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Facts And Figures Of The

Poverty In Great Britain

6 Million Get Under £3 a Week!

ownership of the means of production and distribution"

Labour Party Constitution.

A CONTRAST N FLOOD RELIEF

THE workers and shop stewards of Mirlees, Bickerton and Day, Stockport, engineering works have supplied a glaring contrast to the scandalous meanness (reported in the Socialist Outlook of April 17) of the local authority at Harwich who claimed the right to keep back one-fifth of the £150 allotted to each flood-stricken family from the relief fund until bills for the other four-fifths "prove the money has been wisely spent".

The workers at Mirlees, having no faith in the official administration of relief funds, organised their own Flood Relief Fund under their own control.

From about 1,000 workers, £150, was collected for the victims of the East Coast floods. Instead of sending the money to the 'official' fund a small unpaid sub-committee workers was formed to administer the money. It was decided to equip 12 separate families with everyday household necessities such as crockery, pans, cutlery, buckets, etc. (even down to clothes lines and pegs), and to allocate the goods direct.

Twelve complete sets were purchased at discount through the firm (actual retail prices £180) and the lot were transported direct to Mablethorpe in a large van, supplied by the firm, under the charge of two shop stewards who insisted on staying with the goods until they saw it delivered to the 12 neediest families, through the local W.V.S.

By this effective example of "workers control" and initiative on a limited scale the workers at Mirlees ensured that at least 12 flood-stricken families got help directly and in full without a large part of the money being swallowed in inflated 'overheads' and 'administrative expenses'. And what is more important, without being subjected to the indignities of "means-test minded" officialdom.

As Bob Knott, A.E.U. Convenor at Mirlees, writes: "We think that with a collective effort these sort of schemes could be extended, the red tape could be abolished and the victims would receive help immediately instead of eventually."

The letters of thanks received from the victims, several of whom stated these were the first such help they had received, fully confirm the usefulness of the action of the workers of Mirlees, Bickerton and Day Ltd.

Answering a question from a Labour M.P. as to the number of people with incomes of

poverty line.

Our picture shows a Kenya Court crowded with Africans charged with Mau Mau activities. Note the ragged, hungry conditions of the prisoners and compare them to the well-fed, sleek and highly satisfied settlers and their wives also in this picture. Note also the white man with a Sten Gun at the back of the Court!

But, hollow though it is, this court procedure is too slow for the white settlers. They are now demanding drumhead court-martials and public hangings. "Justice" wastes too much time! On with the killings! See story on page 4.

RITAIN is probably the less than £3 per week, Mr. | (wives and husbands incomes comrichest country in Europe Butler replied (Hansard -vet the facts show that 21/4/53): "The number of the standard of life of millions incomes below this limit is of our people is well below the believed to be between $5\frac{1}{2}$ and 6 million, although no precise figure can be calculated. In this estimate, the incomes of wives are combined with those of their husbands."

> Mr. Butler didn't specify who these people were, but any worker could have told him—they are old age pensioners, young workers, women workers, the sick and

But that's not all. In the same copy of Hansard a table is set out —also in reply to a question from a Labour M.P.—which shows that 57 per cent. of the entire population receive less than £10 a week

bined!) and of these the great majority pay no tax because they either have large families to support or are receiving well below the £10 mark!

This after 300 years of private enterprise! Yet there are wiseacres in our movement who still pooh pooh Karl Marx's discovery that capitalism which creates great wealth at one end of the social scale creates also great poverty and misery at the other. They say this idea hasn't worked out in practice. Hasn't it, by God! Just ask some of those under-three-pound-a-weekers. And as for great wealth at the other end—the wealth of giant monopolies like I.C.I. and Vickers is now reckoned in thousands of millions—and it is all concentrated in the hands of a few people!

Turn to living conditions and the situation is just as glaring in its inequalities. Take housing as an example. Figures published by the "Economist" (25/4/53) from the 1951 Census tell the real story.

There are 12 million houses in Britain-mansions and cottages all included—and of these, 2 million were built before 1851 and are fit only for immediate demolition.

One million dwellings have been built since 1943 and they are the only decent working class houses in the country. Of the remaining 8½ million houses (in which most of the people live today and which were built between 1851 and 1941) the following conditions obtain.

339,400 of them have no piped

53,000 have no cooking stove. 85,000 have no kitchen sink. 94,200 have no bath and 464,900 have no water closet!

In "houses" like these working class families have to crowd as many as three, four and five to a

Just give these figures to the next devotee of "private enterprise" who comes round to your door canvassing for Tory votes!

As far as our Movement is concerned, these terrible figures of the

Socialist Outlook

Sends Greetings to all Our Readers and to Fighters for Socialism in all Lands

Especially do we greet those people fighting the armed forces of our 'own' Imperialism the Malayans, the Africans in Kenya, and the peoples of Korea and China.

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yet very simple conclusion. Stop worrying about the middle class votes!

Fifty-seven per cent. of the population—about 16 to 17 million votes!—want their living standards raised. And only Labour can do the job—providing we are pre-pared to deal roughly with the top bracket incomes whose rule has led to the conditions described above. We must take away their great wealth and place it under the democratic control of the workers themselves by nationalisation of all the basic industries.

If this is done—and done boldly -the best of the middle class will wages and living conditions of the support Labour anyway. They'll working class point to one great know then that we mean business.



Socialists in

THE local elections which fought on national and political will be taking place all questions. This is as it should be!

There are still too many Labour men and women who leave their change simply because the seats socialism behind when the control of the seats socialism behind when the control of the con over Britain in the coming week are of great importance to the Labour Movement. A great Labour victory at the polls will be the people's verdict on Butler's Big Business Budget.

Tory propaganda will do its best to obscure the real issues. There will be the usual clap-trap deploring the introduction of national issues in local affairs. The workers will know what to make of this hypocrisy. Tory rule, locally as well as nationally, is only in the interests of big business which the Tory Party represents.

It was the Labour Party which, quite rightly, openly introduced politics into local government. The Tories, who in the past dominated this field of activity, tried to make out that politics had no place in out that politics had no place in council affairs. For a long time they tried to disguise themselves as "independents", but this has now been exposed. Labour forced the Tory Party to come out in its true colours and to admit that local offairs are just as much local affairs are just as much political as are parliamentary affairs. Local elections are now

A GOOD RECORD

When Labour first started to contest local elections, great hopes were aroused among the working class. It was taken for granted that a council with Labour mempers on it would be a better council than one without; a council with a Labour majority would be something quite different to one dominated by Tories or "independents".

And indeed, compared to what the Tories did, Labour's record in local government is far superior. All the improvements in municipal housing, libraries, drainage, child welfare, etc., have been introduced welfare, etc., have been introduced that merely by electing Labour the exploitation of the by the Labour Party or, to be councillors the housing problem accurate, under Labour pressure. could be solved? Houses are still Meanwhile, by return the exploitation of the exploitation of the capitalist institutions. that all is as well as it could be, that Labour councils have fully lived up to what was expected of

their seats in the Council Cham- Labour bottoms instead of Tory

Not only the Labour councillors, but those who vote for them must take an active interest in the problems raised by local government and apply socialist solutions to these problems.

FACE THE FACTS

Local government work is conditioned by the economic system tion, food, clothing, fuel, etc. under which we live. None of the In this way, instead of h

and thus force up rents.

We must recast all our ones. ideas about the place of local government in the struggle for a Socialist Britain. Within a national economic plan there will be a definite role for them to play. Municipal authorities could be given the task of taking over com-plete control of the use and distribution of housing accommoda-

In this way, instead of being difficulties which confront local merely petty administrative councils—housing, rising rates, machines, the local councils would etc.—can be solved within the framework of capitalism.

For example, how can we expect that merely by electing Labour

Meanwhile, by returning Labour Yet, it would be wrong to think owned by landlords and built by Councils and instructing them to profit-makers on land belonging to work in this manner, we can build private landowners. All these strongholds in every locality from parasites demand their rake-off which to resist the attacks of the Tories on our standards of life.

investigate the causes of the Austin dispute, has now finished hearing Court, the company will not re-employ John McHugh the dis-missed shop steward. The Executive of the N.U.V.B.

had previously rejected an offer by the Company to take back SOME of the locked-out workers over a period.

of Inquiry it is clear that the decisive thing will be the amount

Ultimatum

FTER sitting for a fortnight the Court of Inquiry set up by the Ministry of Labour to evidence. The closing stages of the hearing were notable for the statement of the Austin Company that, whatever the finding of the

Whatever happens at the Court of real support that the strikers

can get from the organised Labour Movement. Financial aid must not slacken off.

Latest reports to reach us are: BLACKLEY C.L.P. (Manchester) has voted £2 2s. to the strikers. RICHMOND & BARNES C.L.P. passed a support and sent f1.

ECCLES TRADES COUNCIL AND LABOUR PARTY at their April meeting unanimously expressed support for the Austin strikers and voted to donate the sum of £2 to their funds.

The resolution was moved by Eccles A.E.U. delegate, seconded by Eccles Labour League of Youth delegate and carried unanimously.

In addition to Platt's Manchester workers reported as taking collections in our issue of 24/4/53, the Oldham works of Platt's are also giving financial support.

LEICESTER TRADES COUN-CIL have sent £5 to the strike fund and pledged their support.

In all Local Elections—Vote Labour?

May Day Must Be Anti-War Day! The First AY Day this year will be General Neguib who has (so far!) Union has now made to Eisenstituation today is characterised by capitalism, and there wouldn't be celebrated in a most kept the revolutionary movement hower's proposals it is clear that deadlock. Critical period in world of the long-suffering Egyptian his "peace" is unacceptable to the long-suffering Egyptian his "peace" is unaccepta

history. All around us is talk masses in check. of peace—yet the possibility of war is the most dangerous reality confronting the workers of the world.

When a Churchill or an Eisenhower speaks of peace it is a deliberate and cruel deception of tinually changing to the control of the control o war already raging in the crucified lands of Korea, Indo-China, Malaya, and Kenya.

If the leaders of the Labour Movement in the western world continue to rely on imperialist governments to secure peacewar is a practical certainty.

Yet despite the sombre perspective which this May Day holds forth, the real facts of the present international situation present a resolute working class leadership with the possibility of completely frustrating the war plans of imperialism. Consider briefly some of these facts.

TWO WORLDS

capitalist West and a non-capitalist East—and the situation is deter-iorating for the imperialists all

The massive colonial revolution

Editorial

grows in strength as it spreads revolt. Fo from China into all of Asia, Africa connected and Latin America. The imperialist troops of Britain and France have been bloodily engaged, almost from the end of World War II, in shoring up the crumbling dykes of the white man's rule in and Indo-China-yet patently without success.

The French in particular are at the point of desperation. Despite a huge expenditure in men and materials their armies are now reduced to holding a mere bridge-head in Vietnam while the popular banner of peasant revolt is raised

Templer's brutalities in Malaya give him no success, except to make him the darling of reaction. The white settlers in Kenya now cry persistently for his help in crushing, by the same brutal methods, the long delayed rebellion of the exploited and oppressed African peoples of

The Middle East is aflame with the same fundamental struggle against poverty and national oppression which has called forth such heroism from the toil-worn peasants and workers of Asia. Forced by popular revolt to evacuate Persia, British imperialism remains in the Canal Zone thanks only to the good graces of

> THE 1/420 BRANCH T. & G.W.U.

greetings to readers of the 'Socialist Outlook' and to all trade unionists on this

The Constructional Engineering Union (Rotherham Branch) sends May Day Greetings to ALL workers Forward to Peace & Socialism R. Sibley (Sec.)

E. Booth (Pres.)

Finally, this irresistible move-

deliberate and cruel deception of the people—a cover to hide their plans for a global extension of the war already raging in the crucified war laready raging in the crucified the control of the war already raging in the crucified to the control of the solution in the Soviet Union capitalism in Eastern Europe. Nor a mutual effort to raise the living the control of the capitalism in Eastern Europe. Nor a mutual effort to raise the living the capitalism in Eastern Europe. borders of an economically back-permit them to use it as some sort peace and raise the living standards ward country surrounded by the of bargaining pawn. So the world of the people it wouldn't be hostile armies of both democratic and fascist imperialism, has at last broken out of that encirclement. Indeed, in many respects it is imperialism which is now in danger of encirclement . . . by the revolution!

The effect of all this on the police regime of Russia will be far-reaching. The Russian working class, its numbers and confidence greatly increased by the Soviet Union's remarkable industrial development, will soon Since 1945, the world has re-assert its right to the Soviet become irrevocably divided into a democracy which it lost during the past period of isolation.

DESPERATE MEN

The situation is obviously a desperate one for the Old Society. It's leaders can no longer peace fully contain the advance of socialism and national liberation. They cannot do so because the old society is founded on misery and poverty, perpetually generating revolt. For this reason, and the connected one of mounting economic depression, the rulers of the old society are preparing for

Eisenhower's peace proposals are, in reality, America's war aims presented in the form of an ultimatum. Restore capitalism in Eastern Europe! Unite Germany under an armed and semi-fascist regime! Return the discredited Chiang to China! Stop the colonial revolution! These are the "peace" terms of imperialism. As we wrote editorially last week, in Laos and sweeps into Siam up such terms are completely to the borders of Burma.

Templer's brutalities in Malaya peoples of the world. The recent advance of Ho Chi-minh's troops to the borders of Laos, Siam and Burma is the best proof of that.

From the reply which the Soviet

them also. They are willing to negotiate (they always have been), ment of national and social liberation has leapt the Atlantic into to make concessions. But their each other half-way. A half-way South America, where Bolivia and concessions are of necessity monstrosity. Hard though it may Guatemala are now experiencing limited in accordance with their be to face, either the workers or position as leaders of a workers' the imperialists must eventually state. They cannot, for example, conquer.

The Main

After 300 years of "private enterprise" during which the whole world

has been opened up for exploitation, capitalism has evolved into a

system of giant monopolies, has waged two catastrophic wars to

re-divide the world and is now preparing to plunge mankind into yet

another global slaughter of the peoples in an effort to re-shackle those

peoples and countries who have thrown off this outmoded and corrupt

way of life.

It is well that we remember on this May Day that the main enemy

of the working class is capitalism, represented in this country by

capitalism's main party—Mr. Churchill's Tories!

It is useless for people to demand that the two sides meet successful social revolution is a

which for so many years was do they have sufficient influence isolated and confined within the within the colonial revolution to borders of an economically back-

Enemy

The imperialists won't invest money in the underdeveloped countries for the simple reason that it is no longer safe for them to do so! This isn't the middle of the 19th century when all the world was open to capitalist trade and investment, This is 1953 when nearly half the world has broken away from the imperialist orbit and when capitalist investments in colonial countries are in imminent danger of being expropriated by oppressed peoples in revolt against foreign domination.

In any case, raising the living standards of the people is not a technical question—it is first and a political question. India, for example, can only raise her production levels by some 2 cent. per annum, whereas in China they are being raised by as much as 25 per cent. each year! The reason for this startling difference is obvious. India's productive forces are still strangled by landlardism and continuous but by landlordism and capitalism, but in China—thanks to the revolution—these historic obstacles to progress are being more or less rapidly

Nevertheless, it is of the greatest significance that people like Eisenhower and Churchill now pay lip service to the idea of a World Plan Mutual Aid. They do so, not because they have the slightest intention of carrying it out but because they know that the idea has a tremendous support among ordinary people who are now acutely aware of the lunacy of the present system. Half the world is crying out for industrial equipment of every kind—while the other half (the capitalist half) is spending 700,000 million dollars every year on the production of armaments! This, the ultimate absurdity of the capitalist system, must be the keynote of Labour's anti-war propaganda.

THE WAY TO PEACE

There can be peaceful co-operaion between the nations, and a world plan for mutual aid is entirely possible—but only if all peoples and nations are free from foreign domination and the State is in the hands of the workers.

On the first May Day the vorkers of America and Europe united their forces in a fight to secure the eight-hour day. They were ultimately successful. Now, not only Europe and America—but the whole world Labour Movement must unite its forces for the replacement of the outmoded capitalist system by a sane and decent socialist order.

In practice this means to enter the fight for peace as socialists— not as wooly-brained humani tarians. By demanding that the wars in Asia and Africa be ended in the only way consistent with socialist and democratic interests that is, by the complete withdrawa of all foreign troops—we shall re-assert ourselves as an independent Labour Movement.

By thus linking the British Labour Movement to the colonial revolution we shall ensure the victory of both against the warmongering imperialists.

TOTTENHAM TRADES COUNCIL

Sends May Day Greetings to all Trade Unionists

For Peace and Socialism

May Day was born out of the militant struggles of the American working class for the eight-

In 1886, faced with the bitter opposition of the employers, the American trade unions called on the workers who had not yet won the eight-hour day to strike for this demand on May 1.

Thousands of strikes and demonstrations took place on that day and many workers were brutally assaulted-and some killed-by the police.

On May 4, 1886, a huge meeting was held in Chicago to protest against these police killings, and during this meeting a provo-cateur threw a bomb which killed several policemen. As a result of this provocation, many working class leaders were jailed and four of them—Engels, Spies, Parsons and Fisher—were framed on a murder charge and hanged on May 11, 1887.

In 1889, the International Socialist Congress meeting in Paris on the proposal of Paul Lafargue, the son-in-law of Karl Marx, made May 1 an international day of struggle for Labour's demands, chief of which at that time was the fight for the eight-hour day.

Thus", says Marx, "the movement of the working class on both sides of the Atlantic, grew out of the conditions of production themselves."

C.A.W.U.

May Day Greetings from

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MAY DAY 1953

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MAY DAY GREETINGS to the Workers of Great Britain and the World

THE CONSTRUCTIONAL ENGINEERING UNION The Executive Council of the Union

Send Fraternal Greetings on this, Labour's own day, to all our Members

AND WORKERS OF THE WORLD

The United Working Class of the world have one Common Enemy, the Capitalist, whose great desire is to see the Workers States fail, hence their efforts to divide the International Working Class Movement.

On this MAY THE FIRST

Pledge yourselves to fight against this action of the Exploiting Class. See also that the offers of Peace are not thrown overboard by the same reactionaries.

Peace and Plenty—not War and Misery

W. Hosie, President. Jack Stanley, General Secretary.

P.O.W.'s Upset Wall Street

HAT great disappointment there is today in Washington and Wall They had expected.

They had expected.

G.I. or Tommy; only with the fatigues and preparing their own capitalist masters who sent these food. Some of the camps were even minus the traditional barbed wire fence! Korea, China and Russia.

what the warmongers forgot was that Korea and China are not ruled today by blood-thirsty imperialists, out to conquer the world by force of arms but by workers and peasants who want only the right to live their own to live their lives and who are fighting only to eject the foreign invaders from their soil.

have no quarrel with the ordinary

If it is atrocities the daily press adventure is one vast atrocity—not only against the people of China and Korea but against all those men who are being forced to do battle in the sacred interests of the Amerićan money-bags.

"What is it all about?" a young boy from the Middle West asked Observer' farm-house. That's the question thousands of American, British, French and Turkish youths are asking in Korea today: "What's it all about? What are we doing here so far from our homes? Why are we fighting?

By contrast, those fighting on the Korean side, as Commissioner Lord of the Salvation Army testifies, do know what they are fighting for and they believe in their cause. Bombing, he said, will not quell these people. He suggested that the only alternative was to try and convince them that they had adopted the wrong ideology. Some hopes!

Like other returned P.O.W.'s Commissioner Lord made it clear that there was no deliberate ill-treatment. Hardships there were to be sure, especially during the American advance in 1950, but war, inevitably, brings hardships.

own welfare—wood and kitchen salute them.

Such shortages as they experienced, they shared with Korean and Chinese soldiers and civilians Indeed, some ex-prisoners report that their fare was often better than that of their captives.

If medical supplies were not always adequate, part of the blame is probably due to the embargo on the supply to China of antibiotics and other life-saving drugs by the British Government (as reported in the "Outlook" of April 10).

Indeed, so chagrined was General Mark Clark, U.N. Supreme Commander by the attitude of returned prisoners, that he pro-hibited press interviews until they had their "brains washed" of 'communist indoctrination.'

With their plans upset to use these men for propaganda pur-poses as part of the preparations for a new war drive, the imperialists have resorted to cruder methods. Monday's "Daily Herald" reports millions (?) of South Koreans demonstrating against a resumption of the truce talks. Closer investigation will undoubtedly reveal these "millions" (who counted them, Mr. Cudlipp?) to be gangs of hired men doing the dirty work for Wall Street's ally, Syngman Rhee.

Peace and the unity of their country is the ardent desire of all the ordinary men and women in Korea—North and South. They British ex-prisoners said that will achieve this only after the they had never been compelled to work for the Communists. The only work they did was for their and that's why they fight. We

They had expected harrowing tales of ill-treatment from the returned Korean to search. The whole Korean prisoners-of-war—tales which they hoped would arouse the wrath of the American people and prepare them for a new war effort against the people of

What the warmongers forgot was

The people of Korea and China

Salford City Labour Party Extends Fraternal Greetings to all members of the

Labour, Co-operative and Trade Union Movements and invites all concerned to a

MASS MEETING

ROYAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SALFORD 2.30 p.m., Sunday May 3rd.

Speakers:

Barbara Castle M.P. Ald. Hardy M.P. Charles Royle M.P.

and other Labour, Co-op. and T.U. speakers.

Nationalisation-"There must | The Burden is be no backsliding!"

66 TRYING to fulfil the will of the Party has not been an easy passage for some of the " said Arthur Greenwood, the Party Chairman, on April 20 and he added, "We have unfortunately had a good many battles of a personal character which I think are deplorable."

It certainly is deplorable but is it true that these "battles" were of a "personal charac-

At Morecambe we discussed ideas for a new programme just as we did previously at the T.U.C. at Margate. Different people had different ideas. We didn't discuss the people, we discussed the ideas and if they seemed good we put them in the programme.

For instance, we thought extension of public ownership was a good idea but the platform didn't and tried to impede the passage of this idea. Bro. Geddes had a go and Bro. Deakin had three goes, but we still put it in the programme—4,542,000 of us!

It is very specific too. "These proposals shall be submitted to the 1953 Congress, and, after endorsement, presented to the political wing of our movement for inclusion in Labour's General Election Programme.'

The same idea came up at Morecambe. "Conference therefore instructs the N.E.C. to draw up a list of key and major industries to be taken into public ownership during the next five year pro-

After the 4,542,000 vote at the T.U.C. in favour of this idea we didn't even trouble to take a vote at Morecambe! But the small minority who did oppose exten-sion of nationalisation are still expressing that point of view, vigorously and in public. And Arthur Greenwood's statement quoted above does nothing to re-assure me on this question.

Herbert Morrison, for example, wrote in "Reynolds News" (January 18): "I would prefer the more advanced (!!) policy of broad reasons for considering national-isation, without a specific list." Wel, in 1884 these "broad reasons" being considered and by 1906

A member of last year's A.E.U. delegation at both the Trade Union Congress and the Labour Party



control of the material means of production." Morrison is advancroduction." ng backwards.

Later on, in a speech at Norwich, Mr. Morrison advised us to "adapt ourselves and our policies to changing conditions." This idea has been promptly taken up by the recently knighted Sir Lincoln recently knighted Sir Lincoln Evans who, speaking at an area conference of the Steel Workers Union, said: "Whether the steel industry is privately or publicly owned has little relevance to the problem". And Tom O'Brien, addressing the recent Scottish T.U.C. echoed these sentiments with the profound statement that with the profound statement that it is everybody's job to help the nation to earn its living.

In my opinion, it is these ideas which are the real impediment to the N.E.C. "fulfilling the will of the Party" which Arthur Greenwood spoke about. No, I am far from re-assured. Indeed, I am highly suspicious that the outcome of all these "advanced" ideas will be the failure of the N.E.C. to implement the declared will of the Party and the T.U.C.

the Labour Party was formed to I am strengthened in my suspi-

cion by the T.U.C.'s productivity campaign. They are in favour of NORMAN DINNING increased productivity without increased wages—the more you make the less you get in propor-

Every worker knows that both

wages and profits come from the

same source—his own productive labour, so what the employer gains

the worker loses. I am sure the gentlemen of the T.U.C. realise this but they try to justify it because of the approach of another economic crisis—"Britain

We can concede at once that socialists are concerned about pro-

ductivity and industrial efficiency

The Morecambe Conference was very clear on this point. It said that we must "give a socialist answer to the recurring economic crises". And it went on to say that

as our ultimate security depends,

in the last analysis, on our own productivity and raising the effi-

The Trades Union Congress

went even further. Referring to social ownership, it "recognises that if their application is re-

stricted to a limited number of industries . . . the full advantage

Here then is the real issue in

our Movement. Social Ownership

of the key and major industries

will facilitate a planned economy.

There can then be no excess profits (we can't exploit ourselves!), profits can be ploughed back for

essential development, there can be

of social ownership will be lost.

must earn its living".

Conference

"public ownership and

WATER!

ORMAN Dinnings' fears that the N.E.C. would not carry out the wishes of the members have, it would seem, been completely justified.

According to the "Herald" only one industry is to be nationalised—water!

It is certainly a "key in-dustry" but so are chemicals, engineering, shipbuilding, build-ing, the land and the banks but none of these are included for nationalisation.

Whatever the merits of buying shares in aircraft and machine tools it is NOT nationalisation and it is NOT what the last Conference asked for In fact, not one delegate at Morecambe mentioned this novel method of securing "government control".

Local Parties and unions must amend this watery programme in line with the Conference decisions so clearly repeated in this article.

ciency of British industry, there should be a greater control over production" How? The conference was quite clear—"This impact of a crisis arriving from across the Atlantic. involves the enlargement of the Public Sector by further national-

This is what the Movement decided in favour of—and this is what Morrison and the leaders of the T.U.C. oppose. A great responsibility rests on us—the rank and file of the unions—to see that there is no backsliding on national-

The leaders-however much they may dislike it—must carry out the decisions of the mem-

This is the key issue on the home front for 1953. Control and planning are impossible without all-embracing public ownership.

If the N.E.C. gives way to the pressure from the General Council a wage policy to increase living standards, and increased produc-tivity will be certain because the workers will be helping themselves and others, then the coming Conferences of unions, and the next T.U.C. and Labour Party Conference, must show the N.E.C. that and not the employers. The whole the ideas of the rank and file are economic structure of the country not to be trifled with. There must will then be designed to lessen the be no retreat on this issue.

'Shared' at ENV

Company, Engineering London, were informed by the management that owing to cuts in orders they would have to put men in certain departments on a four-day week.

The Shop Stewards pointed out that this would mean a 20 per cent. cut in wages, and would bring hardship, as the men and their families still had to eat and pay rent. In view of the record profits the Company had made in past years, they were in a far better

JOHNNÝ WISE (A.E.U.)

position than the men to bear any burden that might arise now, and should pay the workers full wages.

The management replied that no business could pay men if there were no work available for them to do. The Company had been carrying a lot of waiting time during the past few months, which, at the present rate, was costing them £10,000 per year. They could not afford to go on doing this, and so had to put the men on a four-

£10,000 is a lot of money to you and me, but let's see what it really amounts to for the E.N.V. Company. There are 1,100 workers, which means that waiting time was costing the E.N.V. Company less than 4s. per man per week.

They say they cannot afford that, yet last week in the "Evening Standard" there was this interesting item about this "hardup" firm. "Record profits for the past year

were announced by the £1,200,000 E.N.V. Engineering concern. Trading profits for 1952 totalled £463,839, against £307,797 for 1951. Final dividend is raised by

UST over a month ago, the workers at the E.N.V. Engineering Company 27½ per cent. last time.

They make £463,839 profits, and tell us that they cannot afford to carry the workers' waiting time because it is costing them £10,000 a year. I do not need to tell you that they can well afford it, and more.

The 1952 profits were £156,042 more than those made in 1951. If the waiting time increased tenfold, which would amount to over a day per man and would cost £100,000 per year, this would not even equal the increase in their profits.

As soon as trade gets bad, managements are very quick in coming forward to the workers and talking about sharing the burden. The workers' share of this burden is short-time or unemployment. The management ployment. management expects the worker to look at the whole question in a "reasonable" manner and realise all the difficulties and problems of manage-

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This Strike has been on ONE YEAR!

THE strike of the Rival Lamps workers is now almost 12 months old. If ever there was a case for united action by the whole Trade Union Movement, this is it!

It all started when the women in this factory got themselves organised and succeeded in raising the wages up to the trade union rate. A few weeks later, 28 of stewards—were sacked, and the firm has refused to negotiate despite a request from the Ministry of Labour that they should do so.

Ever since those events, factory has been picketed by the strikers—who are nearly all women—in hail, rain or snow. And it hasn't been easy. Police pickets have done their damndest to make it difficult and summonses against the strikers have been issued from time to time. these gallant women trade unionists show no signs of weakening. On the contrary, they are going ahead with plans to mobilise more support than has so far been forthcoming from organised Labour.

There will be a Mass Demonstration outside the factory on May 8th during the lunch time. We urge all trade unionists who work in that vicinity (Addlestone) to attend this meeting— for it is the first anniversary of the strike!

The Secretary of the Strike Committee, Mrs. N. Pither, writing to the "Socialist Outlook" puts her finger on what is really needed to win this struggle. It is an effective ban on transport to the factory.

"During the past two or three the Strike Committee have constantly covered the Surbiton Depot of Carter Patterson and the main depots gave us their assurance that Rival Lamps work would be blacked." The main depots in London.

"Bro. Moby, an official of the T. & G.W.U. after discussions with our members, said that if the driver of Carter Patterson's refused to cross the picket line he would have his (Bro. Moby's) full support and backing. The driver stayed out for a fortnight but yesterday went in again with a letter from Bro. Moby instructing him to go in and the only thing not to handle are cylinders of gas."

Mrs. Pither comments that if only we could stop work going in and coming out of Rival Lamps the problem would soon be solved. She is absolutely right, and we

join with all militant trade unionists in urging the T.U.C. to institute an all round blacking of Rival Lamps. Meanwhile, every penny that you can spare for the strikers should be sent at once to Mrs. N. Pither, Secretary Strike Committee, 12 Chestnut Close, Addlestone, Surrey.



All McCarthys are

work over here, testing "loyalty" of citizens. Slowly but surely, however, "Manchester Guardian" of April the American "way of life" is 25), "The decision to adhere to this leaving its imprint on the resolution was reached almost unanimously." pattern of life in this country.

Bury Corporation determined to tion. purge all Conscientious Objectors from among their employees.

From professional men to road sweepers-all are being subject to an inquiry.

In a letter to all heads of corporation departments, the Town Clerk says that: "The effect of the council's decision is that declared conscientious objectors employed by the corporation will be dismissed."

The Bury branch of the National Union of Teachers has referred the matter to its head office. An official of the Branch said: "This is definitely a witch hunt and contrary to all our principles. We do not support or oppose conscientious objectors but we do believe that people should not be victimbecause of their religious beliefs. Many of us fought in the war for freedom of thought and speech.

The Bury (Passenger Section) branch of the Transport & General Workers' Union, described the inquiry as "an unwarranted interference with the liberties of in-dividuals . . . We shall give the

TE have not yet got a strongest backing to any union McCarthy Committee at work over here testing ton."

According to a senior member of the council (reported in the

Middlesex educational authorities already have a political test for aspirant school principals. Communists are banned from holding that position. Now comes Prove Corporation determined to the collection where the collection determined to the collection of the collection determined to the collection determ What about the Labour coun-

ROSSMAN ON PUBLIC OWNE

ICHARD Crossman recently Day School organised by the N.E. Leeds Labour Party League of Youth. His subject was: "When Labour Returns to Power"

Butler had gone back to the pre-Labour Returns to Power".

us this report.

Mr. Crossman began by saying that it was no use formulating forward anti-Torvism as a subobviously an industrialist preferred materials by 33\frac{1}{3} per cent. to have his labour employed.

cowed, anxious and insecure.

This was the first post-war free war idea of using the Budget A member of the League sends simply as a means of raising taxes. He had left this country defenceless against a possible collapse of the war boom in the United States. policy on principles worked out in Harold Wilson had demonstrated reduction of 4 per cent. in the ism. stitute for a constructive policy. It United States national income was wrong to say that the Tories would mean a reduction in the wanted mass unemployment imports of Commonwealth raw

The Tory aim was to retain What the Tories wanted was a economic power at the minimum controlled deflation, under-em- price and nationalised mines and ployment, part-time working so railways were apparently part of ments. that the workers would be that price: health and education services were apparently not.

that there is no "half-way house" tism. When we return to power we cannot just carry on where we

otherwise the Tories could not so of private ownership. easily have destroyed our achieve-

public ownership. There cannot economic power.

Dealing with Labour's future be successful socialism in isolated addressed a highly successful enterprise budget, said Mr. Cross- programme, Mr. Crossman said industries within a predominantly that it should by now be obvious capitalist economy. The reason for nationalisation was to transfer between Socialism and Conserva- power-that is why it must be done thoroughly. We must make ourselves inde-

left off. Much of what we had pendent of the greatest capitalist previously accomplished had now power in the world—the United been destroyed and we were faced States. This will mean efforts to 1930, nor was it any use putting in the House of Commons that a with a free and powerful capitalincrease agricultural production under the present system of land-It was quite wrong to say that lordism. We must also have a 50 up to 1951, we had "built the per cent. increase in engineering foundations of socialism." That production—and this again cannot was just what we had NOT done— be done under the existing system

> Mr. Crossman concluded by saying that there was no short cut and The only strong foundation was no substitute for the transfer of

The "Herald" reports Churchill's 'elevation" to the Knighthood and appointment to the Order of the Garter complete with a picture of the Garter worn on a shapely leg. It comments: "After his defeat in the 1945 General Election, Mr. Churchill was told that Mr. Attlee was prepared to advise King

"King George himself asked Mr. Churchill to become a Knight of the Garter, but Mr. Churchill

"It was generally understood that Mr. Churchill would not accept an honour conferred on the advice of a Labour Prime Minister."

Sir Lincoln Evans might note this decision. The Tory leadership "leadership" in the "national in- have failed.

Bebington.



Tory Trade Unionists

Churchill has recently spoken of his $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. followers and voters in the Trade Unions. It would be interesting to know how he compiled this figure—especially as he speaks about his "great friendship" for the leaders of the economic position."

It is a great pity that these leaders don't show a little appre-ciation of the chronic economic position of their own members! These members pay them a damn good wage compared to what the leaders accept on behalf of their

We don't want our leaders to negotiate for us handicapped by feeling inferior—that's why we pay stony path towards the rising sun them a wage reasonably comof a new and better day.

parable to those with whom they negotiate. But the men and women on the production lines are getting suspicious and feel that all that could have been done to improve the workers' lot has not been done.

Churchill's about his pals in the trade union movement can set the boulders rolling. Winston is a crafty customer and his statements Winston is a can be designed to drive a wedge in our trade unionism. The leaders at the top should take note and disown this unhealthy "entente cordiale" with the Tories.

Manchester.

D. Burgess.

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[Copy of letter from the Rt. Hon. Arthur Greenwood, M.P., Chairman of the Labour Party, read by George VI to confer any honour man of the Labour Party, read by that Mr. Churchill would like to Ellis Smith, M.P., at a dinner in Manchester on April 25.]

> Voice" and how in time it won it's repairs to the whole house. way to recognition in Lancashire and the North.

That struggle was won by Frank is always class conscious. It is out and Winnie Meade against heavy of loyalty to its class that it seeks odds. Their faith and zest ensured the co-operation of the trade union a success where many others would

> I never thought myself 28 years * Alf Rose. ago, having seen Socialist papers come and go, that today "Northern Voice", through its 15 editions, would be known over so large a part of this country. I doubt very much whether many people foresaw the glorious future which lay before "Northern Voice" when it was first started.

That it has thriven and prospered is due, as everybody must admit, to the Meades. It is, theretrade unions and how they have fore, right that their life's work shown moderation in tabling wage should be recognised. But I know demands. He also praises their that nothing can give them greater appreciation of the nation's pleasure than to know that their comrades appreciate how much the spread of the Socialist faith has been due to their high courage and devotion.

> It is not the greatest names that found a temporary "solution". add the greatest lustre to a Move-London NW3. Arthur Bound The glory is with those who, regardless of selfish interests, the difficulties which they meet, never falter, but with full hearts and great hopes tread the

Frank and Winnie Meade take a foremost place amongst those who are entitled to the glory of the progress made in my generation.

May they be an inspiration to Statements like those of Mr. others! We have greater need than ever today of men and women who will follow the trail they have

Arthur Greenwood

Frank Allaun sends us this letter and we have the greatest pleasure in adding here our own ecognition of Frank and Winnie Meade for their long service to the Movement.



Flood Victim Replies

Mr. Weaver appears to have a Bathside. As a flood victim myself. I can assure him that my tongue isn't hanging out for the drinks which I am supposed to be going to spend my £200 relief

The people of Bathside are not holding their hands out for drinking money. But if they were; they'd have a dry time if the

welcome letters and articles on any subject of interest to the Labour Movesubject of ment.

Letters should be no longer than 250 words to ensure publication.

Articles should be received by FRIDAY for publication in the following Friday's issue.

Your gathering will pay tribute matter was left to the Flood to our two comrades who have Damage Assessor. Again from played an outstanding part in the personal experience, I can tell Mr. Again from development and spreading of Weaver that the £200 would, for Socialist thought in this country. a lot of flood victims, barely cover I remember the birth of "Northern the losses in one room-let alone

J. A. Martin.

A Bathside Flood Victim.



Irish Exiles

The article on James Connolly in your April 17 issue aroused in this Irish reader a new consciousness of the many injustices suffered by Irish exiles in this country. The slaughter in 1916 of the men who would have made our country an inhabitable place has resulted in 720,000 of us getting the worst of the kicks doled out to the workers of Britain.

"No Irish need apply" confronts many a lad or girl looking for work at an Employment Exchange. Recently two penniless and unemployed exiles consumed a meal in Oldbury restaurant without being able to meet the total bill of 9d. The outcome was four months in jail. Their food prob-

The Week at

Westminster

Tory Words And Deeds in Kenya

★ Encouragement to Massacre ★

the House of Commons on April 22, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, said hat over the last six months 430 Africans in Kenya have been shot while resisting arrest and attempting to escape"

In answer to a Labour charge that these figures showed an alarming lack of police discipline, the Minister gave an assurance that every measure would be taken to prevent indiscriminate shooting.

Only two days later, on April 24, security forces in Kenya were given the right to shoot anyone who fails to answer their challenge in Nairobi city and

This is a flat contradiction of e Minister's statement in Commons and an open invitation o indiscriminate acts of violence those members of the police reserve whom the "Observer" (12/4/53) described so aptly as undisciplined sadists'

MORE SADISM

Last Sunday's "Observer" throws further light on the sadism of some of the white settlers in Kenya. They are now "campaigning vigorously for drumhead courtmartials and public hangings. They want to scrap the 'time-wasting cumbrous methods of British justice'.

The Kenya Government already submitting to part of the settlers' demands. It has agreed

Public opinion, according to the "Observer", is being conditioned to accept a policy that the best thing to do is "to shoot first and to ask questions afterwards"

This thirst for African blood is not confined to the settlers. In a broadcast last week, General Sir Alexander Cameron, G.O.C. East Africa Command said that "it was not good enough to kill one or two of a gang of 20. All must be killed or captured". To make sure that there were not too many captured, he advised the troops to 'shoot straight and hit with the first shot".

VILLAGES BURNED

As a direct result of the Government's reprisals policy (under which whole villages have been razed to the ground) thousands of Kikuyu have trekked to Nairobi and its outskirts in a desperate search for a roof over their heads Even before the arose, there were 10,000 homeless in Nairobi. Jobs were scarce and wages-when jobs were foundbarely enough to maintain the worker himself let alone his

Under these conditions, with such an enormously swollen population in Nairobi, acts of provocation are so easy to engineer. The police reserve consists, in the main, of white settlers, admirers lem—if not their unemployment—found a temporary "solution".

London, N.W.3. Arthur Reynolds. It has agreed of Malan and determined to "put to dispense with preliminary trial inquiries and is now considering ing to the "Manchester Guardian" the introduction of emergency of April 25, European women

EPLYING to a question in measures to provide for summary have now joined the police the House of Commons on trial and punishment.

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> In the past few months, in addition to the imprisonment of Jomo Kenyatta, Fred Kubai (President of the suppressed East Africa T.U.C.) and other African leaders, nine newspapers have been closed down, meetings of more than three people banned and the police have been given the authority to arrest anyone at will. new decree permitting indiscriminate shooting.

> Kenya under British rule has become a land of naked police terror where the most elementary human rights are denied to Africans. The Tories will do Tories will do nothing about it for this is their traditional method of maintaining their empire. Kenya's people look to us in the Labour Movement as their only reliable allies in this

We must not fail them!

C. Van Gelderen

The Fruits of Empire

THE Tories are very fond of reminding us of the good old days when Victoria sat on the throne and Britain really did rule the waves.

Those were the days when Britain was the richest country in the world, receiving tribute from half the globe, and her capitalist class was piling up fabulous profits sweated out of the labour of the British and colonial workers.

Did the workers of this country share in the delights of this hey-day of Empire? Not on your life! According to Professor Titmuss, who holds the Chair in Social Administration at the London School of Economics.

". . . A typical working-class mother in 1900 would spend about 12 to 15 years in a state of pregnancy, confinement or nursing. Moreover, by the time she reached the end of her reproductive life she would have about 12 years to live.

Things are a little better nowthanks almost entirely to the political and economic struggles waged by the Labour Movement in the last half-century.

But today, under Tory rule, the standard of living is falling again as preparations are made to launch a new war in defence of what remains of the empire.

This quotation from Professor Titmus proves that the Empire does not mean prosperity for the working class but only for the capitalists. It is in their interests in theirs only that these bloody battles are being fought in Africa and South-East Asia.

For the workers, the road forward lies along a different path towards the abolition of capitalism and the re-organisation of world economy on socialist lines, based on the friendly and equal co-operation of all nations.

bu Harold LAS! The Great Churchthe Lords are forced through the Commons without discussion? Davies, M.P.

ill has become Sir Winston. He has accepted the insignia of the Order of the honour. But why should he begin to move off the stage into the twilight of those uninterestthat hide their reality from the

Is it because the Tory Backlumbering leadership?

Churchill, jumped sailed into the Opposition and those of the Labour Party. with his arms sawing the midnight air in the brightly lit shadowless Chamber. I watched in wonder!

the Truce Talks that would ultimately come through the "usual by means of which the Commons of which the Common of which the Commo it all. Both Parties went into a

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Garter. This is an exclusive be sent to our meeting room as a Fraternal Delegate. Here I think we should pay

tribute to the fine job of construcopposition done by Jim Champion. They have carefully watched the interests of the people and doggedly exposed the class nature of this piece of legislation. In all this fight Herbert Morrison, Benchers are in revolt about his Chuter Ede and Nye Bevan have given the leadership from the Front Bench that shows a grasp of the principles at stake, and the gulf sprightly as an Olympic champion, between the aims of the Tories

PEERS v. PEOPLE

Some years before World War Saturday, the Transport Bill must be through before the week is put o through before the week is out. Liberal, he was all out against the Faint and fearful cheers reverberated through the untidy sleepy rows of Tory Back-benchers.

Liberal, ne was an out against the House of Lords which he compared with a "Punch and Judy show". He charged the dukes with But we knew that the Prime Minister was putting on another Act for his "Greatest Show on Earth." Our old hands in the Labour Party sat and waited for the Truce Talks that would place to the Truce Talks that would place the Truce Talks th

channels". We were keeping the Tories as prisoners of their own foolishness. We were being the the collishness were being the channels. This is creating a danger-ous precedent in our Constitution. foolishness. We were being accused of committing atrocities to our prisoners. The 1922 Committee had to do somthing about must warn the Tories that if these methods are to be evolved then methods are to be evolved then huddle for secret party meetings.
We expected that Churchill would have to give way to a Chamber set have to give way to this Second Chamber of Peers will up by the People. Labour will take up Lloyd George's cry, "Peers v. People".

The one sanction against industrial action is supposed to be that the democratically elected Members can take up the issue on behalf of the workers in conjunction with the Trade Union leaders.

THE FACE THAT SANK A THOUSAND SCHOLARSHIPS

Miss Florence Horsbrugh, Min-

ister of Education, received cheer after cheer as she announced, " have told the representatives of the responsible bodies that they can expect the same grant next ing personalities who too often Callaghan, Ernest Davies, Eric year as they received for this year. clutter themselves up with titles Cleaning Davies, and Joe Further, in cases where there are special difficulties owing to previous commitments, I am prepared consider the possibility of additional assistance for the particular responsible bodies cerned."

> She has, however, decided to set up a small committee to review the arrangements and to advise her on Adult Education questions. We must watch for this report!

This removal of the cut is victory for the Trade Union and Labour Movement. The T.U.C. We were threatened, wheedled, cajoled. Even if we had to sit all were regarded as the "Bevanites" have been to the front in their protest against the cuts. Herbert protest against the cuts. Herbert Morrison congratulated the Minister as the sinner that repenteth, but later that night Nye Bevan described Florence Horsbrugh as the least—empires don't profit the 'The face that sank a thousand workers. That's why it is such a scholarships'—this being the effective rub against the cuts in Educative rub against the cuts against the cu tion generally.

E.N.V. (From page 3)

for us last year, here's your bit of the increase". The workers have to struggle hard for what increases the increases to struggle hard for what increases the workers are not responsible they get. This sharing difficulties for the slump in trade, and the with the workers and keeping the high cost of living leaves them good times for the benefit of the little margin to meet these hardshareholders is certainly not the ships. If there is any cutting down to be done; let the bosses cut down

Though trade has declined, this Company has increased its dividend to a best ever 30 per cent. These are the people who preach

However, when times are good, need not penalise the workers they do not think of coming into the workshop with a few hundred pounds saying "You did very well workers suffer.

We must not accept these The workers are not responsible little margin to meet these hardtheir profits.

With the falling off in trade in the motor industry, more and more workers will be faced with shortthe least of the workers in conjunction with the Trade Union leaders.

What happens if on a great industrial matter like the Transport Bill Amendments passed in These are the people who pleath the virtues of restraint and thrift. They tell you to save for a rainy day, but they never carry it out themselves. Instead of giving the same dividend as last year and putting the rest by so that they workers will be laced with shortstrain and thrift. They tell you to save for a rainy day, but they never carry it out themselves. Instead of giving the concrete facts will be laced with shortstrain and thrift.

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