.

Today, four years later, and on the eve of the League's Second National Conference, has that hope been realised?

The National Consultative Committee of the League of Youth, then consisting in most cases of delegates selected and appointed by Regional Council of the Labour Party, set the League a target of 100,000 members to be enrolled by 1950! The beginnings of an organisation existed already in 1948—about 250 branches of a mainly social character, brought into activity by the adult party at election time to assist with the donkey work.

### WHAT WAS PLANNED

Arrangements were made for a great membership drive—public meetings in selected areas, the sale of a special broadsheet, distribution of a pictorial recruiting leaflet and mass canvassing. A monthly

journal named "Labour Youth" (later "Socialist Advance") was published (by kind permission of Transport House) and a National Public Speaking Contest was organised to keep members occupied when not out canvassing—but free expression on Party policy was not encouraged!

No attempt was made to seek affiliations from Trade Union Young Workers' Committees direct to the League of Youth.

Nevertheless, a good number of members were recruited to the League from the Party and by local canvassing, and some branches were formed. Between 3,000 and 4,000 members attended Filey and a meeting was given over for a short time during the rally for these members to consider the N.C.C.'s report of their work during the past year.

This report was rejected quite decisively by those present, who expressed the dissatisfaction which existed over the total lack of democracy in the organisation and the right of the League to run its own affairs.

### DEMOCRATIC VICTORY

The N.E.C. were eventually forced to concede the insistent demand for a National Delegate Conference of the League of Youth, and this took place at Easter, 1951. In spite of the severe restrictions placed on the sending of resolutions and delegates to this conference, it was attended by 350 delegates and 250 visitors.

Far from the National Status Campaign having had a "deleterious effect upon the development of the League of Youth" (Conference resolution from Beckenham), the N.C.C. reported that membership had increased to its highest figure, with 820 branches in November 1950, when the demand for autonomy had become the most important issue in the League.

### N.E.C. EVASIONS

The League of Youth Conference this year should carefully examine the Report of the N.C.C. and relate it to the resolutions passed last year, and those remitted to the



Committee for further consideration.

Of those passed, one calling for an Annual Delegate Conference of the L.O.Y. (previously endorsed by the N.C.C.) has been completely ignored by the N.E.C.

Similarly, no answer has been forthcoming to the demands for the right of Branches to send delegates and resolutions of their own choice without the veto of Constituency Parties.

A resolution establishing the right of the League to discuss Labour Party policy at all levels of its organisation has not been implemented, nor has the constitutional right of the League to have representatives at the Annual Conference of the Labour Party.

The question of closer co-operation with Trade Union youth and for their participation on our national and regional committees—one which is most important with regard to the membership drive—

## Your Ideas Wanted

Are you a member of the League of Youth? What do you expect from the forthcoming Filey Youth Conference? Do you, for example, agree with the views of W.E.H. in this article?

If you send us your opinions by June 6th, we will publish them in our next number on June 13th.

has not even been discussed by the N.C.C. or the N.E.C.!

### THE RESULT

The N.C.C. report this year clearly indicates that as far as membership is concerned, we are back where we were in 1949; with about 650 branches, and the decline took place during the last 12 months. A liberal estimate by Transport House of the actual membership is about 5,000—plus! This is indeed a striking indictment of the N.E.C.'s policy towards the League of "be-seen-and-not-heard", carried out vigorously during the past four years.

Whilst the League may not be much larger, it has certainly learned bitter lessons and can stake its claim to be a serious and mature political youth organisation. This is a great credit to those who have stuck out for the right to manage their own affairs.

Now is certainly the time (as the N.C.C. says) to oppose the reactionary policy of the Tory Government and present the alternative of Socialism to British youth. But this cannot be done on the basis of "marking time" in the League and the Party, at a time when the standard of living is driven down and the lives of young people are being sacrificed in colonial wars.

Given freedom, the League of Youth can recruit thousands of young working people on the basis of a self-determined political youth policy in defence of wages, working conditions, education, etc. If the delegates to the next Conference realise this, then we can find the "missing 100,000" members and build a real and positive Labour League of Youth.

W.E.H.

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**The "Herald" said it . . .**

in 1920

**CHURCHILLISM** means endless war. A fresh war against Soviet Russia: an endeavour to hold down by force of arms the whole of the peoples from Northern Africa, through the Middle East to India: an attempt to crush by military terrorism the Socialist and Communist movements in Italy, in Germany, in Eastern Europe: an attempt finally to crush Labour in France and in Britain. Nevertheless Labour is still a power that the militarists and imperialists hold in dread.

Is it not time, while they plot in Paris, that the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress and the National Executive of the Labour Party held a real Peace Council here in London, and made it plain, before it is too late, that these further warlike adventures will not under any circumstances be tolerated, and that the peace of the world must be ensured in the only possible way, by making peace with Soviet Russia.

'Herald' editorial. Jan. 16th, 1920.

# The Art of Taming Rebels

## The Problems of a Left Wing delegate to Annual Conference

In a previous article we stressed the necessity for local parties to formulate resolutions in line with the progressive decisions of Union Conferences. The A.E.U., for example, has gone on record for a number of progressive demands.

If a Party has incorporated some of these demands in its Resolution, its delegates must approach the Union delegation and try to persuade the Union to propose the motion with the C.L.P. seconding it. This presents a strong front to the Conference and helps to forge unity between local parties and the Unions.

Delegates to Annual Conference should be chosen on the basis of political views. Conference should not be an occasion for giving agents a holiday. Once chosen, the delegate must be prepared to fight for his Party's resolution, and, believe me, it will be a fight from start to finish.

### COMPOSITING COMMITTEES

Groups of resolutions are always composited. The aim of the right wing is to take the sting out of political motions so that the press can record a victory for the "gentle Attlee" over the "fiery rebels".

Left wing delegates must get to the compositing committees at least twenty minutes before they begin so that they can meet other delegates. If possible, appointments should be fixed beforehand with other parties having similar motions on the Agenda.

Enter the Committees determined to preserve the main points of your

Many Constituency Labour Parties will be sending new delegates to the coming October Conference. What will these delegates be "up against"? What chance have they of influencing Conference decisions in accordance with the desires of their local parties?

These are questions which PHILLIP WILLIAMS, on the basis of his own previous experience as a delegate, tries to answer.

motion, but avoid quibbling on words unless a principle is involved. Remember, the Standing Orders Committee will already have the right wing drafts prepared. So don't give way to pressure. If you cannot reach agreement, demand that your resolution remains on the Conference Agenda as it stands.

### AT THE CONFERENCE

Here in session is the Parliament of one of the greatest Labour Movements in the world. The general atmosphere is designed to quieten the timid rebel. If this alone doesn't work—there is always the booming voice of a Deakin or a Lawther. But delegates should pay no attention to this nonsense.

Conference is a place to fight for principles and not to worship at the shrine. Come to the Conference in company, if possible, with delegates of similar views and be prepared to fight.

The first item is always the Standing Orders Report. If you have to go before Standing Orders Committee, be ready to "get stuck in", especially if they are "gunning" for your motion. If they cannot reach agreement with you they will probably try to keep the item off the Agenda by stalling for time.

They give you the impression that it is coming up in order to break your resistance; then as time goes on and the established Agenda gets under way, they hope to push you off until it is too late. In experiences like this you badly need some union help. Hence the need for proper preparation politically and organisationally. You cannot beat the machine otherwise.

### N.E.C. REPORT

The next important job is to take great notice of the N.E.C. Report. Your Party and Union delegation should have studied it in advance. Go through it section by section.

facts. Do not try to deal with too much at once—you won't have the time anyway.

### HOW TO "GET IN"

This is really very hard unless you happen to be Deakin or Sir Will Lawther. If you have a motion, you should try to get a definite understanding with the Standing Orders Committee in advance that you will be called. Have it noted on the list of composite resolutions if possible.

Otherwise, you take your chance on the floor. Wave your hand as much as possible, try every trick you know for catching the chairman's eye. On occasions it has come off.

At the Conference, try to contact as many left wing delegates as possible. Don't waste too much time on social functions. Remember the rank and file have sent you to represent them. Do the job seriously and return home with your report, conscious that you have done your best in the circumstances. That is all you can do.

The Chairman must give you the rostrum if you wish to move reference back or request points of clarification. Delegates should be on their toes all the time and follow the procedure of the chairman as he goes through the different sections.

One of the worst features of Conference is the presence of the capitalist press. The right wing always use this as a form of blackmail, injecting into Conference the feeling that the left wing cannot speak its mind openly.

The best way to handle the press is to have your speech written out beforehand. Avoid loose statements, and back your material with

## Equal Pay - NOW!

**THE House of Commons has passed a Labour motion instructing Ministers "to announce an early and definite date by which the application of equal pay for equal work for women in the Civil Service, teaching profession, local government and other public services will begin."**

time has come for the Chancellor to say 'it shall be done'.

The time has come—now that the Tories are in office. Apparently our Labour leaders when in power did not feel impelled to operate this basic principle, despite the fact that T.U.C. after T.U.C., Union after Union, and the rank and file of the Labour Party, pressed for its operation.

### REMEMBER THIS

Sometimes one is struck dumb by the colossal nerve of our leaders who, like Edith Summerskill, yesterday held back, but now come forward as the champions of women's rights. Our memories are not so short.

"The fight must go on", says the *Daily Herald*. The fight WILL go on—for equal pay and for a new Labour government but next time we must have leaders who will not fail us.

Nora Emmett.

## Speaking my mind

by TOM BRADDOCK

## On . . . Foreign Policy

In the past Foreign Policy has been conducted secretly by officials and business interests. Today it is Labour's responsibility.

No longer can we say "Workers of the World, Unite" when faced with the dangers of war and the horrors of imperialist exploitation. Talk and pious sentiments are done with, we have got to know how to act.

This is hard on us. We have had a bitter struggle to gain a measure of political liberty, we have still to rid ourselves of the economic shackles of capitalism. In the midst of this we are faced by the accusing voices, the threatening gestures and the appealing hands of the victims in other countries of the system we are fighting here at home.

What are we to do? Act as workers of the world or, leave foreign affairs as they are now? Are we to be the equals of other peoples or are we to join in the attempt to exploit them further?

"Problems of Foreign Policy" (4d from Transport House) gives no indication that our National Executive Committee has any proposals differing from the orthodox Tory and Foreign Office approach. It is devoted to a defence of our present association with America and to an appeal for continued support for the armaments programme. As I said in my short note in the May issue of *Socialist Outlook*, the pamphlet should be studied by all parties and branches. I make the following additional comments.

**THE Labour Government . . . helped to fill the dangerous power vacuum between Russia and America** (page 2). This claim to have lessened the danger cannot be supported. We have in fact joined the Americans and lined ourselves up again Russia. We might have been a mediating influence, we might have shown another line of advance for world development; we know what it should be, but instead we are committed, without reserve, to the American plan as the next quotation shows.

"The question for any British Government is therefore not

States, but how to work with her most effectively. (Page 5). Here is a declaration that British Foreign Policy is essentially the same under a Labour Government as under a Tory Government. "We are to be permanently allied with the central power of world capitalism and committed thereby to a policy of resistance, based on armed might, to all countries antagonistic to capitalism.

This is not the policy of the Labour Movement of this country and it should not therefore be advocated in any publication issued by the Executive of our Party.

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**THE** method of working with the United States is equally opposed to the principles of our party, see Page 8. "Providing the non-Stalinist world makes itself stronger than the Soviet Union and her satellites . . . the Cold War need never develop into a hot war."

Indeed! What is going on now in Korea, Indo-China and Malaya? Are these cold wars? Is China merely a satellite? This is a masterly piece of understatement, calculated to deceive us as to the forces we really have to consider.

But forget these considerations, and we are committed to a plan formulated by the American Government, supported by the Tory Party and Catholic reaction in Western Europe, and calculated to inflict on the U.S.S.R. the maximum of provocation without affording the people of this country the slightest protection against the sort of horror experienced by Japan in 1945 and in Korea today.

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How long is our Socialist advance to be held up by armaments? How many other peoples are to be called "Communist bandits" and attacked because they revolt against their imperialist exploiters? Nobody knows, but what is certain is that World War 3 is not far away and that only a revolt of the Labour Party against capitalist warmongering can save us.

The above sufficiently shows the dangerous implications contained in this first policy pamphlet. These implications should be condemned by resolutions sent for the agenda of our next Annual Conference; they should go in from every party so that the opinion of our move-

## Dockers Rescue Redundancy victim

By Steve Brandon

**SAM BROAD**, a young married docker, was alleged to have moved about in the hiring pen with the intention of evading selection for work.

On this charge and solely on the word of Mr. Denton, an under-manager of the National Dock Labour Board on Merseyside, Sam Broad was dismissed from the Scheme without the opportunity of calling any witnesses in his defence—witnesses who could have proved that hiring of labour for that morning had finished, that the men were merely waiting for attendance stamps on their employment books, and that Broad was making his way to the toilet, for a legitimate purpose!

**The reaction of the rank and file was so violent that within 24 hours of his dismissal this man was given an appeal board.**

This appeal was refused, presumably only as a face-saving gesture on the part of the National Dock Labour Board, because they immediately notified Broad to appear before a re-registration committee and informed him he would be admitted to the Scheme as a new docker, the very next day.

### ELECTED LEADERS

During this period the rank and

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file held several mass meetings under the auspices of their unofficial leaders, the **Birkenhead Port Workers' Committee**, to whom the rank and file look for guidance.

Such is the confidence of the men in their unofficial though elected leaders, that the Port Workers' Committee was able to hold the men until the so-called democratic procedure had gone through its phoney circumlocution.

The men then came out en masse against the decision to take their comrade back as a new entry with consequent loss of holidays and no pay for the period of suspension. They would still be on strike but for two reasons. First, the false and malicious reports in the national and local press that Broad himself had reported for work and had been given attendance stamps. Secondly the belated promise of the N.D.L.B. to review the question of Broad's holiday pay, seniority, etc. Whether this promise will be fulfilled is a matter for conjecture and possibly further representations from the men.

### MASTERS AND MEN

However, two valuable lessons have been learned from this strike. The men have once again realised that unity is their salvation, and have indicated to the employers that any attempt to try pressure tactics, such as the above, to solve the redundancy problem which at present exists, will be resisted tooth and nail.



National Dock Labour Board has been exposed in all its ramifications. Consider this sequence of events: (1) Sam Broad dismissed on the word of one man without opportunity of calling any evidence in his own defence. (2) His appeal was heard and refused by a body consisting of 50 per cent Masters' Side and 50 per cent Union. As a verdict has to be a majority decision, it is clear that the Union representatives collaborated in this, as in everything else, with the Masters.

Let the rank and file of other nationalised industries take heed that their liberty and rights are not encroached upon in like manner. The only effective counter at the moment is the growth of unofficial committees who are elected by the workers as an answer to the present unholy link-up of Masters and Trade Union leadership.

## Goldmine Found in Willesden

E.N.V. Engineering of Willesden have just declared a profit on the year of £304,000. Almost exactly 1,000 workers are employed which means that the firm has made a profit of £5 16s. 11d. per worker, per week!

Do you think E.N.V. can afford the £2 a week wage claim of the A.E.U.?

