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No War On China

is Labour Policy

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YOUTH AND THE TORIES

ence. The delegates must surely be disturbed at the seeming inability of the League of Youth to attract and hold young people.

The Filey Conference in June 1952, saw the platform and the delegates agree that a larger and more representative League could and should be built. We decided to launch a new membership campaign. What has happened since speaks for itself.

Despite our efforts, the member-ship has not increased, but has

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generally decreased. Not only has individual membership dropped, but, what is more serious, some fifty Leagues have disappeared altogether.

Stale and cynical people will say that this is all we can expect because the youth are not interested in politics and the responsibilities which politics entail. Before we despair, however, what does our League of Youth offer to young

#### THERE'S REASON TO FIGHT

For these last sixteen months, we have had the experience of a Tory Government. Today, the cost of living has risen higher than the young peoples' earnings. They have to contribute more at home, now that the food subsidies have been cut.

Couples who want to marry view with dismay the high prices of furniture. It becomes harder and harder to get loans from the build-ing societies, and where are the houses to rent? Two years' compulsory military service interrupt apprenticeships and training, with a strong chance of service in a colonial war in Korea, Malaya or Kenya.

This is a situation which we would expect to be very favourable to the Labour Party for winning large sections of young people, in face of the Tories' performance. But, instead of attracting recruits, we find that League members nearly always lack self-confidence and have the feeling that they have nothing to offer and little hope of recruiting new members. Yet the reports which the Filey Conference discussed show that the League does have something to offer.

#### WHAT WE STAND FOR

We discussed positive plans for improving Education, conditions of employment and recreation. We decided to press for Technical Training in the Employers' Time. abolition of night-school fees, smaller classes, more technical schools and the teachers' conditions improved.

We also declared for longer holidas with pay, better working conditions, and collaboration with the unions for improved wages and whorter bours for youth Bigger shorter hours for youth. Bigger grants from local authorities for youth clubs and more sports fields and gymnasia, especially in industrial areas.

These are the demands which really interest young people. If we conduct an agitation for them we cannot fail to attract recruits.

They are demands which do not in any way cut across the programme adopted by the Labour Party at Morecambe. We shall not get more and better schools and playing fields until the building industry and the land are nationalised and the landowners and building contractors can no longer hold up the public to ransom.

Several unions have already Private Enterprise will certainly

HIS weekend the Scottish organised Junior Workers' Committees. League branches should establish the closest relation with the unions. Not only can we expect young trade unionists to have sympathy with us, but the union organisers will be grateful for any help we can give them and our joint work will provide valuable experi-

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ence for League members.
While we turn our attention outwards and offer our proposals to wards and one! of proposals to the young people, at the same time we cannot avoid taking part in the controversies which are raging throughout the adult party branches. We are not interested in personal squabbles. We want to help the party to reach decisions on policy which really will help to provide young people with what they want. The League exists, not only to canvass at election times, but to assist

Youth's Glorious Future?

4,715 soldiers of 15 nations (4,410 of them Americans) lie in this

flower all over Asia if General Eisenhower is allowed to carry the war into China itself. American casualties have already reached 140,000 since the Korean war began.

Y a decision of its last ernment which fears only for war-like plans of the American Government against the Chinese people.

And this opposition — at least as far as the delegates to Morecambe were concernedis not the same as the so-called in making party policy in Britain. "opposition" of the Tory Gov-

Annual Conference, the the safety of British capitalist Labour Party is com- interests in Hong Kong and the pletely opposed to the present Far East should open war with China be declared.

To make this difference quite clear we shall quote in full the relevant passage from the docu-ment "Labour's Foreign Policy" which was passed by the More-cambe Conference. It reads:

"The Labour Party recognises that the peoples of Asia are engaged in a historic revolution against foreign exploitation and domestic poverty. It believes that co-operation between Asia and the Western world must be based on the right of the Asian peoples to govern themselves."

"The Labour Government recognised the Peking Government as the legal government of China and pressed frequently in

# Editorial

the United Nations that the re-presentative of the de facto government should occupy China's seat. It is clearly a travesty that the delegate from the rump regime of Chiang Kai-shek should speak in the United Na-tions in the name of the Chinese people who have rejected him, and the Labour Party believes that there can be no lasting political settlement in the Far East which is not based on the recognition that the Peking Government is the effective government of China and, as such, should represent that country in the United Nations.'

Nothing could be clearer than that: Labour is opposed to any war on China because we recognise—and, by that token, we support—the historic revolution of China against foreign exploitation and domestic poverty.

Why then, it may be asked, d'we call on the National Executivé Committee to organise an Emergency Conference of the Party of the events in China and the Far East? The answer to this question is given in a resolution recently carried unanimously by the Constituency Labour

Reminding the N.E.C. that Morecambe decided "to be on guard against the dangers of sup-porting anti-working class forces in international affairs", declared its support for East West trade and its "resistance to the use of our military strength as a means of enforcing territorial changes in

Europe or elsewhere", the Black-ley resolution concluded:

"The Blackley Divisional Labour Party therefore believes that if the Churchill Government associates itself with the Eisenhower policy on Formosa, Labour must take every step necessary to frustrate the American war plans against China, and as soon as possible the N.E.C. should call a Special Emergency Conference to decide how such a policy can be carried out."

Hundreds of other local Labour Parties, and numerous trade union branches have, we are sure, passed similar resolutions. But so far there has been precious little re-sponse from the Party leaders. True enough Mr. Morrison and others have registered the Party's opposition in Parliament but unlike the members of the Black-ley C.L.P.—they show no desire to go any further than that.

Under these circumstances the Movement's protests remain on paper. Nothing is done to frustrate the Churchill-Eisenhower war plan. And that is why we demand a Special Conference—to decide a line of action based on previously adopted policy resolutions.

But when we face up to the task of implementing Conference decisions we shall be immediately confronted with a glaring contra-diction in our Foreign policy as decided at Morecambe. For the same document which commits us, quite rightly, to support the Chinese revolution also commits us to support the biggest enemy of the Chinese revolution, American Big Business! "The Labour Party", says the document, "believes that close co-operation with the United States of America is vital to Britain and to the Commonwealth as a whole . . .

As the rulers of American are obviously hell-bent on war against the "historic revolution" which Labour has recognised, "Close cooperation" with the United States Administration becomes therefore close co-operation with the reactionary force in the world.

It is this terrible contradiction in policy which inhibits and frustrates the Movement. Our leaders will not initiate any real action against the Churchill Government because they have no desire to distant. turb Anglo-American relations.

Here then are two good reasons for calling a Special Emergency Conference. First, to implement the Conference decisions on China by mobilising mass opposition to the Tory Government which, however reluctantly, is going along with the Americans in this war plan and, secondly, to free the Movement's hands in international affairs by deciding to break all relations with the present reactionary United States administra-

# British Railways Challenge believe because sections of rail-

HE Railway Executive have advised the Unions that any men who participate in "unofficial action" will,

And in case anyone should think that this is merely the action of some unintelligent Blimp in high places, they are at pains to point out that this decision was arrived at "after due consideration" and with complete understanding of what the decision entails".

Trade Unionists have a right to expect their Executive Councils to indignantly repudiate this decision and, if necessary, prepare their memberships for action to force its withdrawal. But to date the Executives of the N.U.R. and A.S.L.E. & F. have merely passed the decision on to the memberships as "information". We have no doubt however, that a storm of protest will arise from their branches as they are the unions mostly involved. They will, we are sure, insist that their Executives lead a fight to force the with-

This is an issue which is of vital concern to all Trade Unionists. It is an attack on the fundamental principle of the right to strike. If British Railways get away with it

**Trade Unions** 

#### WHAT IS "UNOFFICIAL **ACTION " ANYWAY?**

Where does "unofficial" end and "official" commence? Every day throughout the country there are taking place "down tool" actions: some that the Executive's of the Unions never even hear about They are settled on the spot Others are settled by local branch officials, or shop stewards, and the Executives are not brought in but, while never "recognising" the while never "recognising" the action, nevertheless pay out strike benefit.

The capitalist press, the radio and the films, have assiduously cultivated the idea that the Executives are the Unions. It is high time this idea was exploded.

If local branches, district committees, or mass factory or depot meetings, decide to take action, such decisions are binding on the members concerned and must be considered officialirrespective of whether an Executive-often hundreds of miles away-decides to recognise them or not.

In fact and practice every so and introduce such a ruling? We ported on page four.

"generally speaking, be treated not be slow in following the trail called "unofficial" dispute has to as self suspended or self dis
blazed for them by a Nationalised be recognised by the Union Executives. For even when an Executionalise the Railways. ive, opposes an action, almost invariably it has to send a representative or an official to the scene and argue with the men for a return to work. The men having decided to come out, it is recognised that it is the men who must decide to go back. And the Exe-

#### Reported by our Industrial Correspondent

cutive has to abide by the decision of such mass meetings of the mem

When once the Union Executives admit the "right" of employers to dismiss workers who go on strike it is but a short step to agreeing to the complete outlawing of all forms of strike action. The capitalist class will then have succeeded in doing peacefully what Hitler had to do by knife and bludgeon.

#### WHAT IS BEHIND THIS MOVE?

waymen are seriously discussing what they can do to protect their jobs from the attacks which they know must follow from the passing of the Transport Bill to denationalise Road Transport and de-

The Railway Executive-and at the back of them the Government-know only too well that the only means of opposition left to the railway workers-as with the Road Haulage men-is industrial action.

They hope that by getting this principle of "self - dismissal" accepted before the event, it will be a useful weapon with which to create friction in the ranks. This type of weapon is most effective on the Railways where promotion, stand-offs, etc., are controlled by length of service. Under these circumstances the longer the service the more you have to lose, which can drive a wedge between the older men and the younger ones who are usually in the fore-

All the more praise therefore to those Scottish and North English branches of the A.S.L.E. & F. and N.U.R. who, in conference last Sunday, and with full know-Why should the Railway Exe- ledge of this threat by the British cutive choose this moment to try Railways, carried the resolution reSydney Silverman M.P. will speak at the

Great Rally Organised by "Socialist Outlook" Against War

On China! HOLBORN HALL

Sunday, March 15th, 2.30 p.m.

Other speakers announced ater

# Millions Will Be Enslaved By This Tory Plan

# **African Federation Must Be Opposed** THE Federal Scheme drawn the bill be brought into immediate Minister for Commonwealth Re-



'No corner or scrap of land in Africa has escaped hunger. This is a continent of the starving, all of it." J. De Castro, "The Geography of Hunger".

#### A GRIM TALE

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE in South Korea will probably starve or freeze to death this winter, says report of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency.

"The plain fact is that supplies are not adequate to meet the essentials of life," the report says. About £620,000,000 is needed if South Korea is to be self supporting in seven years.

#### "The Blessing of Korea'

(Year of Our Lord, 1952)

"Korea has been a blessing There had to be a Korea either here or some place in the world." General Van Fleet to a visiting Fillipino delegation, January, 1952 Incessant bombs in blessing fall from the Korean sky, While British conscripts shed their

That Freedom may not die. With Christian zeal our bombers

Korea desolate,
And in a blazing charnel-house
Red pagans liberate.

"Korea has been a blessing:'

The Message of the Lord— With napalm bombs and tanks and guns We smite the heathen horde.

"There had to be a Korea" Where death rains from the sky: And starving mothers with their

babes. In vain for mercy cry. Must there still be a Korea. That fools and knaves may prate Of Christian Peace and Liberty Beneath the Mask of Hate?

Percy Allott.

up by the London Con- operation." ference on the Federa is interesting. Some of the Eurotion of Nyasaland and the two peans in S. Rhodesia are, for reac-

which is signed by Lords Swinton help them with African opinion, and Salisbury and Mr. Lyttelton (Tory Ministers), Sir G. Huggins (Prime Minister, S. Rhodesia), and the Governors of Nyasaland and N. Rhodesia, states "We believe that this Federal Scheme is a sound and fair scheme which will promote the essential interests of all the inhabitants of the three Territories and that it should be Federal carried through" (my emphasis). for the

This is despite the fact that the Federal Parliament of 35 will have 26 Europeans elected to represent 170,000 white settlers; differential. He forwards it to the African opposition to this scheme two Europeans specially appointed by the Governors of N. Rhodesia and Nyasaland, one specially elected European and six specially elected Africans to represent the six million Africans.

The method of election of the specially elected members" will be in accordance with "regulations be made" by the Governor of Rhodesia and by bodies designated as "representative of Africans" by the Governors of N Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Africans are not even to decide how their own representatives are to be elected.

#### TORY 'SAFEGUARDS'

The main "safeguard" for African interests is to be an African Affairs Board, composed of one elected African from each territory, plus the "special" Eurons representing Afric of the members of which is to be designated as Chairman by the Governor-General, and given an additional casting vote. In the proposals tentatively put forward by James Griffiths when he was Colonial Secretary, there was to be a Minister for African Affairs; under the draft Tory scheme there was to be an independent chairman and complete independence from the legislature. Now the Board is to be a sub-committee of the Assembly.

In case there are any illusions that it can function effectively another amendment to paragraph that, before you attempt to advise 63 of the scheme reads: "notwithstanding any request from the Board, the Governor-General in his discretion may assent to a Bill (a) if he satisfies himself that it is not a differentiating measure, and the reasons given by the Board for considering it to be such a measure are of an irrelevant or frivolous nature; or (b) if he is will absolve the mass of the satisfied upon representation.

Rhodesias has just been pubtionary reasons, not keen on federation. Sir G. Huggins, addressing to the House." to the House." The report of the Conference that he had agreed to the Board because N. Rhodesia say it will

#### By John Goffe

but I think there should be some amendment to prevent them making facetious objections".

"It is purely advisory, and the Federal Government can arrange for the Bill to pass in London before it is presented in the House, as we do now—under our present constitution and Prime Minister informs the Governor that a Bill is of the

lations, and in due course an-The history of this amendment nounces that Her Majesty's Goveanment will not disallow the Bill, because we have fixed all that up

> Africans get on the voters' roll, instead of playing party politics they play colour politics? All that you will have to do is to alter ur electoral law again. No reever stop people from passing laws to ensure their own survival. No

#### POWER WITH WHITES

The Conference, composed entirely of Europeans, completely to observe that agreement". ignored the opposition of the African populations. In the words of the "Daily Telegraph": "If

"Suppose that as more and more ervation in the constitution can British Parliament will stop you."

is felt to be ill-founded, it is not only our right but our duty to go against it."(!!) They have done so not only for the present but also the future. The constitution can be modified only by a two-thirds majority of the Federal Assembly in other words only by the European settlers.

Similarly, the delegation of Nyasaland Chiefs has been contemptuously rebuffed. At their departure, Paramount Chief M'Berwa claimed that Mr. Lyttelton had been "brusque and frowning, did not let them put their case, but insisted that there was no public opinion in Nyasaland about federation." Chief Maganga said "if federation were pushed through there would be trouble, and it is not of our seeking. If federation were imposed it would arouse the active opposition of the whole African population of Nyasaland".

On the other hand, the interests the copper barons and their companies are genuinely safe-guarded. Clause 140 of the scheme lays down that "where, before federation, the United Kingdom Government is bound by any written agreement affecting any territory or any rights exerciseable therein . . . then the Government the Federation will be bound

Such an agreement is that of 1949 between the United Kingdom Government, the Governor of N. Rhodesia and the British South Africa Company, as follows:

"The British South Africa Company should continue to enjoy its mineral rights in N. Rhodesia until October 1st 1986 possible that any government the Africans to defeat this scheme which may become responsible for making Central Africa into a during the 37 years period for slave camp for all with a black the administration of N. Rho-skin.

# **Profit From** Witch Hunt

Robert Clifford of Sidney, Australia, obtained four jobs in a row Each day after getting a job he would make an anonymous phone call to the employer and tip him off that the new worker he had hired was a Communist. In each case Clifford was fired and given a week's pay in lieu of notice. Police don't know exactly what crime to charge Clifford with!

desia should be bound by these agreements." This undertaking has been carried out to the letter.

Among the directors of the British South Africa Company is Sir Dougal Malcolm (Chairman) who is on the board of all companies, Sir Ernest Oppen-heimer director heimer, director of 46 companies and chairman of 23, Sir Ellis Robins, who is on the board of every company with interests in the copper belt, and Julian Amery, the Tory M.P.

Federation and the "superprobity" of the copper companies are threatened by the African workers. "By 1950 the N. Rhodesia Africa Mine Workers' Trade Union had a membership of nearly 30,000 on the copper belt. It had even won the grudging praise of the employers for its skill in wage negotiations." (From a statement by Joshua N'Komo, Secretary of the S. Rhodesia Africa Railway Workers' Union.)

The Labour and Trade Union ... H.M. Government should movement in this country must undertake to secure as far as join in the struggle and unite with

# Jake McKenny's Left Hook

McKenny, a quiet, modest, young carpenter was working away (in the mechanical shop of Wilson & Company, meatpackers, in Chicago).

"How you doin' today, Sunshine?" said a voice he'd never heard before and a hand he'd never shook, slapped him familiarly on the back.

McKenny turned and saw the white - management - man, Henry Baxter, standing over him.

"What do you mean by that 'Sunshine' remark?" McKenny straightened up.

"Why-you look like a sho-nuff happy-go-lucky boy with a bright smile on your face," Baxter chort-

It was his last chortle of the

He suddenly found himself sprawled all over the floor, sent there by a left-hook from Mc-

When Baxter was able to pick himself up he rushed to the General Foreman who rushed to fire McKenny on the spot.

What in the world had come over workman McKenny, who had always shown remarkable ability restraining himself from hitting foremen in the mouth?

man only wanted to be friendly? The company set it all down to the unpredictable nature of packinghouse workers—especially Negroes—and went merrily on

their money-making way, minus

McKenny. But to the executive officers of Wilson's Local 25 in District One (of the CIO United Packing-house Workers of America), Jack Souther, Joseph Zabritski, Wil-helmina Pearson, Leroy Simp-son and Arter Harris, there was

no mystery about it and before

tions; (3) to pass strictly enforced literacy tests; (4) are rejected for technical errors in application forms; (5) told that the registra-tion card supply has been exhausted; (6) made to undergo long waiting periods; (7) insulted or threatened by Officials or hangers-

This Council is a conservative not at all a radical or liberal body of public opinion. It is concerned because the trend since 1948 has been for less and less Negroes to participate at the ballot box. A fair enough picture of the Eisenhower crusade for "democracy

THE plot began on hot McKenny had gotten out of the July 23rd, 1951. Jake plant they had filed a grievance and demanded his reinstatement.

> For McKenny had rightfully resented being slandered by the cheap race slurs of "Sunshine" cheap rac and "Boy"

Through his nerves had flashed the terrible synapse of race op-pression: the paralysing paradox of being nicknamed "inferior" in the land of the "free" . . . the menial jobs he had held despite his worth and skill . . . the daily diet of slum-life . . . the wretched sight of the Bill of Rights lynched weekly with witch hunts . . . the

This report is reprinted from the excellent pamphlet, "Action Against Jim Crow," published by the United Packinghouse Workers of America.

ruthless profiteering from white supremacy... hypocrites in high places who promise peace and equality but deliver war and discrimination . . . and interwoven the snide denial of a man's simple right to dignified identity—to 'Jake McKenny''. Such is the stuff some left-hooks are made of.

For McKenny's anger was the anger of Jewish. Polish, Italian, Irish, Mexican, Chinese and other workers who resent the cowardly slurs of 'Kike', 'Sheeney', 'Polack', 'Hunkie', 'Dago', 'Wop', 'Greaser', 'Gook' and other mudballs hurled' at great peoples by little bigots. After all, didn't the fact that he had been referred to as "Sunshine" and "Boy" prove that the man only wanted to be friendly?

What are race slurs? Bigotmade blades handed to common people to use against each other and so sharp they'll never know they've cut each others' throats until they try to put their heads together.

The Local's Anti-Discrimination Department had no intentions of accepting firings based upon a member's defence of his dignity.

So was born the grievance which finally came before Impartial Arbitrator Peter M. Kelliher with the question: "Was the discharge of Jake McKenny for proper cause?' The Arbitrator eventually decided

"The discharge of Jake Mc-Kenny was not for proper cause under all the circumstances of this case. The Company shall reinstate him to his former position with full seniority. without any compensation for time lost."

So ended the mystery of Jake McKenny's left-hook and the Award which marks a forward step in the fight of American workers all races and creeds for respect and dignity.

selves in this case will read and tions. hear with dismay the result of It is, of course, nothing new with the appeal for clemency, made politicians and diplomats to seize first to President Truman and passed over by him to his suc-

THE ROSENBERGS

Meaning of Eisenhower's Decision

By JACK STANLEY

The statement made by the President that "the action of these two people had in effect betrayed the cause of freedom for which free men are fighting and dying at this very hour, is one of the most extraordinary statements that could have been made by a responsible of evidence and legal and other opinion that has sifted this evi-

cessor, President Eisenhower.

After the decision in the case of Formosa, one can expect almost anything to be stated by this person under the guise of fighting for liberty and freedom.

It is a very old and true saying other people on their actions, you should put your own house in order. The attitude of the American hierarchy in connection with racial, political and colour discrimination indicates the particusatisfied upon representations made by the Prime Minister that it is essential in the public interest that

THE whole of the freedom- of the vote, they must accept some HE whole of the freedom-loving people of the world which are threatening the whole who have interested them- basis of the American constitu-

> on every opportunity for stirring up mass hysteria in order to blind the mass of the public to their lack of efficiency and, in many instances, corruption.

Anti-Communism, Anti-Semitism in fact, anti-anything that the ete President Roosevelt stood for is being practised by those who have succeeded him in higher office. If the world is to be saved from the result of this attitude of people who are prepared to sacriperson who has studied the weight fice human life without stint, in order to preserve their economic world domination, the whole world must condemn this latest action. While it only at present concerns two people, it is the thin end of the wedge to remove without compunction all those who do not see eye to eye with the present system of society applying to the United States of America.

> It is therefore necessary that every effort be made, not only in this country, but by the whole of the freedom-loving people of the world, which, in my opinion, includes the Eastern democracies, in order to throw their weight against this latest action and secure, if a all possible, the clemency which has been requested by those who have fully sifted the evidence and find as a result no justification for the death sentence being carried

# **Unrest In Eisenhower's Own Backyard**

S Eisenhower arrogantly challenged the power of the Chinese Revolution Revolutionary Nationalist Movement (M.N.R.), which had received an overwhelming majority at the last general elections.

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Right and Left Wings of the Minister of Government, the (peasant), outbreaks an overwhelming majority at the last general elections.

Right and Left Wings of the Minister of Government, the (peasant), outbreaks an overwhelming majority at the last general elections. last week, there were indications of increased revolutionary a powerful Mineworkers' Federa ferment in Latin America, long tion, tin mining being the most regarded as U.S. imperialism's important industry. Last autumn, regarded as U.S. imperialism's own "back yard"

Attention centred on Bolivia. Red Indian peasants, or "Indios", the original inhabitants of the the original innabitants of the country, began an armed movement for the distribution of the land in the Cochabamba Valley. When several of their leaders were arrested, over a thousand "Indios" from the surrounding countryside marched on Cochabamba, the

regular army that supported a usurping dictatorship. It placed in power the government of Presimple of the Victor Paz Estenssoro and his in the line of the variety of the Cochabamba police in power the government of the variety of the Cochabamba police in power the government of the variety of the Cochabamba police in pending show-down between the variety of the v

Partido Obrero Revolutionario (Revolutionary Workers' Party, POR), who are attempting to organise a farmers' syndicate. These organisers, who according to the the Left Wing pushed through the police chief are under the orders nationalisation of the tin mines, previously owned by foreign capitalists. A month ago a reaction- Lechin's Centrale of Workers of



Regular police authorities were helpless. The peasants returned to their villages only after armed Workers' Militias from La Paz, the capital city, arrived to assume control.

Bolivia has been in the throes of a revolutionary situation ever since last April. A workers' uprising at that time defeated the regular army that supported a regular army that supported a revolution.

Bolivia have been telling the Indian farmers that they are the development to dissolve them. The peasant movement in the Cochabamba region appears to open up a new phase in revolution.

The "New York Times" corres-

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land reform, and has espoused a full-fledged socialist programme.

Washington for support. The Left Wing depends upon the miners and the peasants, among whom the POR has considerable strength. The rise of the peasant movement is a sign that the Left Wing is growing in power and that new revolutionary developments are at hand.

Bolivia represents only the crest of a wave of unrest spreading throughout South America. Peru Venezuela and Guatemala are other countries where social movements are simmering to the boiling

cators, clergymen, in that region, where they are a large part of the population. Only half as many blacks register to vote as whites.

HE Southern Regional Council, an organisation of edueditors businessmen, labour leaders and civic workers of both races in thirteen Southern U.S. States reports: There is going on a "cold war of the ballot" against Negroes

Here is why: Negroes are (1) required to produce one or more white character witnesses; (2) to

# No case for Landlords The Week at Westminster

# **Building a Public Service**

N the previous six articles, I think I have proved that the Building Industry can be turned into a Public Service with very little disruption of the existing personnel employed. In this concluding article, a word had better be said on the inevitable question: "Who is going to pay for all have consumed.

The asking of such a question presupposes a general agreement with the proposals. If there were other vital objections they themselves would condemn the scheme without reference to payment. The "Who is to pay" question is therefore the last ditch of the doubte. The reply can take the form of a counter question "Can the nation afford to allow itself to be accom-modated in such buildings and in such a way as it is at present?"

No! For the reason that these buildings themselves prevent us enjoying the advantages of health, safety, happiness and production capacity that a rebuilt Britain would give us. Therefore, the nation as a whole must continue to work and to set aside a propor-tion of the food, clothing, etc. it produces for the use of its building servants.

Why not? It is what in fact we are doing now; the difference is that we would be getting value in return. We would have given the Building Industry a full time job and we would get results satisfactory to ourselves and to them. We are giving them now roughly the same amount of commodities but because of the lack of a real plan, the thieving, and no offer writy, we get no results worth

Also we should not pay for ever and commodities supplied to our builders. When the builders finish each job it will have been paid

## ONE TRANSPORT - UNION -

The following article appeared in the February 13th issue of the "Railway Review", produced by the National Union of Railway-

MOST interesting move in ported. All transport workers in the country are considering amalgamation in the near future. This would bring together railway-men, road transport workers, bus, tramway, and taximen and loco-motivemen, totalling 300,000, into one transport union.

The name suggested for the organisation is the Trans Workers' Union of Australia. Transport

Preliminary talks have already taken place in Sydney between the leaders of the Road Transport Workers' Union, the Australian Railways Union, the Australian Federated Union of Locomotive and Enginemen, and the Australian Tramways and Motor Omnibus Employees' Association.

This is good news. It is an effective answer to those in this country who seem to think there are insuperable barriers to the formation of one transport union.

The reasons why Australian transport workers are considering amalgamation are similar to those which should motivate us. They are, more effective organisation, unification of power, and improvement in protection and advance of the transport workers.

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If the suggestion is put forward that the nation will not have at its disposal sufficient commodities to feed and support its builders in their task, then it will obviously be the intention of the nation to sit down and rot rather than achieve plenty and to deny itself entry into a veritable Earthly Paradise.

There is, of course, another side of the financial aspect of the ques-tion that must be faced. That is the claim of the present owners of buildings.



This is a question that faces us, in other forms, in every aspect of our national life. The solution or method that is applied, for instance, to the ownership of land can with equal justice and convenience be applied to the buildings that stand on that land. If we nationalise the land we shall do so, not just for the sake of nationalising it, but in order to get rid of the landlord and his rent and so that the land can be developed and used in the best possible way

So, it can be argued, we can nationalise our buildings so that they also can be developed (i.e. reconstructed or rebuilt) and used in the best possible way. It may be said that land nationalisation is quite enough to get on with. Nevertheless reconstruction of buildings must proceed. Very well, we have placed the land and the what is called interest on a fictitious raw materials at the disposal of value that is placed on the wages our builders. Let them get on the reconstruction of our towns, our new factories, etc., as I have outlined.

> As and when the buildings are complete and occupied let the users pay rent to the State which has maintained its builders while building the new habitations; this rent can be handed on, if the State thinks fit, to the old owners of the derelict property that has been pulled down. This can be done if the State and present owners are fools enough to carry out such a transaction.



Actually, if the nation acts with the same common sense as an average individual the position will be that all who are prepared and able to work will be paid a wage at least high enough to guarantee them a good average standard of life. Those who are young will be educated, and those who are old will be pensioned. The few who will not, or cannot, work will receive medical attention or public assistance under the social services.

Under such conditions there will be no occasion or need for rent paying, and the whole of the nation, including the late renttakers, will look on our present methods with a mixture of sorrow and amusement that men could be such fools in their dealings one with another.

There is here suggested a job of work that can be put in hand

#### Bermondsey A.E.U. Protests on Formosa

The Bermondsey Branch of the A.E.U. has condemned the action of the United States Government on Formosa and called upon the Executive of the A.E.U. to urge the National Council of Labour, through publicity and demonstrations, to make it clear to the Tory Government that the workers re-fuse to be dragged into war against

#### WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Which Birmingham Trade Union official sent £3 3s. in answer to an advert offering a "seat for the Coronation" and received by return of post a threelegged stool!

"The Journal of Birmingham Trades Council."

endeavour is going to be worth a ton of theory in the days to come. The operation of this plan will help the nation along the very diffi-cult first steps it will have to take in reconstruction.

Building shares with agriculture, music, and all the best things of life an appeal that is common to all men, and the spectacle of a new and lovely home growing up around them will inspire and vitalise the spirit of men to even greater triumphs in other and possibly even more important spheres of human activity.

These final words are addressed to members of the Labour Party. Nothing has been suggested above that is foreign to the principles and ideals we have long cherished, nearly all the proposals made have at some time or other been accepted by our Party.

The proposals differ in that they strike at the root of our difficul ties and that they remove all the barriers that have frustrated our endeavours in the past. That there will be difficulties in carrying through the project no one can deny, but they will be difficulties that can be overcome.

To proceed as we are doing now endeavouring to build a new Britain with capitalist institutions in control, will lead us only to destruction. Let us therefore have confidence, courage and an adventurous spirit.

at once, and an ounce of practical ROAST OX OR THE OLD DUN AURICE WEBB when Min-M AURICE WEBB when Minister of Food, was castigated

£161 a ton!

by the Tories because he paid £126 a ton for Argentina's

No wonder the "Daily Express" said that Gwilym Lloyd George should be wearing a black tie and that with the black tie there should a ton Argentina meat should make go red faces and heavy hearts. Yet, some luscious sandwiches. Of when Labour was in, they implied course the red meat is likely to

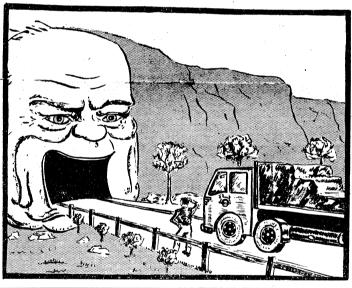
Now all this is very annoying because Mrs. Jean Mann has been badgering Gwilvm too. This canny Scots lassie wants to know where she can make an application to roast an ox for the Coronation.

Provided that the meat is given away freely, the Minister informs us that any local authority or other responsible body that has made a custom of roasting an ox at Coronations will be permitted to obtain an ox. But Jean still doesn't know where to get an ox because nobody told her. Anyway all the local authorities she seems to know haven't even a mutton chop to roast just now.

Then Peter Freeman wanted to make sure that the ox would not be battered to death with a pole

## SHUT YOUR GOB!

... or the answer to denationalisation



#### by Harold Davies, M.P.

meat. This they called a black- axe in the good old fashioned way.
mail price. Now Tory business I don't think that Peter need worry acumen has reached new heights too much about this. Up to the and they are paying Argentina moment if your village can steal the old dun cow that will be the greatest height of roasting prowess you are likely to reach.

Why worry anyway, at 161 quid that this could never have hap-pene had the Tories been in you find yourself eating red bunt-

#### IS THERE A MISER IN THE **HOUSE?**

Sir Harvey Elwes (1716-94) died worth a quarter of a million have paid the cost of pounds. He was a miser. His son Grants ten times over. John was an M.P. and he was a miser and a Southwark brewer. He bought no new clothes, would He bought no new clothes, would venture for the worker who was not clean his shoes and grudged prepared to sacrifice his time after every penny he spent. That was a day's work. This government all right for that M.P., but when Florence Horsbrugh M.P. gets miserly over Adult Education we should seek ulterior motives. should seek ulterior motives.

We were told last week by the ex-Radio Doctor that we had saved £135,000 on tea derationing and about £217,000 on the derationing of sweets. All this comes about

nounces cuts of £34,000 a year in Workers' Educational Association the back benches. will suffer most. Their voluntary work will be whittled down.

Tens of thousands of men and women after their day's work have over the years attended W.E.A. Classes. Many M.P's. and thousands of men playing an honour-able part in public life owe a great deal to the W.E.A. Some sections of the Labour Movement suspect he political leanings of the W.E.A., but it does open new vistas for those who have not had a chance of further education and who want to think about our social and philosophical problems. I never believed that the silly feud between the National Council of Labour Colleges and the Workers' Educational Association served a real purpose. Both have a great place in working class education.

The wicked cut is highlighted if

we read all the blurbs the Tories produced during the war, and later, on Adult Education. Look at this from the Tory Sub-Committee on Education published in 1942.

"Of all the State's activities education is the basic activity because it conditions the future character of the entire community. Since it is essentially a long term activity nothing but the direst necessity should be allowed to hamper or interrupt it. In peace no temporary economic crisis should be permitted to have any effect at all upon educational services. In wartime the maintenance of all these services at a level of high efficiency should have maximum priority.

Election promises and trimming again. The saving this week on sweets and tea derationing would have paid the cost of the Adult

The W.E.A. offered a field of adventure for the worker who was

#### THE GARDEN OF EDEN IS FROZEN

There is no doubt about it, things are a bit ruffled in the Tory because we can dismiss the staff garden over this Sudan agreement that used to be needed for ration- with Egypt. Tory Ralph Assheton was sorry that he had to strike a discordant note. He thought that That should have been enough to please the Tories last week. But no, the Minister of Education anpeople of whom less than 1 per cent. are literate. He thought that grants to adult education. This Britain was abandoning her trust. is the meanest cut of them all. The Here was an unkind thrust from

> Herbert Morrison believed that the agreement was in spirit and principle a development of Labour policy. Some of the Tories think that the Sudanese are being abandoned though. In private many of the backswoodmen are on the verge of a real row. Eden is getting cold receptions. After all, the Conservatives were going to do wonders in Persia, Egypt, Malaya and elsewhere. Now we find American ex-Ambassadors saying what Britain should or should not do and maybe Mr. Eden is listening to them too much. Who knows? So the Tory Party flounders:

"Is there no hope? the sick

man said: The silent doctor shook his head.'

# LABOUR'S L

**TOT** since Labour's historic election victory of 1945

has there been a topic more widely discussed than last devoted considerable these important articles space towards analysing and commenting on what happened Evans still hold considerable sway in this little-known North West seaside town. Why this unusual attention?

In 1945. Labour swept to power and during six years of office implemented its policy "Let Us Face the Future". This was good so far as it went, but in the light of imperialist decline both at home and abroad, it was completely in-adequate. The conditions for British capitalism got worse. U.S. imperialism embarked on war and we had the crucifixion of Korea.

More than ever British economy ried out for a socialist solution Stern steps were required and the right wing were unprepared. All this resulted in Labour's election defeat by a narrow majority of seats. The ranks then took a hand and Morecambe was the result. After 1945 it was the second great stage towards a socialist Britiain. Hence the interest it has aroused.

True enough, Morecambe was only a beginning. The right wing are still very strongly entrenched in the Party machine. Deakin, Williamson, Lawther and Lincoln

By Phillip Williams This is the first of a series of articles which Phillip Williams

more widely discussed than last year's Morecambe Conference.

will write dealing with real problems facing the Left Wing of the Party. Others in the series will be "Trade Unions and the Left" The press of all shades of opinion and in the most important important in the most important important in the most important in the portant languages of the world our readers to send in comments (as brief as possible please) on

> with the block vote—but the sands are running out. The political situation is moving left and this means a constant undermining of their position. Each day the left gains in strength, but so also does its responsibility increase.

THE LEFT MUST AVOID IMPATIENCE

A good socialist is not one who can make a rousing speech and spell-bind his or her listeners. This can be a valuable acquisition, but it is not enough. One must try to understand the development of the movement now unfolding inside the Labour Party, and intervene accordingly. Sometimes this intervention calls for different forms of activity, which in its turn may cause some understandable confusion.

Labour's left wing is first of all a mass movement. It is potentially the mot powerful movement that has yet developed in this country. Properly guided it will go forward to a socialist victory. However, as a genuine mass movement it has both strong and weak sides.

embraces a considerable section of working class and professional people. It weakness springs from people. its lack of political and organisational cohesion when confronting the well-entrenched right wing. There is nothing wrong about this provided the more politically ad vanced left wingers try to under stand how to overcome it.

The first thing to appreciate is the necessity to remain within this mass movement and fight at all times against being separated from it, either by expulsions or proscrip-tions. This is not as easy as it sounds and sometimes causes cer tain impatience. Left wingers tend to get enthusiastic over a victory in the ward, management commit tee and union branch, only to lapse into moods of utter despair when a reverse is suffered. Sometimes they allow themselves to be provoked and in a fit of frustration act in a manner that permits the right wing to expel them. (This is what happened with the Vienna Peace delegates.)

not become subjective about the incidental difficulties of the struggle. Socialist leadership does not arise spontaneously. It has to be prepared and fought for. More-cambe was the outcome of a number of years of experience and development. Likewise our final victory over the right wing will also be the product of a similar

# BELIEF IN THE LABOUR PARTY

Firm conviction flows from one's political outlook. The left wing at all times separate the Labour Party and trade unions from the right wing leaders. We believe that these people are alien to our movement, which is a splendid movement of working people in-stinctively loyal to the finest socialist traditions.

That is why the left always has to set the example in hard work in the localities. One must back up one's policy with example in elections and in building up the Party in between these. It is a proud fact that some of the finest parties are left-wing inclined.

If a left winger permits himself or herself to lose sight of the greatness of our movement and the need to fight might and main inside it against the right wing, hen they are heading for the political wilderness. The L.P. can do this job under left wing leadership. The right wing see their way forward only in circumstances which will permit collaboration with the as a genuine mass movement it has both strong and weak sides.

The left must attune itself to a stubborn fight and keep inside the L.P. are Labour Party at all costs. It must its left wing.

# Liverpool Council Ban Again! How To Fight For Peace

The Liverpool Stadium's ban on Bevan aroused national interest and resulted in the first signs of an awakening of the people against the inroads being made on civil liberties in the city. Nevertheless the ban was not removed and the Bevan meeting had to be held across the Mersey, in Birkenhead, in a much smaller hall, and consequently, before a much smaller

pool City Council, despite Labour page, of 'justice' in modern China. [See also the article by Alf Rose opposition, has turned down an the Merseyside Unity Theatre to book the Philharmonic Hall for the purpose of showing cultural films, although the films in question (both Italian), have in fact been shown in the commercial cinema.

we have been turned down because we have always worked your heading is a penly as the Theatre of the broad dark-age methods. the Co-operative Centenary in find difficult to explain away. 1944, with "100 Years Hard", written and produced for the Liver- Mitcham. pool Trades Council and Labour Party Centenary in 1948, with
"Tolpuddle to Today" for the
Labour Party Jubilee, and with
"The Engineer" for the A.E.U.

I described the
and Bentley as one Centenary in 1951.

"We are confident that the Laband against this abuse of political

are pouring into the Town Hall make it less crude, more from the workers in the factories to the morally-minded. and docks. Many resolutions of protest from various political and cultural organisations on Mersey- cracy" was flouted throughout. Town Hall.

A Public Protest Conference has been organised by a small com-mittee composed of representatives of a reprieve. of co-operative guilds, ward Labour parties and Trade Unions, and Chinese village where the first will be held, tomorrow, Saturday, steps have been taken to overturn February 21st, from 3 p.m. to 5 the old order of starvation. At the p.m. at the Holyoake Hall, Smith"Tribunal of the People" the peasdown Road, Liverpool.

All "Socialist Outlook" readers in the Merseyside area are invited to attend this vital conferenceits implications are of the most far character. speakers representing the broad labour movement will include Councillor Jack Braddock from the Liverpool Labour Party and Trades Council, and Councillor Howell James, secretary of the Liverpool Co-operative Party.

Remember, comrades, apathy today will result in totalitarianism tomorrow. Come along and defend YOUR right to speak freely in Civic Halls.

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#### BENTLEY AND JUSTICE

May I say how much I agree with the sentiments expressed in Case. No socialist can, of course, socialism internationally, after the agree with capital punishment. I abolition of classes, will crime and find it all the more puzzling when violence of all kinds disappear Now the Tory dominated Liver- I read, in the article on the same from human society. That the meeting of a court of justice should be marked by impunishment should rarely be withheld; all these facts remind me Unity Theatre's secretary, Mr. of the proceedings of Nazi and G. Dawson, says: "No reason has Fascist beasts when dealing with been given, but it is obvious that democratic martyrs. Implicit in your heading is approval of such

Labour Movement. For sixteen To agree with Eva Boult and years we have served the move- with the writer of the Chinese To agree with Eva Boult and ment with our plays, films, music, account calls for mental contorabove all with our contribution to tions that even a communist would

D. Roberts.

I described the case of Craig and Bentley as one of "class jus-A war society produces maladjusted boys who come into our movement will fight back conflict with the arm of the law against this attack on its theatre it then condemns them to death or years of jail. Hanging brought the whole thing sharply before the This time however, the action public, but to substitute life imof the Tory-managed City Council prisonment for death would not will not go unopposed. Petition change the character of capitalist forms protesting against the ban punishment, although it would make it less crude, more acceptable

> In the Bentley Case our "demoover-ridden, discussion in Parliament was banned, and public opinion misled by the expectation

"Tribunal of the People" the peasants pass judgement on the land-

lords who have despoiled them. It is the landlords, not the peasants, who correspond to the "Fascist beasts" in western Europe.

The Chinese peasants understand the implications of class war far better than our liberal-humanists. It is their responsibility to suppress the reactionaries who would overturn the revolution with vio-Eva Boult's article on the Bentley lence. Only after the triumph of

on this page.-Ed.]

## Scots Railmen Give Lead

A CONFERENCE of ome 21 N.U.R. and A.S.L.E. & F. branches, meeting in Edinburgh on Sunday, 15th the grain. February, reaffirmed its opposition to the Transport Bill.

resolution carried unanimously declared that "this iniquitous Bill so clearly is a measure which will economically ruin the Railway industry, deprive the public of the possibility of cheap and efficient service which could have resulted from the policy of integration and coordination of the transport services and cause mass redund
No. Walker says that "freedom

Mr. Walker says that "freedom ancy, worsening of conditions and unemployment to railwaymen".

in order to organise action against the Bill, it was decided to convene a further conference of all N.U.R. and A.S.L.E.F. branches from the Executive Councils of the two Unions to attend and

The meeting urged "all branches in the localities to unite and organise mass meetings so that resolutions can be prepared and submitted to the Conference".

also asked "all branches to call on the National Executives to act against the denationalisation of Transport and to be represented well.

Party, also the Co-operative Mens' which it is sometimes necessary Guild, I feel obliged to record my for the left to make temporary criticisms with regard to the article retreats in order to fight under

fights for peace".

his criticisms at the "Daily Of course we fight against ex-Worker". He doesn't, however, re-commend an alternative daily for ialist Outlook" fought against the socialists. In the same issue there proscription of the Socialist Felis an admirable article "Hands Off lowship, but when the N.E.C. pro-China" proving that it is not the scribed this body, we urged all Peoples' democracy to blame for its former members to accept

American policy is NOT making

In the Labour Party we are to submit to proscription or else we are accused of being duped. Yet ow restriction of discussion and Democracy are compatible is beyond understanding. Freedom of discussion is VITAL so as to enable us to sort the chaff from Herald" must then come to heel

The weak, inconclusive and nonconstructive article would have read better in the millionaire The answer to the question s not hard to find when one reads the remainder of the "Outlook". I should say that it is up to the people, the rank and file of the Co-op., Labour, and the Communist parties, etc., from all parts of the world, getting together as they did at Vienna, with Keir Hardick advise in mind the Communist parties. Hardie's advice in mind.

Thorner, Nr. Leeds. R. E. Walker.

of discussion is VITAL". Yes, indeed! but practise what you preach Bro. Walker. Because I criticised the "Daily Worker" for assisting in the adventures of the Vienna delegates you liken me to the gutter writers of the "million-aire press". What sort of freedom is this? Does your "freedom of discussion" conceptions permit criticism of the "Daily Worker"? or is it, like the famous Papal Encyclicals, infallible and above

It seems that Labour's Left must not only jealously guard its "free-dom of discussion" from the right wing but also from some supwing but also from some sup-porters of the "Daily Worker" as

## $\star$ a criticism and a reply $\star$ As a member of the Labour of a long stubborn struggle in

in the 6/2/53 issue of the "Socialist more favourable circumstances. Outlook" headed "Who really That is, in fact, the essence of today's fight against the right The writer seems content to level wing.
s criticisms at the "Daily Of course we fight against ex-

Peoples' democracy to blame for its former members to accept the present upset in the East. One under protest, but continue to fight may, therefore, conclude that inside the ranks.

Morecambe which came some eighteen months later was a splendid confirmation

the correctness of this stand. Finally, Labour's Left has as yet no daily newspaper, but as soon as we take over control of the party and the unions, we shall undoubtedly rectify this. The "Daily -or else.

Phillip Williams.

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# Letter from Stricken Canvey

article on stricken Canvey, and I can vouch for the truth of the statement by Mr. Taylor which you quoted. The material loss in Canvey has been enormous. Hundreds of people have been deprived of their all. Homes which represented the savings of a lifetime have been badly damaged and some swept away.

In the past, the onus for the inspection and upkeep of the sea wall has been in the hands of one representative of the Wall Commissions, employing three men who had the additional duty of keeping the dykes clean! Isn't it a fact that such small protection was dangerous to the inhabitants?

The Essex County Council, who take a great proportion of our rates for the upkeep of roads, have failed lamentably in their duty to at the Edinburgh Conference on 29th March at Unity House, Hillside Crescent, Edinburgh".

The fight against the expulsions provide us with proper amenities. The one main road which we deby isolated adventures. It is part

HEARTILY agree with your than a glorified lane. Our Fire Service is manned by a volunteer crew, men who are at work in the course of the day. They answer aithfully the call when possible, but that is not enough. Houses have been burnt completely to the ground, which might not have happened with a fully equipped professional Fire Brigade and machines to tackle un-made roads.

We do not want to hear the cry 'it cannot happen again". need a good staff for Wall and Dyke inspection and immediate government action to give us a sense of safety, a knowledge that what has just happened will be protected against in the future.

We do not ask for panic measires, but unless something is done NOW the sense of urgency will go, and the different authorities will be arguing about who shall act and pay when the sea strikes again and takes its toll.

The present Bridge connecting us with the mainland is old and should be replaced by an overhead bridge. We Canveyites have repeatedly put this matter before the Essex County Council but their stock answer (as with the present Government), is "no money". These items I have listed demand urgent Government action to provide a sense of safety, so far as human progress can do.

When my home is again habitable, I will return to Canvey and do all in my power, with the ratepayers' association and with the people, to see that Canvey shall rise again. With our Walls and Dykes made safe, our Island will, I am sure, be a credit to human progress.

W. Affleck, Chairman, National Federation Old-Age Pensioners, Canvey Island.

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# Propaganda and the 'People'

criticism?

of lies, deceit, half-truths and misrepresentation designed, and with some success. to stupefy its readers into acceptance of the rule of privilege and private profit.

It would almost seem that the illiteracy of eastern peasants in revolt against landlordism and imperialism is one of the few advantages that they industrial west—and that the reading ability of the latter is . The stress on anti-Communist one of their greatest common news in our daily papers is intended to condition us to the disadvantages.

The "Daily Telegraph" noted recently that "factory workers and artisans need, above all, solid foundations of the 'three R's' to enable them to read workshop regulations, to understand instruc-tions and to compute the calculations necessary for their jobs."
This is confoundedly inconvenient for the ruling class which the "Daily Telegraph" and its like serve so faithfully.

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#### By Alf Rose

(Member Bebington C.L.P.)

coated with a sugaring of sports have over the workers of the news, fashion news, glamour competitions, crime, crosswords and comic strips.

> acceptance of capitalism in Britain and to support of the war which is being prepared upon the peoples who have rejected that system elsewhere. Some newspapers have their readers so bemused that millions of decent folk will accept the war as just or just inevitable.

> Day after day is the poison peddled and, although religious senti-ments are often exploited with the most flagrant hypocrisy, a special measure of filth is reserved for the Sabbath. But sometimes the conspiracy is too obvious.

Odhams Press, joint-publishers with the T.U.C., of the "Daily Herald", and publishers of other noteable literature such as "The Story of the Coronation", has recently been guilty of a little clum-siness in its Sunday journal, the "People".

Below a picture entitled 'Crime' Was Being a Landlord," the "People" has reported:

"For the first time since the pute. Communists took over in China the world can see what red justice means.

from the Chinese mainland to dalism they heaped all its sins the British colony of Hongkong. It shows how a Chinese was executed. The man was a landlord named Huang Chin-Chi. He was charged with being a "despot" towards the local peasants, and with Communist persuasion the peasants dragged him before a people's tribunal".

"With his hands tied behind his back Huang was made to kneel before his judges. A rifle was pointed menacingly at him

"Then all the local peasants were invited to air their grievances against the landlord. When they had hurled all their accusations the verdict was given death to landlord Huang.

possibility of reprieve; no interval, even, between the verdict and the execution.

"Landlord Huang crawled to the execution ground a few yards away; and then a guard put a bullet in his back.

"Communist justice had been

#### STORIES COLOURED Note especially the use of such

phrases as "red justice", "Communist persuasion", and "Communist justice". The whole story is coloured to evoke the sympathy of the readers, not for this wretched landlord who reaped the full harvest of bitterness implanted in the Chinese peasants by him and by his forefathers through centuries of exploitation, but only in order to bring ideas of socialism and communism into disre-

Students of the history of know that when their own capital- worker also. We must support our friends and fight our common foe.

upon the head of Charles I—and then cut off that regal head, and in the same manner did their middle-class cousins of France treat Louis XVI during the French Revolution.

And were there then no military tribunals with instant executions allowing no appeals? And are there not similar tribunals today in times of emergency and of martial law? And is not a revolution a time of emergency?

#### PRESS SERVES RULING CLASS

Of course, the "People" knows all this. The British press is not directed by ignorant men but by men who consciously and deliberately serve a ruling class which. having established its rule by vio-"There was no appeal; no lence, today favours the maintenance of its own law and order.

Immediately below the story quoted above there appeared in the "People", in the same issue, on the same page, and in the same column, under the title "Communist Lynched", this report:

"A suspected Communist prisoner in a United Nations camp in Korea has been beaten to death by anti-Communist prisoners "The non-Communists meted

out swift justice, says an official camp report, before guards could get the Communist out of the compound." This time, you see, "swift jus-

tice"—with no mockery of a trial -served capitalist ends. The British press applauds. Those are the ends it serves also. We can learn from this. In class

war there is no neutrality-nor will there be any in the hot war which is being prepared. The enemies of the Asian peasantry royalty like Odhams Press should are the enemies of the British

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