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Gaitskell Whips Up The Witch Hunt His Disloyalty Aids The Tories

THE memorable Morecambe Conference reacted angrily to Arthur Deakin's statement—"if you want money you'll listen". The delegates were still further enraged when Sir Will ('shut your gob') Lawther made similar threats and later repeated them in the capitalist press and in America.

But the whole rank and file of the movement has been absolutely outraged by Hugh Gaitskell's disloyal assault on the Party which he made at the Stalybridge meeting.

His speech pleased every enemy of the Labour Party. Let us deal with the three main strokes of the Gaitskell smear brush.

Smear No. 1. "I was told by some observers that about one-sixth of the constituency party delegates appeared to be Communist or Communist-inspired". Who told him? Was it Bessie Braddock of "Daily Herald" fame? Or was it the feature writers of the Tory press for whom anyone with socialist ideas is always a "creeping communist".

Editorial

Or was it the United States Attorney General who is at the moment looking for reds under Charlie Chaplin's moustache.

The truth of the matter is that any member of the Party who disagrees with Mr. Gaitskell or Mr. Deakin is now dubbed either a concealed communist, a stooge of the communists, or, at best, a simpleton who had better leave politics to his "betters". That, in fact, is the way Mr. Gaitskell views those thousands of party workers, trade unionists, co-operators, housewives, and young people who carry this great movement on their shoulders.

It's time that Mr. Gaitskell got straight on this point. In the working class ranks of the party we don't like capitalism, we don't like Toryism, and we don't like leaders who kow-tow to either. We want a firm socialist policy at home as well as in foreign affairs—and, as Morecambe showed, we want a leadership capable of applying such policies. And no wild charges from witch-hunters (whether they are inside or outside the movement) will deter Labour workers from making their views known and seeing those views are executed.

Smear No. 2. "It is time to end the attempt to mob rule by a group of frustrated journalists, and restore the authority of the solid, sound, sensible majority of the movement."

What a contempt this man displays towards the representative assembly of the party of which he is a member! Mob rule, indeed. Labour Party delegates are freely elected by their Parties, and they came to the Conference with a serious sense of responsibility to put the party on the proper socialist path. That is why they

chose a new leadership not as individuals but, as Aneurin Bevan has correctly said, "on the basis of their representative capacities."

How often have we heard people like Mr. Gaitskell say: "Stand by your elected leaders!" Now it seems this only holds good when the elected leaders are RIGHT WING. When the party membership exercises its democratic right to change these right wing leaders and modify party policy, up goes the howl... "mob rule". This is the psychology of a Tory and the attitude of an aristocrat.

Smear No. 3. "If we don't or can't do this, we shall not persuade or shall not deserve to persuade our fellow citizens to entrust us once again with the government of the country."

This is nothing more nor less than a spiteful stab in the back of the Party. What Mr. Gaitskell has here blurted out is that he thinks the party under its present elected leadership is not worthy of being returned to power! How the Tories will rejoice at such statements. It's what they have been saying for years!

For Mr. Gaitskell all is well

Note Well, Sir Will

THE Executive Committee of the Scottish Area of the National Union of Mineworkers, meeting in Edinburgh on Oct. 7th, has made "an emphatic protest" against Will Lawther's conduct at Morecambe.

The Scottish miners have pointed out that any threat to withdraw financial assistance from the Labour Party by the trade unions will be "strongly resisted by the rank and file members of the trade union movement."

Tell that to your American audiences, Sir Will!

so long as Labour trails behind the Tories in its foreign policy, halts the advance toward a socialist planned economy, and generally disappoints its millions of supporters. But no sooner does the Party strive to return to the socialist road in preparation for clearing out the Tories than Mr. Gaitskell finds it intolerable. This aspect of his speech reveals him as a thinly disguised Liberal, completely out of step with the needs, moods, and aspirations of the Labour movement.

The democratic decisions of the movement must be carried out by EVERYBODY—including Mr. Gaitskell and Arthur Deakin. Disloyalty cannot be tolerated, and disloyal leaders must be called to order sharply by the long-suffering rank and file of the Party.

'DEAKINISM' MUST BE FOUGHT IN THE BRANCH ROOM

By ERNIE CHAPPLE
(London Bus Conductor)

AFTER the defeat of the Tories in the last Municipal Elections, Arthur Deakin said: "At the General Election the Tories made promises that they knew perfectly well they could not redeem. They have now had it indicated to them in no uncertain manner—just how much the electors of this country resent being led up the garden." (T. & G.W.U. "Record".)

Later in the year—at Morecambe in fact—the rank and file of the Labour Party indicated to the 'Old Guard', also in no uncertain manner, just how they too resent being led up the (Tory) garden. That is why six out of

seven seats on the N.E.C. allotted to the Constituency Parties went to Aneurin Bevan and those comrades associated with his ideas.

But this time Arthur Deakin, C.H., C.B.E., wasn't so pleased. He attacked the victorious six, ridiculed the elected delegates who voted for them, and then threatened delegates with "if you want money you'll listen"—at which statement even Mr. Shinwell had to protest.

THE TORY GAME

We have come to expect abuse and ridicule from this industrial Caesar whenever he faces opposition to his own near-Tory policies—but we cannot allow his threats to pass unheeded. The one thing that Tory and Big Business interests want is to separate the Labour Party from the Trade Unions. Witness how the stooges of the Tory trade union organisation have been pushing this line in the branches—happily with very little success so far.

The whole of the capitalist press, without exception, praised Deakin for his part in the Morecambe affair. Overnight he has become the blue-eyed boy of Fleet Street and the City of London (not to mention Wall Street and Mayfair). And why not? If Deakin can split the working class movement, not only will it save the Tories a lot of trouble—but a lot of cash too.

Most members of my own Union (T.G.W.U.) are extremely apologetic for the bad manners shown by the General Secretary at Morecambe. They are resentful that he should be able to attend conferences and vote for a policy without a mandate and in the name of the Union. So bitterly opposed are some to Deakin using—or rather misusing—their vote, that they are talking of withdrawing their political levy next year and sending their political contribution direct to Labour Party Headquarters.

AT WHOSE PLEASURE?

Such action can be understood, but regretted. It can only assist the Tories in their splitting tactics. The problem must be faced within the framework and constitution of the Union—in the first instance through the branches. Militants and progressives must make their voices heard and their presence felt. Instead of grouches in the Canteens and coffee shops, let's have action in the branches.

It is well to remember that your branch officials, conference delegates, and General Executive Council, are all elected through the branches, and last but not least, the General Secretary himself is elected and can only hold office "at the pleasure of the Union" (Rule 16).

Let us now get down to defining what is "the pleasure of the Union" and do something about it. Any suggestions brothers?

Shop Stewards Answer Deakin

ON October 4th in Manchester, a meeting of more than 400 Engineering Confederation Shop Stewards passed the following resolution with only six votes against:

"This meeting... deplures wild outbursts by certain Trade Union leaders at the Labour Party Conference. The meeting insists that their statements are not a true reflection of the opinions of rank and file trade unionists. It has never been trade union policy to defend and preserve capitalist society. Active trade unionists, who are in the main active members of the Labour Party, associate themselves with the views of the Constituency Labour Parties."

Right Wing Endangers Party Unity

IN an article which appeared today (October 13th), in the "Daily Herald", Mr. Hugh Gaitskell has laid down what he is pleased to call his "conditions for true (party) unity". "The Bevanites", he says, "should loyally accept all contents of the three documents* approved by the Con-

*"Facing the Facts", "Labour's Foreign Policy", and "Towards World Plenty".



IN LIGHTER MOOD
Nye Bevan cracks a joke
at Churchill's expense

ference".

Now, in the first place, there is no reason to assume that the so-called Bevanites do NOT accept these three documents. Indeed, Aneurin Bevan has declared (also in the "Daily Herald"), that he not only accepts the three documents, he accepts ALL the decisions of the Morecambe Conference—that is, the restoration of the free health service, the rapid extension of public ownership, democracy in the workshop, the expansion of East-West trade, and the refusal to condemn colonial revolutions as "soviet-inspired".

These, we repeat, were all conference decisions, as binding on party members as are the three documents mentioned by Mr. Gaitskell. In fact, they are even more binding, because they came up from the bottom, from the floor of the conference itself. Much more than three "interim" statements, they express, as Bevan has correctly said, the "initiative from below". They therefore possess an authority one can hardly claim for the ambiguous contradictory statements produced by the old, and predominantly Right-wing, N.E.C.

Mr. Gaitskell, however, says not a word about these important de-

isions—nor does he even trouble to mention that the famous policy statements were put forward by the N.E.C. merely as "interim" documents to "assist the conferences." This is no accident.

Until he declares—as Mr. Bevan has done—that he accepts ALL these conference decisions, it is the loyalty of Mr. Gaitskell which is in question, and not the loyalty of Mr. Bevan.

OUR DEMOCRATIC FAITH

Of course, in a democratic party, acceptance of decisions is not the same thing as agreement with those decisions. Nobody, we hope will claim otherwise.

A considerable number of delegates at Morecambe, for example, disagreed entirely with the three policy statements (274,000 votes were actually cast against the document "Facing the Facts"), and many of us considered that even the progressive composite resolution carried by the conference did not go half far enough along the socialist road.

Nevertheless, the Left-wing accepts these decisions as binding on every party member. We accept them because we have faith in the

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MONEY FOR SOCIALISM!

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From Morecambe to...

The Weekly 'Outlook'

MANY delegates at the Morecambe Conference praised the "Socialist Outlook"—over 900 copies were sold and several good donations were made to the Fighting Fund.

Unlike other papers, we did not enjoy facilities for selling your paper inside the hall, nevertheless the policies advocated were very much to the forefront in all important debates.

The weekly "Outlook" is a concrete reflection of the growing strength of Labour's Left wing. Its expansion depends entirely upon the efforts of the rank and file, and we now call upon our readers to work as never before in establishing it as Left-wing Labour's National Weekly.

FIGHTING FUND

There is no room for complacency about the fighting fund. The last two issues show a welcome improvement, but we are by no means out of danger. All targets must be reached and we once more appeal to you to send in your donations by the 11th of each month. Give as much as you can, so that we can purchase in time the many things essential for running a weekly.

SHARE CAPITAL

This is very slow in coming in and is a matter of much concern. We can supply speakers and all the facilities required for starting a Share Club. Why not write in today for further information?

SALES INCREASES

Starting with this issue, we need 3,000 new readers by November 21st. Extra copies will be available for Sales Drives. If necessary, telephone your requirements to HOP 3227.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WEEKLY

The weekly will be sold through Newsagents. Special order forms are being despatched immediately for use in canvassing new readers and in placing bulk orders with local newsagents. The work must commence at once so that the Newsagents will have sufficient time to place their orders with the wholesalers. A special circular is being sent out to all agents explaining the procedure in a practical way.

MAKE THE "WEEKLY" A WORKERS' PAPER

Morecambe has shown that it is possible to change the policy and leadership of our Party in a more Socialist direction. The C.L.P.'s did a splendid job. What is important now is that the Trade Union rank and file play a full part in forcing their leadership into line with the great advance that has been made. Deakinism must be routed at all costs.

"Socialist Outlook" stands for the closest unity between the rank and file of the Labour Party and the Trade Unions. It places itself unreservedly at the disposal of all militant Trade Unionists.

The "Weekly" will strive to print at least one page of correspondence from workers in all trades. Your co-operation is essential if we are to succeed in this task. We need worker correspondents in factories, pits, offices, mills, docks, etc. at once.

See to it that, unlike many papers which are written FOR workers, "Socialist Outlook" is written BY workers to answer workers' problems.

Business Manager

FIGHTING FUND

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A SECRET organisation of fascists, ex-Nazi officers trained and financed by the United States for guerilla warfare against the Soviet Union, has been uncovered in Germany.

The Social Democrat Premier of Hesse—Herr Zinn—has revealed that the counter-intelligence branch of this organisation has compiled a list of people regarded as "unreliable" who were to be "put out of action" in case of war—by shooting if necessary.

Confiscated documents revealed 15 sheets of names of communists and 80 sheets of names of social democrats, among whom were members of Parliament, premiers, trade union leaders, and other high officials of the German socialist movement. All were to be liquidated, murdered, in the event of war with the Soviet Union.

Fascists Plot Murder Of German Socialists

American-aided Terrorists uncovered

By GEORGE WEST

Herr Zinn, speaking in the Landtag (Parliament) of Hesse on October 8th, said that after several of the conspirators had been arrested on September 18th, the Federal prosecutor at Karlsruhe had released them, saying that the organisation had been created on the initiative of American authorities in Germany!

MADE IN THE U.S.A.

Most of the 100 men involved in this fascist organisation were former German officers of the Air

Force, or the Waffen S.S. and they had been conducting training courses in the use of infantry weapons for guerilla warfare and sabotage—the whole being financed and supervised by Americans.

Herr Zinn was informed on October 2nd by the United States High Commissioner that the organisation had been intended for sabotage in the event of war, but had been dissolved at the end of September. After the German Social Democrat Party had lodged a protest with Mr. Donnelly, the American High Commissioner, they were informed that he regarded such organisations as the "starting point of political terror" and thoroughly disapproved of it!

Not satisfied, the German Labour movement has demanded that the Federal Government conduct its own inquiry into this 2,000 strong underground army, which has clearly been trained in the use of every weapon of terror against socialists. The revelations have created a tremendous furore in Western Germany.

EVIL FRUITS

The revival of the Wehrmacht, the inclusion of Nazi Generals among the NATO advisers, the proposed training of ex-Luftwaffe pilots in Britain, the restitution of his industrial empire to Herr Krupp—these are the first evil fruits of the capitalist rearmament.

TIME MARCHES ON

1882, Britain occupied Egypt.
June 6th, 1884 Lord Granville declared:—
"H.M. Government... are willing that the withdrawal of the troops shall take place at the beginning of the year 1888"
March 1946, Mr. Attlee promised in the House of Commons "the unconditional withdrawal of British troops from Egypt".
September 1952, British troops still occupy the Suez Canal!

ment of Western Germany.

Now comes these disclosures of American-financed terrorist organisation of ex-Nazis trained to murder socialists as well as communists.

Here is a side of the Atlantic Alliance which has not been much publicised. Here are the first dreadful consequences of American domination.

What is happening in Germany is probably happening also in Britain. Who has the list here? Is it Mosley? Anyway—here is some solid work for the "Daily Herald" to do. They are fond of revealing IMAGINERY plots—let them now set to work to uncover and investigate this very REAL plot—and a murder plot don't forget—against our fellow socialists in Germany.

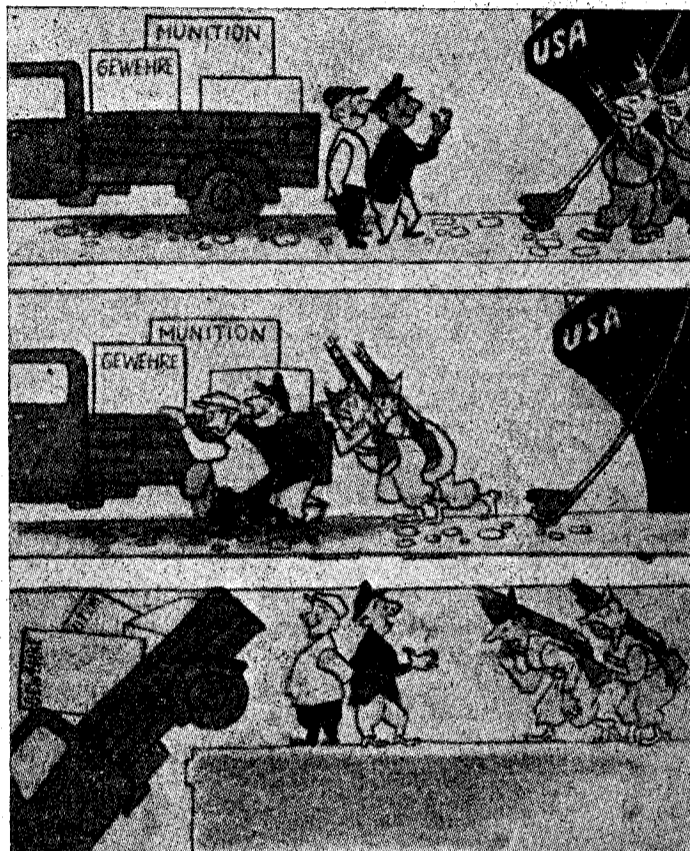
What Conference said on...

German Rearmament

AFTER a plea from Jim Griffiths, to conference the following resolution on German Rearmament, but in view of recent events described above, the new N.E.C. must obviously take the sentiment of this resolution into account when drafting policy. It reads (in part) as follows:

"That this Conference is alarmed by the revival of militarism and National Socialism in Germany.... The creation of a large army in Western Germany, with its own assault weapons and commanded by a Corps of National Socialist Officers and N.C.O.'s. will aid and encourage the revived forces of German militarism. For all these reasons the British Labour Movement must join with their socialist friends on the Continent in preventing the rearmament of Germany... no support for the rearmament of Germany against the wishes of the German people."

The Big Push For Peace!



From "Frischer Wind" (Berlin)

IN a swirl of dust, the huge man-made monster grinds noisily to a halt. The smoke blackened muzzle gapes hungrily over the crumbling cottage wall, as if in wolfish anticipation of further destruction to come.

The massive tank hatch slowly wheezes open, and a khaki-clad figure, the living brain of the modern dinosaur, wearily extricates itself.

Continuous day and night fighting of the past weeks is beginning to take its toll of this haggard and unkempt warrior. His eyes are puffed and swollen, his cheeks drawn and pale. Stiffly, he stamps his feet and curses as the blood starts to course painfully through his cramped limbs.

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"The sooner we finish this... war, the better", he mutters to his following crew. "Wish I was back home instead of in this hole." His companions nod wearily in reply, bring out their iron rations, and begin to make tea on the portable stove.

"Shell after shell we've pumped into town and village, and still they're fighting. It's got me licked, how they do it."

Suddenly a noise. The weary little group stiffens. Then in a

Korean Story

Our Enemy

by Jim Callaghan (Manchester)

flash all hands grab for weapons as they scuttle for cover. "What do you think it is?" whispers the corporal. Without a word, the leader crawls and wriggles his way across the rutted road to the opposite hedge. Lifting his steel-helmeted head inch by inch he peers into the field, then with a hysterical laugh jumps unsteadily to his feet. His crew, alarmed, and ready to blast away at the unseen enemy, are puzzled. "Come here and look at this!" he gasps, "our enemy!" His crew, with sidelong glances and index fingers at the ready on the hair-triggers of their rifles, slip to his side. In the field, groping his way from flower to flower, is a small, ragged peasant boy.

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The object of their panic is choosing flowers with infinite care. Around his little head is a dirty blood-stained rag. "Hi! come here son" yells the sergeant, in a strained yet kindly voice. The youngster straightens, looks at the beckoning soldiers, and walks unsteadily towards them. The sergeant gently examines his wounded head and decides some immediate attention is needed. Meanwhile, the other soldiers fix a rough meal and a hot drink for the boy.

"How did this happen, son" says the N.C.O. The boy explains, in broken English, that it was in a raid. "And what are you going to do with your flowers?" The boy blushes, causing one or two of the men to smile. "For my mother" he says shyly. "Oh, for your mother—well I think it's time for you to go back to her then." The N.C.O. smiles after his departing figure. "He's just

like my lad", he says, "he's got what it takes."

Suddenly, bullets rip through the stifling air, uncomfortably close. "Into the tank" yells the sergeant, and the soldiers dive headlong through the trap door. The thunderous roar of the machine shatters the stillness. The broad caterpillars churn up their

own smoke screen as the tank lurches in the direction of the enemy fire. The blazing guns spit out a hail of death, but the hit-and-run raiders vanish.

"What's the matter, sarge, been hit?" says one of the men, glancing at the sergeant's white and horror-stricken face. The Sergeant turns slowly and walks to a heap of rocks. Following his outstretched hands, the men approach. Lying across a fresh heap of stones which form a grave is the bullet-riddled, blood-soaked body of the boy who, but a few moments before, had smiled at them.

In his small hand is clutched the pitiful bunch of flowers. He has delivered his final gift to his mother.

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6,000 Blocks of flats at low rents	1,500,000,000
20 Great Universities	200,000,000
20 Endowments	200,000,000
20 Agricultural Research Stations	60,000,000
200 Hospitals	100,000,000
600 New Schools	100,000,000

in the colonies

5 TVA Development projects	1,000,000,000
400 Medical Centres	300,000,000
8,000 New Schools	1,000,000,000
3 Universities	30,000,000
3 Endowments	30,000,000
10 Agricultural Research Stations	50,000,000
260 Libraries	130,000,000

TOTAL £4,700,000,000

(Figures issued by the "Society of Friends")

THE Tory-ruled Council of Litherland (urban district on the outskirts of Liverpool), is now charging all tenants of council houses who sublet part of their homes 5/- a week for a married couple and 2/6d. for a single person.

The struggle of the Litherland Tenants' Defence Association against the imposition of a "lodger tax" is of the greatest interest to tenants of council houses in every town and village throughout the country.

"Parents who have given rooms to married sons and daughters," says Mr. D. Humphries, Secretary of the Tenants' Association, "young married couples who have taken parents into their homes because they are too old or sick to look after themselves, are all affected by this anti-working class measure."

TENANTS DISMAYED

During the last local elections, the Tenants' Association suspended its normal activities and most of its members took an active part in Labour's campaign. When the "lodger tax" was first mooted, they fought it as a Tory attack on the workers which gave added cause to support Labour.

You can imagine the dismay, therefore, when the newly-elected council met and a motion tabled

YOUR RENTS ARE IN DANGER!

The Tories are scheming to raise rents by amending the Rents Restriction Acts. In our next issue, **TOMBRADDOCK** will thoroughly expose this **Tory-Landlord Plot** against working people. Order your copy now.

by the Tories asking for the imposition of the lodger tax was seconded by the Labour Chairman of the Housing Committee! This gentleman's name is **Councillor J. H. Wall** and he is a paid official of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

A tenant's protest delegation was left standing outside the Town Hall for an hour without being given an answer to their petition signed by 860 people.

Even the Conservative "Bootle Times" concedes that the tenants have cause to complain. "It is only fair to say," admits this Tory paper, "that tenants taking in sub-tenants and boarders are often obliging otherwise homeless people at considerable inconvenience to themselves. In that sense they are doing a public service while the housing shortage is so

Litherland Tenants Fight 'Lodger Tax'

by Alf Rose

acute." Nevertheless, the "Bootle Times" manages to conclude that "on balance, the council... is right"!

LODGERS IN KOREA

What do the tenants think of it?

Mrs. Lewis of Kirkstone Road North. "My husband through ill-health has been unable to follow his work for over twelve months and has only just re-started. My son has been in hospital for twelve months through war service. I think that with the high cost of living and then on top these rent increases, surely something can be done about this tax."

Mr. Finity of Ferguson Road, for fourteen weeks paid 5/- tax for his son and daughter-in-law although his son was a prisoner of war in Korea. The tax has since been reduced to 2/6d. but the former over-payments have not yet been refunded.

Similarly, Mr. Paterson of Moss Lane is also charged 5/- for his daughter and son-in-law—although the latter is away at sea for eleven months out of twelve.

Elderly Mrs. Crilly's household also of Moss Lane, consists of herself, her husband of seventy, her son and daughter-in-law, and a grandson of eighteen months suffering from infantile paralysis. A demand for 16 weeks arrears of "lodger tax" amounting to £4 was not a pleasant surprise.

Mrs. Buchanan of Daley Road, who has already lost her husband and a daughter with T.B. and whose house is now crowded with the daughter's two children aged 13 and 16 as well as the families of her two married daughters, sums up the feelings of the tenants.

"For doing what any mother would do in allowing my two daughters and their children to live with me, my rent is increased by 10/- a week. Surely this is not what Labour was put in to do?"

LABOUR MUST FIGHT

Litherland tenants have a right to ask that Labour should fight this lodger tax. Their local Labour Group is probably the only one in



photo by Dick Murray
Litherland tenants' leaders address a crowded meeting

the country to support it.

Brentford and Chiswick Labour Party, for instance, is supporting the tenants in fighting a test case through the courts on the grounds that a blood relation should not be judged a boarder.

The Secretary of the Litherland Tenants' Defence Association is a member of the Labour Party and a former Ward Secretary, but his resolution asking for a full discussion inside the party on these rent increases was first vetoed by the General Management Committee and has since been allowed to 'lie on the table'. Each time the reason given was that the resolution referred to the business of the Council group which, in turn, has moved his expulsion.

UNITY ESSENTIAL

That relations between the anti-Tory forces in Litherland are embittered can be disastrous. The Tenants' Association can lose its struggle against the present Tory

majority, and the Labour Group can fail to win a majority in the near future.

Mr. A. G. Goodman the Tenants' Chairman points out that opportunity for unity is present. "The Tories", he says, "hope to split the tenants by raising the rents of one section at a time. Already it is proposed to raise the rents of pre-fabs."

Let the Tenants Associations and Labour Parties be agreed in their opposition to any proposals to repeal or amend the Rent Restriction Act. Let us have more tenants joining Labour Parties, and more socialists joining Tenants Associations.

Two lessons must be learned from Litherland. First, the danger to the movement from the Labour Council Groups' freedom from direct Labour Party control. And secondly, the folly of representatives of Labour who choose to act as the administrators of the established order rather than as champions of the working class.

Wimpey's Provoke a Strike of 2000

YET another strike has been provoked by the high handed action of the employers.

This time it involves 2,000 men—constructional engineers and building workers—employed by Wimpey's on the construction of one of Britain's largest and most important oil refineries at **Ellesmere Port**, near Liverpool.

The strike committee state that "recently the job was changed from Civil Engineering to Building Trade conditions. Without fully exhausting negotiations, the firm withdrew extra payments which had been negotiated on the site for abnormal conditions. They sacked the scaffolders who refused to accept this arbitrary action, and this was followed by a strike of Scaffolders and later of the Joiners."

"Wimpeys then sent out telegrams sacking ALL 85 scaffolders and labourers, and 160 joiners, including the Federation steward and all stewards involved."

"This attempt at intimidation was answered by a strike of 2,000 workers. Since then the firm has refused an offer of the unions that they should withdraw all sack notices, there should be a full resumption of work and all outstanding problems should be settled by the use of the Green Book procedure."

The Birkenhead Trades' and Labour Council have gone on record supporting the strikers. It agreed unanimously at its meeting of October 8th to "condemn the action of Messrs. Wimpey in sacking members of their shop stewards' committee."

The E.C. of the E.T.U. has officially declared the site to be "black".

On October 9th the strike com-

BILL MURPHY'S CORNER

Judging a competition among dockers for the best allotment, Arthur Deakin was surprised to see a whole plot of land solely devoted to the growing of red cabbages.

"What the hell's that?" asked Arthur.

"You should know," replied the docker. "It's the Red Plot on the docks."

mittee issued a financial appeal to all socialist papers. In it they declared that the strike remains solid, and "The men consider that the strike is of fundamental importance to the entire trade union movement. This attack in dismissing men while in dispute, is a new feature in trade union history, one that is growing all over the country, and one that must be met by united action by all workers".

"We are of the opinion that the growing attack against job organisation is but the preliminary to a general attack on wages and conditions, and for that reason must be fully resisted."

They appeal to all Trade Unionists to donate generously to their fund and send all monies to **Bro. L. Bonner, 51 Trowbridge Street, Liverpool, 3.**

Fight Goes On At Fords

FOLLOWING the recent strike at Fords, Dagenham, the management have intimidated to the Trade Unions that they are not satisfied with the agreement which regulates the relationship between the employers and the trade unions.

There have been, they say, too many "unofficial stoppages". Trade Union officials concerned have agreed to examine the possibilities of a new form of representation in the factory.

Ford stewards are justifiably suspicious that the type of new agreement which the management will want is one which will "tame" the Trade Union movement in the plant and render it harmless. The terms of the present agreement are already much worse, from a trade union point of view, than the standard "procedure for avoiding disputes" which applies in the majority of engineering shops. And any engineering shop steward will tell you that this is bad enough.

STEWARDS HINDERED

For example, in a normal shop any worker can be a shop steward provided he has been elected by

20,000 Dockers are Unemployed!

By a LONDON DOCKER

MR. GEORGE DARLING M.P., has been following in the wake of Bessie Braddock. He has found a "vast red plot" in, of all places, the unofficial portworkers' movement.

Strangely enough, red plots are always discovered by people like Mr. Darling (the Tory Press take over from thereon) just at a time when trouble is brewing and when all sorts of officials feel an urgent need to shed all their responsibility. And that's true today—for trouble is certainly brewing in dockland. Why? Because 20,000 dockers are now unemployed!

LEAVING THE DOCKS

The much heralded Dock Scheme has broken down, and dockers in every port are angry and discontented. Hundreds of them are turning their backs on the industry, and on a scheme which was to have been their salvation, because they cannot live on the guaranteed pay of £4 8s. a week.

The A.I. docker (we are all physically graded, you know) if unemployed draws £4 8s.—but from this must be deducted government insurance and fares which, in some cases, amount to as much as 15/- a week. When unemployed for a week, his fares are greater, as he is forced to present himself for work twice a day, at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., in all eleven times a week.

Contrary to popular belief, the docker doesn't get his £4 8s. work or not. If he earns £4 8s, then his guarantee is reduced accordingly—and he can lose the whole lot for being a few minutes late to sign on.

In Dockland we are internationally minded, so we know why we are unemployed today. It is due to the Tory Government's policy of impoverishment by raising prices and deliberately restricting imports.

What hits the docks today, hits the rest of the population tomorrow. When the overseas contracts are filled, when the car lines start to slow down, and when the textile trade ceases altogether because of the American money which is being poured into Japanese textiles and shipping, the unemployment which is already rife in the docks will spread to every industry in the country.

So when the blow up comes, brothers, don't take any notice of the red scares. Remember that dockers are just ordinary fellows who would like the opportunity to work and then to reap the fruits of their labour. And if Mr. Darling doesn't like the idea of a blow-up—let him stop creating red scares and concentrate on exposing the real plots of this Tory Government to worsen our living conditions.

'My bus goes much faster than my wage claim'

says **BILL PUNT** (London Bus Driver)

IN the latter part of 1951, London's busmen began to get fidgety about the rising cost of living. The boys were heard to mutter something about the need for a wage increase.

The muttering grew into a roar, and eventually 58 garages asked the T. & G.W.U. to negotiate a £1 a week wage increase.

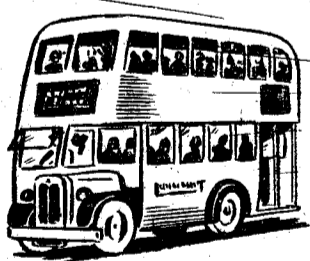
So far so good. But busmen don't have the last word—in fact they only have the first mutter.

By early 1952, the claim passes from the Central Bus Delegate Conference to the Area Trade Group who, with the able assistance of some paid officials, decide that... you can only get what the boss is prepared to give! So the £1 demand is altered to "substantial increase". No doubt they reasoned that if the boys only got, say, 15/- out of a £1 they would think someone owed them 5/-... or that the negotiators were only 75 per cent. efficient.

TIME MARCHES ON

The summer of 1952 drifts on and busmen's families start returning from their annual vacations in the South of France, Sunny Italy, the Canaries (or from their couple of days at the London Zoo or Hyde Park). And at last the great day arrives. The T. & G.W.U. present their case and the London Transport Executive give their reply.

Yes, you've guessed it, **NO** was the answer. They never said they couldn't afford it, or that it was unjustified—they simply said that



they didn't want to be the first to start general wage increases. Now wasn't that considerate of them.

However, they were prepared to go to an industrial court about it. And the date for this court was fixed for October 15th. The silence is ominous, and now there is a new development. The winter schedules come on the scene. The operating manager wants them to commence on October 22nd.

The Central Bus Committee reply that they are not prepared to put them into operation until the wages question is settled. And this causes a certain fluttering in the dove-cotes.

The next information we get is that the L.T.E. and the T. & G.W.U. are going to meet on Tuesday, September 30th to re-open discussions on wages. This leads to a lot of speculation. Twenty shillings make a pound. How many shillings make "substantial"?

WITHOUT REFERENCE

The L.T.E. make an offer—7/-—and a specially convened joint delegate conference of Central Bus, Trolley Bus, Green Line, and Country Services is called to discuss (Continued on page 4, col. 2)

Readers Forum

Correspondence should be as brief as possible and addressed to The Editor, 177, Bermondsey St., London, S.E.1

OFFICE WORKERS

I can subscribe to everything that Andrew Kirkby says in his splendid factual article "Socialist office workers must rally Youth to the Unions". Some years ago, with Bernard Sullivan of the Tailors and Garment Workers' Union, I conducted a radio-van recruiting campaign in the City for clerical workers.

We interviewed the Medical Officer of Health at the Guildhall and complained about the death and disease breeding conditions of City offices which then, as now, did not comply with the minimum health conditions laid down in the Factory Laws, nor the minimum cubic feet of air recommended as hygienic by the Government for clerical workers. He admitted all we said about the insanitary conditions, but replied that to provide the necessary safeguards would mean rebuilding the City. Profits before workers lives every time!

The "Socialist Outlook" is indispensable to every active trade unionist in recruiting new members and to all genuine advocates of world peace.

Wimbledon. Percy Allott.

TORIES IN SALFORD L.P.

In reply to our Salford comrade J. R. Willcock. I did not intend to single out Salford as the villain of the piece. It just so happened that previous to Bessie's article in the "Herald", the "Herald" itself reported the statement to which I referred, namely that Tories had infiltrated into key positions in the Salford Labour Party.

I am sure that comrade Willcock will, like myself, be a regular reader of the "Daily Herald" and despite criticisms of this paper, in all the years I have bought it I have not known it publish articles of this kind without first being certain that such reports were authentic.

In case our comrade feels that I "intruded" in the affairs of Salford L.P., I can assure him that the first 23 years of my life were spent in Dock Ward area. It is this background that planted socialism in my system.

Let me quote an unlooked for item of praise for Salford's socialism from a local Tory councillor here. This councillor was chairman of the Housing Committee and, defending his seat at the local election, he said to his agent "we will have to fight extra hard as a lot of Salford people have come to live in this district and they are bound to be socialists!"

Flixton. D. Burgess.

INCREASED PRODUCTION FOR WHAT?

Just how important is the continual cry for more production? In the Economic Survey for 1952 (page 45), the Government estimates increased production at £250 millions—of which £200 millions will be taken for defence (or attack?).

The Labour Government estimated to spend £4,700 millions on "defence". At present prices this can be revised to about £6,000 millions over four years, or an average of £1,500 millions a year

(this year is actually £1,129 millions).

Now look at the huge sums that have been already wasted on armaments and destruction. On Armaments as wasted capital goods... £5,000 millions, enemy goods and property destroyed... (say) £1,000 millions; British goods and property destroyed... (say) £3,000 million. Total loss of £1,800 millions!

Our estimated increased production of £200 millions is .9 per cent. of that total! Is it worth the effort while such vast amounts of wealth are being poured down the sewers?

Birmingham J. H. Owen

A CONSTRUCTIVE CRITIC!

I endorse the criticism contained in the letter from Dr. Hilda K. Adams, published in the last issue. Try to keep the paper intelligent. Good luck to the weekly, roll on the daily! Here's half-a-dollar towards it.

Birmingham. D. Lloyd.

EX-SERVICEMEN AND MORTGAGES

May I stress the necessity of the Labour Party pressing for Government action to take over the payment of one third of Building Society mortgages where hardship is found in meeting greatly increased mortgage repayments—in many cases now three times the pre-war amounts. This demand should, in my opinion, be incorporated in Labour's Election Programme.

The penal enslavement of hundreds of thousands of young married people is having disastrous effects—especially on ex-servicemen who have done trojan service for their country. Many are having to cut their children's food and clothing in order, to meet these usurious payments. It is a scandal.

Southport. Herbert Feilden.

★ Buses from page 3

Discuss the offer which is to take effect from 8th October and back dated to 17th September 1952. Remember the claim was first put forward in the garages in the latter half of 1951!

It seems that the whole thing has been signed, sealed and settled without reference to the membership—although a resolution of the Central Bus Delegate Conference passed some two years ago had demanded that all changes affecting wages and conditions of a major character should be referred to the branches for ratification or rejection.

Before we start heaping blessings on the L.T.E. for the 7/-, let's have another look at that winter programme. It appears that there will be something like 500 or so less duties as compared with the summer. Five hundred duties equals 1,000 drivers and conductors wages—about £7,450 per week, plus running costs of vehicles, maintenance, etc. The whole being an estimated saving of £10,000 per week. On a staff of 60,000 this represents a saving of 3/4d. per week per worker.

★ PARTY UNITY (from page 1)

ability of the workers to arrive at socialist conclusions on the basis of experience and democratic discussions inside the party.

The Left is therefore both patient—and at the same time, very jealous of the democratic structure of the party.

WHAT OF THE RIGHT?

Not so, Mr. Gaitskill. He is extremely irritable and quite impatient with the democratic decisions of the party. He refers to the free election of a new N.E.C. as... "mob rule". In the name of "true unity" he demands the closing down of the free socialist press!

He hasn't, apparently, a suspicion that the existence of a vigorous socialist press is the surest guarantee of inner party democracy. Yet this is the man who every day assails us with declarations of his hatred of... totalitarianism!

Everywhere the fire brands of the Right wing are breathing imperious "conditions" for unity, hysterically demanding immediate

solutions, and in general, creating the atmosphere of splits and threats of splits. They are impatient with the democratic processes—BECAUSE DEMOCRACY IS WORKING AGAINST THEM.

The Constituency Parties are already well over on the Left. Meanwhile, the insulting behaviour of Messrs. Deakin and Lawther has not only created a feeling of revulsion against them among rank and file trade unionists—it has also created an awakened interest in their reactionary role in Labour Party affairs.

It can now only be a matter of time before trade union militants find ways and means of getting a truer representation at Conferences, and thus using the block vote in support of the Left and Socialism.

It is for all these reasons that the Left stands for democracy. For the same reasons, the Right is mortally afraid of it.

LET THE WORKERS DECIDE

The discussion of policy did not end at Morecambe—it only began.

'RED FLAGS and ARMOURED CARS'

Some Reflections on Foreign Policy

by JIM MORGAN

(well known member of Chester C.L.P.)

IN 1945, at the pre-election Labour Party Conference, a young man named Denis Healey brought delegates to their feet by declaring that we should aid in every way, the Socialist revolution in Europe wherever it appeared. He warned us against "running with the red flag in front of the armoured cars of imperialism."

Today, the same Denis Healey writes a witch-hunting article in the "Daily Herald" called "School for Traitors!" His personal 'right about face' underlines the correctness of the warning he gave and which was necessary even then.

In 1943, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, had pledged themselves to destroy the "last vestiges of Fascism". That pledge was immediately violated. Churchill at once set out to crush the workers in Italy. The workers' councils were dissolved, known fascists kept in key local positions and Mussolini's Carabinieri used to suppress resistance. In Greece the Quisling Security Police were used to disarm and imprison ELAS resistance forces.

In 1945 came the Labour government but hopes of a change in policy were shattered when Ernest Bevin said there had never been the slightest difference between Eden and himself on foreign policy. The war in Malaya soon showed the ugly truth of this.

In 1947-48 the cold war began in earnest. It was heralded by Churchill's Fulton speech, by Truman's declaration that the U.S.A. will enforce the maintenance of private enterprise everywhere, and by Western European acceptance of Marshall Aid, with strings which have ultimately bound the non-communist governments to the armoured cars of American Imperialism (with Denis

Healey, among others, vigorously running ahead with the Red Flag).

AMERICAN EXPANSION

The American National Association of Manufacturers rejected Henry Wallace's proposal to use the country's phenomenal increase in production to raise home living standards correspondingly, and in 1947 embarked on a policy of expanding American exports and foreign investments. Their eye, as often before, is on China, with its wealth of undeveloped resources, its almost boundless market and its huge reservoir of labour.

But in 1947 it was becoming clear that China was about to close its door to capitalist exploitation. The U.S.A. problem was how to keep, or force, open that door. She had already a foothold in South Korea and was there training a large army which General Roberts said would be "a fine

watchdog over American investments".

By inducing Britain, in return for £2,000 millions of aid, to spend above £5,000 millions on rearmament, etc., America is making sure that British native industry shall never recover sufficiently to become a serious rival in the world's markets. And with British industries coming increasingly under American control, how shall we ever achieve socialism?

Can Denis Healey say how this use of military and economic power is to be governed by the rule of law? Who is to be the policeman? How did the "rule of law" operate when the U.S.A. declared that she was going to hold on to the Japanese island bases whatever the United Nations might decide? What happens when the police are also the felons?

It is time that we in the Labour Party, instead of bleating about unity and loyalty to leaders, began to do some serious thinking. Remember that it was in perfect unity that the Gadarene swine rushed to destruction.

L.L.O.Y. progress in M'chester

A REPORT

A LITTLE over twelve months ago, the South Lancashire and Cheshire Federation of Leagues of Youth had declined to almost nothing.

The Federation met irregularly, the Executive not at all, and the average membership of leagues was around the half dozen mark. Those leagues which were affiliated to the Federation rarely paid any affiliation fees.

That was a year ago, but today the Federation (now known as the Manchester Federation) has an affiliation of some 35 Leagues; new branches have been formed and old ones revived; regular meetings of the Federation take place each month with an average attendance of 50 delegates and visitors.

This remarkable change has been largely due to the different political situation—nevertheless, the Federation leadership, by showing that the League can be a fighting part of the Labour movement must be given some of the credit.

For example, when the engineering apprentices took strike action, the Federation immediately offered the strikers all possible assistance.

THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

As soon as the Youth Conference at Filey launched a membership campaign, the Manchester Federation went into action. A questionnaire was sent out—and answered by local Leagues—showing how many members were active, how many were capable of addressing open-air recruiting meetings, what speaking equipment existed, where were the best speaking sites in the various localities, and other information of this nature.

The Federation was divided into

units and a co-ordinated campaign of recruiting, speaking, canvassing, etc., was commenced. The results are shown in the increased membership, organisation, and cohesion of the Manchester area Leagues of Youth.

Popular figures have been invited to speak as part of the campaign. For example, Frank Allam (who needs no introduction to "Outlook" readers) was one such speaker. Another was Alf Morris, the Chairman of the National Consultative Committee, who reminded us that sweated labour, abominable housing conditions, and other remnants of Victorian capitalism still remained to be fought against.

None of this League activity has been at the expense of work for the adult parties. Youth leaguers in the area play a prominent part in adult party affairs. The Federation Chairman, Greta Karpin, and the Organiser, Jimmy Allen, both had the distinction of representing their Constituency Parties at the recent Morecambe Conference.

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