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Thomas Muir

This great rebel leader of "The Society of the Friends of the People" was born in High Street, Glasgow, on 24th August, 1765. He was sentenced by the High Court, Edinburgh on 30th August, 1793 to fourteen years banishment to Botany Bay. He escaped and after extraordinary adventures including severe wounds, he reached Paris to support the French in their revolutionary activities but died at Chantilly, near Paris, on 26th January, 1799.

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FOR A WORKERS' REPUBLIC OF SCOTLAND

TO LIVE BECOMES DEARER AND MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE WORKERS.
BUT THEY HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE - THEY ARE NOT 'SCROUNGERS'.

Judith Hart, Member of the Westminster Parliament and Minister of the Crown, in former times a darling of the 'left', so beloved of the moribund 'Communist' Party of Great Britain, declares that, "The knowledge of even one scrounger in one housing estate or village throws doubt on the whole purpose of the Welfare State." On the other hand that much more eminent and sincere authority, Professor Peter Townsend, emphasises that "I have never come across a clean-cut case of scrounging. In any survey of poverty in this country, the problem of scrounging would be worth nothing more than a footnote." It is disgraceful but not surprising that this woman Hart, presumably to ensure a continued place in the hierarchy of charlatan Harold, descends to the cheapest level of slander of a handful of workers whose circumstances make it more sensible to accept social security 'benefits' which may nearly reach the figure of a low wage received if working and when they would require to eat better and replenish footwear and clothing more frequently. This same woman, made her political reputation by proclaiming her hatred of the capitalist parasites who, living upon UNearned profits and dividends, batten upon the workers. She called them 'scroungers' and by god she was correct. When she denounces, with equal enthusiasm as she denounces the poorest, those 3000 people in Scotland each of whose UNEARNED income exceeds £10,000 per annum, not to speak of the multitude of 'business' men who deliberately swindle the income-tax, and get away with it, we will cease to regard her as a humbug and an enemy of the people.

"BLOATED PROFITS"

In this issue we print a few of the bloated profits made from the exploitation of the workers. Meantime, that other charlatan buddy of Mrs Hart's, the Right 'Honourable' Barb Castle, is busy declaring that wage increases over $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ are criminal, whilst the cost of living rises at the rate of 6% and using her Tory inspired 'Prices and Incomes' fraud to prevent the workers of the transport, engineering, fire service, shipbuilding, motor industry, mining, etc., getting the modest increases demanded. When the Harts, the Castles and the Wilsons prune their own disgracefully swollen salaries and make a frontal attack on the real enemies of the people, they may have some moral justification for calling on others to do with less. But these 'self-service' creatures won't. In the midst of all this, unemployment for thousands of railwaymen, miners and others being sacked "by agreement", between Tammany Hall types of Trade Union leaders and the employers. Overtime has to be worked to earn a minimal living wage, making nonsense of the 40 hour week idea. In fact millions of workers are having to work longer hours than was the case before the last war. Computers and automation, likewise ever increasing 'take-overs' and mergers, such as the General & English Electric colossal private monopoly, are rapidly displacing workers instead of being used, as they would be in a workers' socialist republic, to reduce hours, improve living standards and ensure long holidays for workers and their families.

"BRITISH TRADES UNION CONGRESS"

Recently, the British Trades Union Congress, 'celebrated' its hundredth birthday by taking a number of tragi/comical contradictory decisions, whilst its General Secretary and the 'Labour' Government are in agreement that whatever decisions the Congress took would have little

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or no effect on Government policy. This presumably includes the pious resolution calling for equal pay for women. The almighty Harold, like the unlamented Hitler, basking in the conceit of his colossal ego, fawned upon by the British capitalists and the willing tool of the bloody Lynden B. Johnson, regards himself so superior to the rank and file that the very suggestion of consulting them would be an affront to his dignity. Nevertheless, Wilson and Co., are on their knees to the international financiers and banking sharks, loading additional foreign loans on the backs of the workers of our country with all that this means in high interest rates every penny of which must be met by bleeding the workers. The 'dictatorship of the proletariat', forsooth! Wilson does not even consult his own Monopolies Commission before giving the go-ahead to the G.E.C. - Eng. Electric merger. Dictatorship of Monopoly capital, yes! We have said before and repeat that it would enlighten the workers greatly, in their own interest, if they would scan as carefully the 'Finance' columns of the daily press as they generally do the Sports columns.

"DIRECT ACTION"

The dissatisfaction of the workers is expressing itself more and more in direct action of one kind or another and more frequently in defiance of the views of the trade union leadership. Generally, this 'leadership' is very remote from the circumstances of the rank and file. They are far too comfortable with salaries and emoluments based upon their own assessment of their value, certainly not upon their 'productivity', and built into a machine which gives them security and social advantages which they always struggle to retain. Generally, this induces an attitude of mind in these bureaucrats which makes them do everything possible, overtly or covertly, to dampen any expression of militancy and certainly horrified at the merest thought of political action of a revolutionary quality. None of this is surprising. The Trade Union machine is firmly in the clutches of the capitalist establishment and the safety valve against a revolutionary explosion, or so the 'business' men delude themselves. Not altogether though, many, far too many, workers are deluded still by pro-capitalist Economic and Parliamentary 'democracy' illusions. We recall, and endorse the view expressed by Lenin at the second congress of 'The Communist International' in 1920, and how true of today, viz.: "Ask ourselves the question why opportunist tendencies persist - stronger in Western Europe? It is because these advanced countries have created their culture by living at the expense of thousands of millions of oppressed peoples. The capitalists of these countries are getting much more than they would receive from plundering their own workers. It is possible to throw away half a billion on gifts to Labour leaders, to the Labour aristocracy and for other kinds of bribery. The whole affair reduces itself to bribery in thousands of varied shapes and forms; the creation of thousands of sinecures for Co-operative, Trade Union and Parliamentary Leaders, forming the economic basis on which opportunism in the Labour Movement rests. Thus their resistance to Communist ideas is very strong."

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"WORKERS POWER"

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WORKERS' POLITICAL POWER, dismissing mere parliamentarianism, was well demonstrated in the United Kingdom in 1926. Then, the splendid unity of all sections of the workers as a class in the great General Strike when power, seized by the strike committees, led rapidly to a near revolutionary situation. Alas, the reactionary Trade Union big shots who controlled the central strike committee in London, including such scoundrels as J.H. Thomas of the railwaymen, who at one time was bribed to the extent of £70,000 by the employers, called off the strike just as the great solidarity of the workers brought complete victory within their grasp. We can be sure that there are plenty such-like potential traitors in the ranks of today's opportunists. This will have to be recognised today otherwise the workers will be 'coddled' again and again with yarns about the merits of getting around the negotiating table for compromise decisions. These always leave the worker with much less than he is entitled to receive from the industry of which he is the backbone. The ever-recurring frustrations arising from mere 'industrial' action, economic strikes, walk-outs, go-slows, working-to-rule and so on, with all the consequential hardships to workers and families and generally a return to work without a satisfactory agreement, will continue indefinitely until INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC DEMANDS ARE EXPANDED TO DIRECT POLITICAL ACTION FOR COMPLETE WORKERS' POWER.

"THE WOODCOCKS, GREENS & CANNONS"

The decline of British Imperialism is accompanied by the degeneration of the machinery of the Capitalist Establishment...the Westminster Parliament, Burgh and County Councils, the press and the radio. This also applies to the ancillary State organs, including the Nationalised industries, the whole structure of Wages Joint Councils and the Trade Union Bureaucratic machine. All of these play their part in the constant attempt to bolster up a rotten social system. It would take a special article to describe even briefly the manner in which bureaucracy and downright swindling of the workers takes place under the system where ultimately all decisions are taken in relation to the inviolability of the private profit system. It is sufficient to remind readers of the kind of speeches we hear from the Woodcocks, Greens and Cannons, trying to justify the notorious prices & incomes' fraud and the keeping down of wages. They yell about 'increased productivity' at a time when productivity is actually rising in those industries where capitalism is already making enormous profits. What hypocrisy! These so called 'workers' representatives have learned to flog the worker just every bit as hard as their masters the Capitalists. In a Socialist Republic productivity would rise even greater than it does under Capitalism as there would be less waste on account that production will no longer be based on profit but will be made to meet the needs of the people. Furthermore every man employed would be a WORKER and as such we would rid ourselves of that class employed by capitalism who virtually do nothing but tell the worker to work harder. Just count the amount of hanger-ons who BATTEN off the backs of the workers in your own industry, and if there is one supervisory staff to every ten workers then you know that you are having to work 10% harder to keep someone there to tell you to work harder. The great men of the Capitalist Establishment conveniently forget the profit, rent and dividend 'scroungers', the real lay-about parasites...the royalty and their multitude of hangers-on, the non-working shareholders - whose incomes are generally as much per-day as the average (contd. page 5

THOMAS MUIR of HUNTERSHELL and the SCOTTISH MARTYRS.
Commemoration Meetings arranged by The Workers' Party of Scotland

On Saturday 24th. August, 1968, the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Muir of Huntershill, in High Street, Glasgow 1765, a short commemoration ceremony was held there with Ken Houlison, Chairman of the W.P.S. presiding. On the following Saturday, 31st. August, a similar ceremony was held in the Old Calton Burial Ground, Edinburgh, at the memorial obelisk there, to commemorate the banishment to Botany Bay, on that day in 1793, of Thomas Muir and his comrades, Thomas Fyfe Palmer, William Skirving, Maurice Margarot and Joseph Gerrald. On this occasion Bailie Leslie Wood of Dunfermline presided. Both gatherings were representative of wide interests and attracted considerable publicity. The following is an abbreviated account of the speeches and messages given, and the outcome was the formation of a "Thomas Muir and The Martyrs" Committee to take steps to ensure that annual commemorations on similar lines will be continued in future years. Also the Committee is charged with the project of a delegation to visit Chantilly, France, where Thomas Muir died on January 26th. 1799, and at that date next year. Chairman is Bailie Leslie Wood and the Secretary/Treasurer, to whom

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The VOICE of the PEOPLE. By. Jessie Bryce of Menstrie.

WAR, HUNGER and HATE encircle the World and the dark waters of confusion swirl around our feet. The People's blood continues to be wantonly spilt as Moloch's due: violence at all levels increases. The fact is the Nations of the World are caught in the downward vortex of a dying Capitalism.

School-day knowledge taught us the Cyclic Law of the Seasons - the rise and fall of Races, Nations and Empires - but to know this is not enough, we must realize these Truths and understand the immutable law of PROGRESS. With this understanding comes the strength to joyfully overthrow the Old outworn way of life, loaded with the burdens and poisons of Senility, and welcome in the New.

So it is from the midst of hellish conflict, of WAR, HUNGER and HATE a Voice is heard -- strong and rhythmic as a Song, embodying the Only Hope for a World hell-bent on it's own destruction.

It is the VOICE of the PEOPLE - - -	
Yes! We shall BUILD again	BEWARE all ye who hold
this land of OURS	the golden reins!
laid waste by War	BEWARE custodians of our
and grasp of greedy hand:	simple trust
for WE are BUILDERS	Procrastinators know
therefore we demand	your days are few!
the right to live and work	for in the ONWARD MARCH
as MEN not slaves	we must sweep clean away
of profit fattened masters.	ALL hindrances
	that make the PEOPLE'S PLAN
	but dreams - - and not REALITY.

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As the young fish go out to replenish the ocean,
so the young thought will reach the world,
and the new will slide down as a ship being launched.

This is the Lode-Star of our REVOLUTION.

Jessie Bryce.

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correspondence should be directed, is Michael Donnelly, 35, Stratford Street, Glasgow, N.W.

Keith S. Bovey, Glasgow welcomed the opportunity to pay tribute and impressed the importance of such gatherings with thanks to the W.P.S. for taking the initiative.

Councillor James Bryce, Menstrie and Ellis Milton, Avonbridge, both emphasised the lessons for today of the sacrificial efforts of these great martyrs.

Matthew Lygate, stated the intention of the W.P.S. to take similar steps to ensure that all the great progressive figures of Scotland's history are recalled and honoured.

Ken Houlison, declared that the extraordinary story of these enlightened and brave men ought to be known to every school child, student and adult who recognises that the pioneers in politics, science and cultural advance are the very essence of civilisation, without whose initiative, determination and courageous perseverance the Scottish Nation could not hold its head high amongst the nations of the world. Some eighteen months ago our Workers' Party of Scotland decided to revive and popularise the stories of the great progressive figures of Scotland's history, whose services to the people have too often been overlooked, if not entirely forgotten. It is not enough to recall the stirring victory of Bannockburn, at the same time elevating Robert the Bruce, at best a skilful military tactician, but otherwise a dubious, ambitious and self-centred character, by comparison with the magnificent quality of our great and selfless patriot William Wallace. Our rather tentative steps in memory of the great John Maclean, led to results far beyond our best hopes. We propose to continue this part of our Party's programme but of course shall be most happy to support any other body which may take similar steps for worthy people. We specially thank both Glasgow and Edinburgh City Corporations for their ready response to our request for facilities to honour the Scottish Martyrs. As true internationalists we reject narrow national chauvinism, fully recognising that every nation has its own record of great historical sons and daughters, but we demand that our national heritage of intellectual and cultural achievements shall be recognised as equal and that they shall be made known to all mankind.

Councillor Jack Kane, Edinburgh. I am glad that the commemoration of Thomas Muir has been revived after many years. In these days when our Movement seems to many of us to have lost direction, and when we are looking for the way forward, we can draw inspiration from the pioneers. Conditions have greatly changed, new policies are needed, but whatever the circumstances, courage and self-sacrifice will always be required of those who fight for Socialism and these qualities, Muir and his fellows gave in full measure. May this be the first of a new series of commemorations.

R. Mulholland of Inverness, wrote: Unfortunately distance and time prevents my presence. I extend my best wishes and am heartened by your efforts to revive those works and lives of great Scots, thus contributing to the present struggle for political and economic independence.

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Michael Donnelly, Glasgow, an authority on the history of "The Friends of the People" and who has done much research on Muir and the martyrs, gave a detailed statement on the suppression of information on the lives and work of pioneers of the revolutionary struggle in Scotland. He demanded that there should be a great extension of educational recognition of these pioneers.

Naomi Mitchison, Carradale, stated that Thomas Muir and the Martyrs represented the real Scotland, and not the theologians whose statues decorated this city. The Martyrs represented the eternal verities and struggles of the Scottish people.

Dr. Douglas Young, St. Andrews, declared that the struggle of Muir and the Martyrs reflected the struggles elsewhere. Internationalism was a consummation of Nationalism and the growth and development of National cultures. "Scots Wha Hae" was written out of the anger which accumulated from the trial of Thomas Muir, a leader of "The Friends of the People" of which Robert Burns also was a member.

Ex-Provost James Lean, Dalkeith, gave a fine historical review of Muir's life, trial, deportment to Botany Bay, his life there, his escape to America and subsequent journeyings and adventures ending in wounds received whilst on a Spanish vessel fired upon by an English warship and finally his death later at Chantilly, France.

Ex-Councillor Elizabeth Mein, Edinburgh, related how her great-grandmother was one of a small party who organised and carried meals to Thomas Muir and his comrades whilst they were in prison awaiting deportation.

Ian Miller, Edinburgh, the young leader of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign, made an eloquent appeal to youth to participate in present-day struggles in the same spirit as that of Thomas Muir and his courageous associates.

DR. CHRISTOPHER GRIEVE (HUGH MACDIARMID), contributed a special tribute of which the following is the full text:

"I very much regret my inability to be present at the Anniversary Commemoration of Thomas Muir, owing to engagements elsewhere which I cannot break. The significance of the life and work of Thomas Muir - and of the treatment to which he was subjected by the authorities - has still to be fully realised. It is sometimes thought that it is only totalitarian regimes who deliberately falsify their countries' history and "sweep under the carpet" the achievements and even the very names of opponents of the existing regime. But that has been and remains the practice of all Capitalist countries, and is as true of Scotland as of anywhere else. Various Scottish historians - Dr Meikle, George Pratt Inch, and others - have written about Muir but not in a way which brought out the true and full facts of his story. That remains to be done. Recent research has shown that none of our historians, up to now, has taken the trouble to seek out the materials available for a complete understanding of Muir's case and of the history of "The Friends of the People". Within the last few months an abundance of hitherto unpublished material has been found in the Register House in Edinburgh, in Kilmarnock Museum, and in Spanish and French archives which throw a flood of new light on Muir's career and the Movement with which he was connected. It is to be hoped this will speedily be edited and published, but even after so long a lapse of time the powers-that-be do not forgive anyone who has stood against them, and there will certainly be no rush of publishers

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eager to print this newly discovered material. Nevertheless, published it must be - and as soon as possible. It is deeply relevant to our present problems, and there can be no better way of commemorating Muir and his comrades than by correcting errors - whether deliberate or unconscious, of those who have previously dealt with this matter and rectifying the distortions, misunderstandings and lies in which it has so far been carefully shrouded by the lickspittals of the governing class, and as unscrupulously ready to penalise all true Friends of the People, as ever they were. With warmest good wishes and comradely greetings to all concerned in this commemoration, and to the Workers' Party of Scotland for organising it." (Signed) HUGH MACDIARMID.

David Shanks, Secretary, Edinburgh Group, W.P.S. concluded the proceedings by expressing the hope that a widely representative public committee would take up and carry on annually these commemorations and pledging the full support of his Party.

IMPRESSIONS OF RUMANIA AND HUNGARY.

By Ken Houlison and Val Sutherland.

Our three weeks tour of Hungary and Rumania was one of contrasts. In many forms, such as the wonderful achievements of the old revolutionaries in establishing a viable industrial and agricultural system out of the morass of feudalism and primitive capitalism in which these countries were floundering prior to the second world war. Contrast this zeal with the sickness of revisionism and the moral decline which is its product.

The creation of a bureaucratic class of functionaries and technocrats enjoying a much higher standard of living and special educational and other advantages for their families, than is the general rule with the ordinary workers. Facilities for and widespread use is made of gambling in the form of lotteries, roulette, chemin de fer, and so on.

The almost complete abandonment of the beautiful Palaces of Culture built in the early days and the crowding of poor halls to see the worst films of the western world such as sadistic cowboy and propaganda type shows. Contrasts again in the oil industry of Rumania. This industry originating in pre-Grecian times, built the first oil wells in the USA and taught them the art of oil drilling. What a contrast now, an up-to-date oil cracking plant was required and they were compelled to purchase one from the USA and installed in 1968.

In the machinery of government and business - incredible contrasts. Where there used to be efficient organisation, zeal and enthusiasm are lacking with consequential narrow self-interest and inefficiency.

Contrasts which are sad to relate when one recalls the heroism and super-human efforts which went into freeing these lands from feudalism and fascism.

THESE ARE THE SCROUNGERS JUDITH!



£41,100,000.

The Distillers Company Limited

The Accounts for the year to 31st March 1968 show a profit for the Group after depreciation of £41.1 million compared with £35.8 million last year.

HAVE RACED UP

Profits of Wilkinson Sword have raced up. In the six months to last June pre-tax earnings were £1,877,000 against £1,365,000 in the same half of last year. The interim dividend is raised from 10 to 12½ per cent to reduce the disparity between the half-way payment and the final. A year ago an interim of 10 per cent was followed by a final of 27½ per cent.

IMP'S UP MILLIONS

Figures that the stock markets have been eagerly awaiting came today from the mighty Imperial Chemical Industries, Britain's largest industrial concern. Their profits for the half-year to last June were £76 million before tax, a rise of £25 million on profits for the corresponding half of last year.

Taxation takes £30 million, against £19 million, and the after-tax profits for the six months are £46 million, against £32 million.

ANGUS, KIRRIEMUIR.

Angus Milling Company Ltd. has enjoyed the finest and most profitable trading year in its history.

Report to the Shareholders by the Chairman, Sir D. C. F. Lowson, Bt., at the Annual General Meeting in Kirriemuir.

It is always pleasing to report on a Good Year's trading, and the one under review has been the finest in our Group's History. Whilst the turnover at £3,536,000 is only the second highest recorded, the Gross Profit and Services at £476,000, and the Net Profit from Trading at £139,700, in each case are at an all time high.

HOISTED THE PRICE.

The profits of British Electric Traction rose by £1,700,000 to £9,814,000 in the year to last March. The final dividend is the forecast 45 per cent, to maintain the total at 70 per cent. This high return has hoisted the price of the 5s shares over the years, and yesterday it went 1s higher at 90s.

BREWERS BINGE.

the profits of Whitbread, the brewers, rose last year by more than £1 million to £10,645,000

Wilkins & Mitchell Limited

Profits before Taxation for the year to 30th March, 1968 are £753,446, very satisfactory increase of £341,355 over the preceding year.

Servis Washing Machine

"SERVIS" WASHING MACHINE.

BORDER TELLY.

Border Television, programme contractors for the Borders and Isle of Man, increased their pre-tax profit in the year to April 30 from £75,708 to a record £97,451 and have increased the dividend from 20 per cent to 26½ per cent. Being in the "close company" category, they have freedom from the present dividend restrictions.

FULL OF JOY.

Blackwood Morton & Sons, carpet manufacturers, Kilmarnock, have handsomely met their forecast of March. A final of 10 per cent restores, with Treasury consent, the 5 points cut from the dividend last year, and shareholders again enjoy a total of 17½ per cent.

The results are full of joy. trading profit from £929,066 to £1.7 million and profit before tax more than doubled from £518,277 to £1.3 million. The net earnings after adjusted tax have multiplied 2.8 times from £269,386 to £775,847.

WONDERFUL FIGURES.

Wonderful figures came yesterday from the Rank Organisation, the £150 million cinema, television and dance-hall group. For the seventh year in succession profits have reached a new record. Pre-tax earnings for the year to last June are £35.8 million, against £22.7 million. The after-tax profits are up by 60 per cent to £8,642,000.

EAST KILBRIDE.

The results from East Kilbride Dairy Farmers are excellent. Pre-tax profits have jumped from £16,235 to £108,508

HOOVER JUMPED.

Shares in Hoover, the domestic appliances giant, jumped £3 million on the Stock Exchange yesterday after a report showed profits for the first half of this year to be more than double those of the first six months of 1967.

Hoovers have swept up pre-tax profits totalling £4,658,000 against £2,161,000 a year earlier, and £5,884,000 for the whole of 1967.

ALEXANDERS OF EDINBURGH.

Cowle Group of motor companies that include J. R. Alexander & Co., Edinburgh, reports that profits for the first nine months of the current financial year are running comfortably in excess of those earned in the same period of the previous year. The total dividend of 20 per cent paid in 1967 should be more than covered.

EARTH MOVING.

Scottish Land Development, the earth moving and plant-hire group. Pre-tax returns have jumped over £100,000 to £387,000.

EDINBURGH - BASED.

The Edinburgh-based group, Burndene Investments, report pre-tax profits increased from £148,000 to £260,000.

MUSTARD & BLUE.

The shares of Reckitt and Colman, household and pharmaceutical product manufacturers, jumped by 4s 3d to 59s 9d yesterday after the news of the 50% increase to £8.6m. in the half-yearly pre-tax profits.

£1000 MEMBERSHIP FEE.

The price of membership of the London Stock Exchange topped £1000 yesterday for the first time in about three years.

UP FIVE- DOWN TWO

PRODUCTIVITY in the first quarter of this year was about 5 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1967. This comprised a rise in output of around 3 per cent and a 2 per cent drop in employment. Since the end of March this rate of improvement has continued." ("Financial Times," June 6, 1968)

SPARKLING FORM.

Stock markets were in sparkling form yesterday, the first day of the long account, and the "Financial Times" Index soared 5.9 points to 490.5.

14. 4% UP ON 1967.

Companies reporting their profits to the Financial Times during July, says the paper, showed an average rise of 14.4 per cent—2s 10d in the £—over their last year's results.

"July's rise is the largest monthly gain recorded since the upward trend started in September last year," says the City of London paper.

STENHOUSE THE TORY.

John Wallace & Son

Over the 53 weeks the review group profit before tax improved by £171,475 to £822,576. the holding company of which Hugh Stenhouse ←

Glasgow, is chairman.

CARLUKE AND U.D.T.

Most of the inhabitants of Carluke, Lanarkshire, are probably unaware that United Dominions Trust, one of the largest finance groups in the country, was founded nearly 50 years ago by Mr J. Gibson Jarvie, a native of the town.

United Dominions Trust's forecast of pre-tax profits of "at least £4m." which was made in February has been left well behind. Profits for the year to June 30 amounted to £5.5m. before tax, which is well over twice the total for 1966-67.

EDINBURGH INK.

of A. B. Fleming (Holdings), Edinburgh, the manufacturers of printing ink revenue had risen from £809,674 to £836,425.

£5000 DOUBLED.

This week I have doubled the £5000 I started with in January 1966, and now propose to start another £5000.

Scots Tories cash target

A capital reserve fund set up by the Scottish Conservative Party three months ago now stands at £115,000 and officials are confident that their target of £500,000 will be reached by 1972.

Sir Gilmour Menzies Anderson, chairman of the party in Scotland, yesterday described the fund as an insurance premium to "ensure the return of good government."

The fund is being invested and will be administered by trustees, including Sir Gilmour, Mr George Younger, depute chairman, and Mr Hugh Stenhouse, treasurer. They intend to appoint further trustees in the near future.

Mr Stenhouse, who was appointed last year, said yesterday that previously the party had practically no reserves and the aim of the new fund was to give them some capital to fall back on. The only income they had was the cash from individual subscriptions.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Considerable contributions are anticipated from various sources, including Scottish firms, and £250,000 is expected to have been raised by 1970.

The initial sources of the fund are the existing central reserves of the party in Scotland, totalling £37,000; certain capital sums already donated amounting to £3000; the general fund of the former Eastern Divisional Council of the Scottish Unionist Association, totalling £50,000; and a contribution of £25,000 from Stenhouse Holdings Ltd., Glasgow, of which the national treasurer is chairman.

BEECHAMS.

Among the major companies reporting their profits during July, Beechams had a profit rise of 21.2 per cent, Metal Box of 10.2, and Radio Rentals 7.2 per cent.

It is the paradox of our days that under a Labour Government the rich are getting richer

those who were rich a couple of years ago or, more have become richer still.

We must remember that the rich are always with us. It is true that some families drop down the wealth scale when the brass finishing generation arrives to throw away fortunes amassed over the years. But they are the exceptions. The rich have a wonderful trick of staying that way, and of growing richer.

YOUNGER AND MODESTY.

Sir William McEwan Younger, the chairman of Scaftish & Newcastle Breweries, cut his salary from £15,000 to £13,000 (excluding pension contributions) in the year to April 30 last during which he gave up his position as managing director. He is still full-time chairman and must be perhaps one of the most modestly paid heads of a major group in Great Britain.

The board has 14 members, the same number as in the previous year, and their total pay (including pension contributions) is £105,000 against £98,000. Pensions to directors amounting to £7000 were paid during the year.

For a long time he has been an active Conservative and recently he has been involved in the scheme for a Scottish Assembly. Thus the disclosed contributions of £3000 to the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Central Office, £250 to the Conservative Party Board of Finance, £100 to Durham County Group of Conservative Associations, £265 to the Economic League and £100 to Edinburgh Progressive Association are not surprising. Political contributions total £3906 but are far short of the £14,962 given to charities.

The report reveals that Sir William has a beneficial interest in 80,000 Ordinary stock units and "other" interest in 323,880. Mr Clutterbuck has a beneficial interest in 108,634 Ordinary stock units and "other" interest in 364,091.

DIVIDEND!!!
De Beers Consolidated Mines have declared an interim dividend of 40% (same and final 140%) for 1968.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA- SOVIET REVISIONISM - U.S.A. FORCES IN SCOTLAND.

Statement issued on Wednesday, 21st August, 1968, by the Central Committee of The Workers' Party of Scotland (Marxist-Leninist).

The Soviet leaders finding the child of their own erroneous policy, the Czechoslovakian leadership, kicking over the traces, they now indulge in military action to bring them back into line. They are alarmed at the prospect of a bourgeois Czechoslovakia permitting the West German revanchist puppets of United States Imperialism (spear-headed by the 300 thousand Sudeten Germans who very recently demonstrated on the Czechoslovak border) to seriously threaten the security of the U.S.S.R.

This situation is the inevitable sequel to the rejection by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union of the teachings of Marx and Lenin on the class nature of society and the necessity of overthrowing capitalism and destroying imperialism completely through the dictatorship of the proletariat as the most urgent and the only way to secure lasting peace for the workers and peasants of all lands.

SOVIET LEADERS ' REJECT MARX & LENIN.

Instead, these Soviet "Communists" and their dupes, propagated the idea that universal socialism could be achieved through peaceful co-existence based upon the spurious anti-Marxist view that there can be any mutuality of interest and good-will between the workers and the forces of imperialism. Collaboration with the bloody United States Capitalist leadership reached the point when Johnson and Company persuaded the Soviet revisionists to act as their agents in attempting to get the heroic Vietnamese to "negotiate" a "peace" settlement with their brutal foreign enemies.

Having adopted a policy of benevolent sweetness to the most relentless enemy of the workers, it is not surprising that the Soviet leaders scornfully rejected the calls of the Communist Party of China, the Party of Labour of Albania and the other Marxist-Leninist Parties for unity of the workers of the world against the USA imperialist aggressors. Thus the Soviet revisionists today find themselves in the disgraceful position of using Great Power force to achieve narrow chauvenistic aims.

WORKERS OF ALL LANDS UNITE - SEIZE POLITICAL POWER.

Brushing aside contemptuously the floods of hypocritical synthetic tears pouring from the capitalist radio, television and press, and, most disgusting of all, from Lyndon B. Johnson, over the "Rape of Czechoslovakia" the workers of all lands, including the U.S.S.R. and Czechoslovakia, are called upon for resolute opposition against all their enemies - the capitalists, the imperialists and colonialists together with their Soviet and other revisionist allies. The workers and peasants, as the vast majority in every land, must unite, act energetically and seize political power, sweeping aside without hesitation all obsolete forms of organisation and leadership standing in their way, by the creation of action councils in industry and the localities. This sounds revolutionary. It is revolutionary, and

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USA Forces in Scotland.**

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without destroying the obsolete we cannot build the new. There is no other way to avoid a vast blood-bath in which the workers would again be the greatest sufferers.

ACTION MUST BEGIN AT HOME - IN SCOTLAND.

However, action must begin at home. The greatest immediate service can be contributed by us in Scotland, where we have been occupied by foreign military and naval installations of the USA, the United Kingdom and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation - Polaris Submarines, Bomb Stores, Guided Missile Ranges and Control Centres - mostly quite outwith the knowledge of most of our people and certainly entirely out of our control. This is a disgraceful reflection of our failure in our own land. We must act to have these removed at once, and if not voluntarily then they must be driven out of our country by any means suitable.

Such action will be self-help for ourselves and by far the most effective assistance we can render the workers of Czechoslovakia Vietnam and all other countries where the workers and peasants are struggling for emancipation from imperialist and revisionist aggression.

Only by action, resolute, courageous and relentless can we justify appeals to comrades elsewhere to fight the common foe.



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Commemoration - 1820

Despite the heavy rain on Sunday the 8th. of September there was a fairly good attendance at the meeting held at the Martyrs Monument in Sighthill Cemetery, Glasgow, to commemorate the death by execution of the three Scottish martyrs Wilson, Baird and Hardie who had organised and taken part in the Glasgow Rising of 1820.

The meeting had been arranged by William MacLellan, Hamish McQueen and Frank A. Sherry and was to coincide with the publication of Mr. Sherry's book "The Radical Rising of 1820". Mr. John Murphy Chaired the meeting. The speakers who took part were Oliver Brown, Isobel Colman, Unity Miller and the editor of Scottish Vanguard Tom Murray.

Mr. Brown said that a committee was being formed with the aim of making this part of Scottish history better known. He also said that most of the things which these martyrs had fought for were now normally accepted by society. Mrs. Miller spoke of ideals being left to the young people and that the older generations should play their part as well. Mrs Miller criticised the fact that so much was made of the Tolpuddle Martyrs and other English martyrs to the exclusion of our own great Scottish martyrs. Tom Murray dealt at some length on the question of freedom and felt that he had to disagree with Oliver Brown on the question of the principles for which the martyrs had fought being now an accepted part of society. Mr. Murray said that there could be no real freedom under minority rule such as we have in Scotland today, and that there can be no democracy until the majority, the wage and salary earners, themselves hold power. Isobel Colman pointed out that most of the research done in the case of Wilson, Baird and Hardie had been done by the Scottish contingent of the Independent Labour Party, and that it was through their efforts that the Martyrs Monument had been erected. William MacLellan at the close of the meeting rendered a Piobaireachd Lament "The Unjust Incarceration" on the bagpipes.

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COMMENTING ON THE WAGE FREEZE...

Mrs. Barbara Castle, Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity, stated at the T.U.C. Conference:- "We repeat the right of the trade union movement to express its point of view. Equally, I believe, the trade union movement will respect the Government's duty to continue to do what they think is right". Mr. George Woodcock, general secretary of the T.U.C. had this to say:- "We must oppose the Government but I don't want to get into a fight."

PATRIOTISM, NATIONALISM, INTERNATIONALISM, REVOLUTION.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY MATT LYGATE

During the past few months the Workers' Party of Scotland has held a series of meetings in Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Glasgow at which the question of Scotland's struggle for independence and the form that it should take was discussed in conjunction with the Manifesto of the W.P.S.1

Arising from these discussions, it was decided that the most important questions which had been raised at these meetings should be dealt with in the 'Scottish Vanguard' in order that all interested people could have the opportunity of understanding our policy on these matters.

Q. How can the W.P.S. as an Internationalist Party, support the Nationalist movement in Scotland?

A. "There is one, and only one, kind of internationalism in deed: working wholeheartedly for the development of the revolutionary movement and the revolutionary struggle in one's own country, and supporting (by propaganda, sympathy and material aid) such a struggle, such, and only such a line in every country without exception." *1

As a Marxist Party we hold that not only can we but we must be patriots. How can anyone claim to be an internationalist without supporting their own national struggle for independence, when one in fact is an extension of the other? When we extend our support of the national struggle in our own country to the support of the national struggles for independence in other countries, then, we are in deed internationalists.

As "the specific content of Patriotism is determined by historical conditions", we must make clear our position of support. *2

There is the 'patriotism' which goes under the slogan of 'our country right or wrong.' Such 'patriotism' is used by Imperialism to mobilise their working class as a force against the interests of the workers and the Governments of other countries. The Australian Govt. under the leadership of Menzies, in their support of the U.S. Imperialists, stated "We follow America, right or wrong!" This form of 'patriotism' has been witnessed many times, and recently here in Scotland with the lauding of the Scottish Regiment and 'Mad Mitch' on their return from Aden (see June issue of 'Scottish Vanguard' p.2.) In the U.S.A. we see, under the guise of patriotism, citizens of that country branded as 'Un-American' because they have the intelligence and the courage to speak out against the Fascist measure being used by their government in their attempt to subject the heroic people of Vietnam to the will of U.S. Imperialism.

This is the 'patriotism' of Hitler, a reactionary patriotism which must be exposed and rejected by the people.

The true progressive patriotism is that which supports the national liberation movements and the struggle against oppression and suppression of one nation by another. Scotland, like other nations, has her heroes who led in the struggle for National Independence like Wallace who said at the Battle of Stirling Bridge, "... We come not to treat, but to Fight and set Scotland free!" This is patriotism. A patriotism which we see more and more to-day being expressed by the new emerging nations opposing U.S. and British Imperialism.

NATIONAL LIBERATION

Q. Why support the movement for Scotland's Independence?

A. Unlike some other 'Marxists' the W.P.S. recognises that Scotland is a Nation with the right to self-determination. The history of the Union is there for all concerned to read. Scotland was brought into the Union against the will of the Scottish people and regiments were sent in to suppress and quell the riots which resulted in this forced union with England (The Glasgow Riots, etc.) Furthermore the people of Scotland have a right to secede from this compulsory Union, especially since the British ruling class immediately violated and continues to violate the Act of Union.

The movement in Scotland for National Liberation is tied up completely with the decline and crisis of world imperialism. History proves that as the crisis of imperialism deepens so more and more the national question must come to the fore. This spontaneous movement in Scotland is revolutionary by nature of the fact that it is aimed at the existing social and political order of things and must be supported by all revolutionary people. *3

We are of the firm belief that the secession of Scotland from the Union can only quicken the process of disintegration of the British Imperialist State. John MacLean recognised this when he stated, "Scottish separation is part of the process of England's imperial disintegration and is a help towards the ultimate triumph of the workers of the world." Historical conditions have created a situation whereby Socialism could be achieved much quicker in Scotland than in England as a result of separation. Radical movements have always been that step ahead in Scotland with England following on at the rear. For many years now the Scottish working class has voted for a return of Labour yet to-day we witness the steady flow of votes from Labour towards the S.N.P. In England on the other hand what votes were for Labour are now swinging at an alarming rate towards support of Tory candidates and although this is not surprising considering what the policy of the Labour Government is, it is interesting to note that while the people in England are still at the stage of Tory-Labour, the people in Scotland have rejected both and are clearly seeking an alternative, and change.

Once having achieved independence it will be for the Scottish working class to overthrow the national bourgeoisie and ruling class and establish Workers Power.

Q. Will the secession of Scotland weaken the British Working Class movement.

A. Those who say that when one nation demands Independence from another it weakens the united working class movement, are themselves Imperialist minded. Unity must be based on principle. No one can demand unity - it must be the conscious will of both sides to unite. A person who 'demands' unity, demands slavery and demands to be the oppressor. Before anything can form a unity it must itself be a separate aspect, and so, before there can be a complete unity of the English and Scottish workers there must be a separate organised effort on both sides. The Scottish Workers with their own Government would be in a better position to assist their class brothers in England.

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When Norway seceded from Sweden, the fraternal class solidarity of the Norwegian and Swedish workers gained from the fact that the Swedish workers recognised the right of the Norwegians to secede. (4)

The task then for English Marxists and other leaders of the English working class is to raise the ideology of the workers towards the support of their class brothers in Scotland in their demand for independence.

"The working class should be the last to make a fetish of the national question, since the development of capitalism does not necessarily awaken all nations to independent life, but to brush aside the mass national movements once they have started and to refuse to support what is progressive in them means, in effect, pandering to nationalistic prejudices, viz., recognising "one's own" as the "model nation." (5)

A VANGUARD MOVEMENT

Q. The W.P.S. claims to be a vanguard movement. Is a vanguard movement necessary?

A. To-day in Scotland there is developing a tremendous movement of the people for self government and the question, long ago answered by Lenin, is spontaneity not enough, is once again raised.

What is spontaneity? It is in essence nothing more nor less than consciousness in its earliest form - when the workers lose faith in the system which oppresses them they begin to sense rather than understand the need for collective resistance. (6) This means that the level of consciousness has developed to economic demands and certain changes, but not to the level of understanding the need to overthrow the system of Capitalism and establish working class power.

"... The role of Vanguard fighter can be fulfilled only by a party that is guided by the most advanced theory." (7) Without a revolutionary theory there can be no successful revolution!

The development and victory of a revolution depend on the existence of a revolutionary party - there must be a revolutionary party able to integrate the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism with the concrete practice of the revolution in its own country - only such a revolutionary party can lead the proletariat and the broad masses of the people in defeating imperialism and its lackeys, winning a thorough victory in the national democratic revolution and winning the socialist revolution. (8)

The ideology existing in any spontaneous movement is none other than the ideology of the ruling class with a developed trade union consciousness and can go no further than economic reforms.

"The communists" (not the CPGB)" are on the one hand practically the most advanced and resolute section of the working class parties of every country, that section which pushes forward all others. (9) There cannot be any 'Spontaneous' scientific leadership of the class struggle, it must be consciously provided. The Workers' Party of Scotland provides realistic leadership and through the 'Scottish Vanguard' is playing a great part in the socialist education of the working class in the need not only to interpret life, but to struggle to change it. The WPS has accepted its role as vanguard fighters in the struggle to establish a Workers' Republic of Scotland.

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'HARDSHIP' & INDEPENDENCE

Q. Will there be hardship after Independence?

A. The question here overlooks the fact that there is hardships to be endured at present, and it is from this to a certain extent that the movement for Home Rule has developed. The system applied at present in Scotland with half a million poverty stricken people, 100,000 unemployed, tremendous housing shortage, and shocking slums resulting in 50,000 emigrants leaving Scotland every year, can be called nothing other than hardship.

"Even with the most peaceful course of events, the present system always and inevitably exacts countless sacrifices from the working class." (10)

The old adage 'nothing gained without sacrifice' is true and the WPS believes that Scotland's independence will not be given but must be fought for. The amount of sacrifice and hardship which will have to be endured by the Scottish people in their struggle can only be gauged by the opposition to it by those in Power in England. One thing is certain however, and that is that those so called leaders who believe that everything will be plain sailing and that if we all vote for independence then we will be 'granted' it, are either living in a fools paradise or they are deliberately deceiving the people and at the first real sign of state opposition they will quietly surrender and betray the cause, (a good example is the C.P. in France and their peaceful transition to socialism policy, the same as the rubbish written in 'The British Road to Socialism' policy of the C.P.G.B.) These people have betrayed the working class and the revolutionary movements and will continue to do so since they have forgotten or fail to recognise the class character of the State as being the apparatus by which one class subordinates another, as being "a special machine for the suppression of one class by another, and what is more, of the majority by the minority." (11) Whoever considers a revolution can be made only if everything is plain sailing, only if there is an advance guarantee against sacrifices and failure, is certainly no revolutionary. (12) Make no mistake about it, that separation of Scotland from 'Britains' Imperialist state is a revolutionary movement against the existing social and political order of things and will meet with the strongest opposition. It is the task of the vanguard movement to prepare the people for the struggle that lies ahead so that as little as possible suffering will be endured by them.

STALIN'S TRIBUTE TO
JOHN MACLEAN.

At a celebration meeting of the BAKU SOVIET on Nov. 6th, 1920, Joseph STALIN, declared that "Whereas at that time three years ago, we had only small groups of Sympathisers in the West, the Groups of Lorient in France, of MacLean in Britain, of Liebnicht, who was murdered by the capitalist scoundrels in Germany, now, three years later a grand organisation of the International Revolutionary Movement has sprung up. . . "

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES & NEGOTIATIONS IN SCOTLAND
August and September, 1968.

The undernoted partial list of disputes and negotiations in which many thousands of workers are involved in Scotland in recent weeks is an interesting commentary on the partial list of profits disclosed during the same period and given here also. Note also our comments in the leading article. The enormous contributions made by these affluent companies to the funds of the Tory Party do not seem to be productive of the results aimed at but the workers should be under no illusion. These wealthy 'business' men will soon divert these funds to more direct fascist action when they are convinced that toryism fails in its 'productivity'. This is what happened in Germany when the 'business' men there transferred their contributions to Hitler's Nazi thugs. Such 'business' people are of the same brutal types wherever they are allowed to function and certainly no better in Scotland. It suits them well meantime.

to indulge in endless 'negotiations' with tame trade union big-shots and so long as it hood-winks the workers. This will certainly continue until the workers realise that political action to give them complete power over their own welfare and future security must be the sequel to industrial action. This implies unity of all workers and rejection of all divisive, partial, craft and sectional attempts to secure just settlements. 'Divide and conquer' has been the triumphant weapon of the enemy. 'Unite and conquer' must be the workers' slogan. T.M.

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(Marxist-Leninist)

The MANIFESTO of the W.P.S. includes the following statement of its policy, with particular reference to the application of the teachings of Marx, Lenin and John Maclean to the particular circumstances of the workers in Scotland at this period of history and especially the position we find ourselves in at the dying spasms of British Imperialism:

"Scotland is a NATION composed of TWO CLASSES - those who live by EARNING wages or salaries, the vast majority of our people, and the WEALTHY BOURGEOISE minority, whose luxuriant living is derived from UNEARNED income; dividends, profits,

rents: in other words by the EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN. The Scottish Nation is a grossly UNDERPRIVILEGED part of the IMPERIALIST STATE, known as "Great Britain", whose dominant power and authority is the English CAPITALIST ESTABLISHMENT".

Copies of our "Manifesto" and extensive Literature lists will be sent on request. Specially recommended as a stimulant to serious thought on the contemporary scene is Dr S.W. Taylor's book, "POLITICAL POWER-A CLASS ANALYSIS", 8/6 post fr.

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