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Churchill Pulls Another

Trick On The Peace Issue

It's Up To Labour To Expose It

on Royalty

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# THE MAYOR WHO **WOULDN'T** THE KING

IGHTEEN years ago, in May 1935, a bombshell was dropped into the patriotic ballyhoo which was being whipped up by the National Government of Stanley Baldwin, a round the "Silver Jubilee" celebrations of King George V.

Bermondsey Borough Council, overwhelmingly Labour, decided "That the Council do not spend any public money upon Jubilee celebrations".

And they made it clear that this was not merely a matter of finance, but one of principle. That Royalty and Socialism don't mix.

The Mayor, Tim Weightman, in common with all Mayors of South London had been invited to meet George V at a special reception at Camberwell Green. With the backing of the Labour Council, he declined the invitation.

The Tories and their press were furious. Local Tories and drunken hooligans demonstrated outside noongans demonstrated outside the Mayor's house, chalking obscene slogans on the wall. An attempt was made to gather signatures on a "loyal address". The press denounced the Labour Mayor's action as an affront to the royai family.

But Tim Weightman stood firm. And, what is more, it was soon shown that his stand was appreciated by the serious working class movement. He was deluged with resolutions and letters of support from Trade Union branches, local Labour Parties, Labour Leagues of Youth, Co-operative Guilds, expressing their solidarity with

But some of the Labour Party members also were horrified. Votes would be lost, they said. Labour



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Cllr. Tim Weightman Mayor of Bermondsey in 1935

at the next election. Labour would lose the Parliamentary seat.

Events however, showed that if you stick to principles you don't lose votes, and you don't lose seats. For soon afterwards came the elections. The last of the Liberals was defeated and **Bermondsey** Borough Council became one of the first Councils to have a 100 per cent. Labour representation.

Tim Weightman is still a member of the Council. Not an Alderman, but an elected Councillor. Now 74 years of age, his energies are still in the fight for Socialism.

Has he changed his opinions? Not a bit. He considers he took the right course of action then, and would do the same again! It's a pity there aren't a few more Tim Weightman's on local councils today fighting all this buffoonery of the Coronation.

would be thrown off the Council The Mayor and the Council Labour Magazine.

declaration that he is willing to meet the Russians in talks to end the cold war was an exceedingly clever piece of Tory trickery. And that is all it was.

Not for one moment do we believe that this man, whose Fulton speech initiated the policies which have now led to the crucifixion of Korea, has become repentant and more peaceful in his old age.

He is still warmonger number one, a hater of progressive things and progressive people. Indeed, even in his now famous House of Commons "peace" speech he couldn't resist bawling a threat of war against the Egyptian people if they dared to question Britain's right" to be in the Canal Zone.

It wasn't a concern for peace which caused Churchill to make the speech he did—it was a concern for those interests he has lwave se faithfully represented he City of London and British Big Business.

Two things worry him. The strangling embrace of his American friends and the deepening anti-

were given the fullest support by the M.P. for West Bermondsey at the time, **Dr. Alfred Salter.** He too, refused to pocket his principles. He immediately wrote a forthright article outlining his views on the monarchy and this was published in the Bermondsey

HURCHILL'S recent war mood of the British people. according to nearly all Labour declaration that he is So, by posing as a man of peace spokesmen, there are no essential he hopes to paralyse the Labour opposition at the same time as blackmailing the American administration into granting bigger dollar doles. And the trick has worked!

#### LABOUR RUSHES IN

From Mr. Attlee right down to me "Tribune" (with the "Daily

## Editorial

Worker" pitifully bringing up the rear) all the opposition have been falling over themselves to declare that "Churchill speaks for Britain". His speech, said Richard Crossman in the subsequent Parliamentary Debate, "has united the House of Commons"!

This is just what the old trickster wanted. To be praised as a man of peace (at his time of life and with his record!) by none other that the leader of the Labour opposition. And the effects for Labour have been immediately

Middle class voters who were beginning to lose confidence in Churchill and the Tory Party have had that confidence restored by-Mr. Attlee!

Workers who normally only go out to vote when they feel that it is an urgent question to do so, have remained at home. Why, they think, should we trouble about stopping the Tories from gaining a seat in Parliament when.

differences between Labour and Tory on the all-important questions of war and peace? Where is the sense of urgency? What does it matter who is elected if all are agreed on the main things-on the need to increase production with-out increases of pay, on the Coronation, on Civil Defence and

now on . . . peace and war.

The result? Sunderland—and an entirely undeserved victory for the Tories. Another city gentleman to cast his vote for a cut in the Health Service, for the removal of the food subsidies, for unemployment and for drafting young working class lads into Malaya, Korea, Kenya and Egypt.

An uplift for reaction—a setback for Labour. That's what happens when the leaders of the Party muddle up the class lines when they give credence to the lie that Churchill is capable of acting in our interests.

#### THE TRICK EXPOSED

Yet this shabby "peace" trick could—and still can—provide us with a glorious opportunity to sweep this aged knight forever from the British political scene. Labour in Parliament should have immediately put down a motion that talks be opened at once and that the following be the British position.

First, that there be no secret diplomacy. The peoples of all the world must hear what is proposed so that they can pass judgment.

Second, that the war in Korea be ended by the immediate with-drawal of British troops.

Third, that we recognise the right of every nation to decide its own form of government and that the colonial movement of liberation be fully supported by the British people who will take immediate steps to remove all British troops from overseas.

These proposals—simple enough in themselves—would be accept-able to the vast majority of ordinary people throughout the world. We are certain, however, are buying dresses for 6d. Instead that Labour launches a peace campaign based on such a programme the spiritual significance of jumble will reveal Churchill in his true colours for all the world to see—as souls of these poor people to twist colours for all the world to see—as the demagogic representative of British Imperialism.

souls of these poor people to twist their feet into other people's wornout shoes?

## ★ Star Letter ★ Poverty-

By Mrs. Audrey Wise

OUR article on "Poverty in Britain" (May 1) contained some striking figures. must be many people who find it extremely difficult to pay the high prices required for clothing.

An illustration of this occurred last night when my L.O.Y. branch held a Jumble Sale. In torrential rain, people started queueing over an hour before the opening. While this is gratifying to the organisers of a sale, it is a sad comment on our "Welfare State" that people so desperately need to buy cast-off clothing for a few coppers.

I had thought that this belonged more to the days of three million on the dole. However, it seems that even people who are working are little or no better off than th were when on the dole. Employ-ment is useless unless the workers get wages which enable them to be well-fed, housed and clothed.

The old people are even worse off, and many of the buyers at our sale were old-age pensioners. It was a deplorable sight to see old people (and pregnant women also) standing in the pouring rain, and then looking eagerly for the best of the "bargains".

While people who are working can scarcely manage on some of the low wages paid, those who are joining the increasing numbers on the dole will be in an even worse plight.

It is ironical that clothing workers are being made redundant while so many people make do with cast-offs.

We read in the papers every day of the thousands of yards of silk to be used for draperies in the that they will not be acceptable to of explaining the spiritual signifi-Churchill. That is why the day cane of the Coronation service to us, perhaps someone will explain

# Aftermath of the Austin Strike

THE report of the Austin Court of Inquiry, now published, states: "The N.U.V.B. repeated before us the undertaking they had previously made public that they would accept the Court's findings. The Company stated to action. us with great emphasis that they will not now re-engage Mr. McHugh in any circumstances." (p.21)

The most amazing thing about the report is that it makes no comment on that statement and draws no conclusions from it.

On November 7 the Austin vehicle builders held a meeting of one and a half hours during workime to discuss the dismissal of McHugh. That was "entirely unconstitutional" and unjustified. declares the Court. Why? Because it was out of line with the 1922 Engineering Agreement—the Procedure for the Avoidance of Disputes which lays down a long winded procession of conferences to be gone through before a stoppage can take place.

After listening to debates in a quiet room in Bloomsbury, the Court condemns workers for acting 'unconstitutionally'. The active trade unionist in the oil and grime of the workshop will take a different attitude.

## ★ The Fruits of Arbitration ★

ment was forced on the unions the Court. A fine point in law after they had been beaten to their this. The allegation is that they knees by an employers' lockout. did not act in accordance with a He knows that many advances were only made by stepping outside of it and taking immediate

He knows it as a procedure which aids the employers and is wholly balanced in their favourthe grievance which goes through

#### -By-Bill Hunter (Engineering Worker)

its machinery remains, while the time-wasting formula of con-ference after conference is gone

In the case of McHugh, after In the case of McHugh, after the meeting of September 9, the N.U.V.B. took a victimisation claim through procedure. It was January 9 when the final conference was held. Four months! During that time Austins carried on as usual while McHugh remained outside the gate. On this showing, any court of rank and file trade unionists would grant that the N.U.V.B. was extremely that the N.U.V.B. was extremely tolerant.

When the Vehicle Builders came out on strike on February 17 they

former rule of the N.U.V.B. which stated that any strike of over 200 members could not be called until a national ballot had been taken. A new set of rules was agreed June 1952 which gave the E.C. power to authorise strikes. They had not, however, when the Austin strike began, received the Registrar's certificate!

This may be unconstitutional according to the letter of the law, but to any trade unionist the rule-making body of the union is a far higher authority than any Registrar's certificate. In any case

### **Annual Meeting**

VERY supporter of "Socialist Outlook" is cordially invited to attend the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Labour Publishing Society Ltd., Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, London, Saturday, May 30, 6 p.m.

After a short business meeting, readers and friends will be able to meet and talk with one another and with the Editorial Board and regular correspondents.

Refreshments will be available. He knows that this 1922 agree- also acted unconstitutionally, says | You can sing, too, if you want! principles.

had the strike been completely 'constitutional' would Austins have acted differently?

The report declares McHugh was not victimised. Yet nothing is clearer from the events leading up to the dispute and from the statement of the Company to the Court than their determination not to employ this trade union militant.

From the statement of the personnel manager it is clear that the Company was determined to brook no 'interference' with its decisions on hiring and firing and was utilising the McHugh issue to challenge the N.U.V.B. who were seeking to protect their organisation by securing the operation of the firm's guarantees on redundancv.

The fact that the N.U.V.B. met that challenge earned the con-demnation of the Court of Inquiry. By this decision the Court condemns itself, together with the whole theory of impartial arbiters in industrial disputes.

The Vehicle Builders fought a hard fight and lost—chiefly because other national unions failed to come to their assistance. Many of the strikers are still not re-employed. There is general hard-ship all round. We earnestly appeal to all our readers to continue sending money to the N.U.V.B. to alleviate the hardship entailed by men who fought for trade union principles

# **Redundancy Strikes Again!**

Clothing Workers Resist

BY A LONDON TAILOR

THE National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers have officially recognised the strike of 46 workers at the London firm of M. & H. Horinsky, Mantle and Costume manufacturers.

All the workers at both factories stopped work when 17 of their number were declared redundant. After about four weeks on shorttime, the employers tried to dismiss these workers.

the Ministry of Labour was called redundancy. in but, after more negotiation, no agreement was reached.

Later the employers modified their demands but insisted on dis-1 this struggle.

missing some of the workers at a later date. This was not accepted. The united stand of the workers is giving the only correct answer possible in face of this vicious attack by the bosses.

The Mantle and Costume branch committee, N.U.T.G.W., immediate steps to secure official recognition and to raise financial support. Collections are being taken in the factories. Horinsky's workers must not be left to face this fight alone. Their victory will be a victory for all clothing workers.

Workers representatives and union officials tried to negotiate a settlement and when this failed shops, demanding agreement on Many other employers are sack-

This is only the beginning! Thousands of clothing workers will be affected by the outcome of

# Royalty and Socialism Don't Mix!

THE action taken by the Mayor and the Council in connection with the Jubilee celebrations has given rise to much controversy in the Borough. It is due to my constituents that I should frankly state my own position as the Parliamentary representative of

I have never at any time concealed my opinions on the matter of the monarchy or, indeed, on other controversial public tion. Votes ought not to be question. Votes ought not to be obtained under false pretences, or by evading the expression of a viewpoint which may be un-popular. The electorate is entitled to know precisely where a candidate stands. On the occasion of every election since 1922, when I was first returned to Parliament I have declared my position from the Town Hall platform on the subject of royalty as well as on other matters like drink, gambling, war, internationalism, patriotism, imperialism and so on.

I have no liking for emperors, kings, lords, dukes and the whole pompous entourage of royalty You can't have kings without courtiers. You can't have kingship without an aristocracy of without rank and precedence and all the rest of it. You can't have it without "upper classes" and "lower classes". You can't have a monarchical system without a privileged caste and without social inequalities of a gross and offensive

I stand for equality. Royalty means the perpetuation of inequality.

I don't believe in the hereditary principle whether for the House of Lords or the Head of the State or any other purpose. The Peerage under this hereditary principle, produces in proportion to its numbers more wasters nit-wits, dolts and adulterers than any other class of the population. You have of the population. You have only to read the papers and note

#### WITHOUT COMMENT!

'No Socialist can believe in Royalty as such, in a House of in public schools, colonialism or the colour bar. But it is quite compatible with membership of the Labour Party indeed with high office inside the Labour Party, to believe in every one of these things."

Jennie Lee in "Tribune" (15/5/53).

the divorce lists to be assured of that. No one would dream of having hereditary judges or bishops or mayors or town clerks or medical officers. Of course not. Why then, an hereditary Chief of

It so happens that at present the hereditary principle is working well in Great Britain, so far as the Sovereign is concerned. George V is a good man, of irreproachable moral character, respectful of the Constitution and devoted to the welfare of the people, as he understands it. No one can throw a stone at the present Royal family and no one wants to. The King and Queen are entitled to the respect of the Country because they have earned it.

But the hereditary principle has the King's forbears—the earlier Georges for instance—were rascals of the first water. Some of his successors may be-no one can tell. It is a gamble pure and simple. The hereditary principle is indefensible on logical grounds. It may work all right or it may work all wrong. Sooner or later thing's won't pan out so well. believe in selecting the Head of State on grounds of merit and fitness, not on grounds of birth.

You can't have Courts and their hangers-on without snobbery and subservience and degradation of human personality. Look at the

### SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Tom Mercer, secretary of the Labour Publishing Society Ltd., —the co-operative organisation which owns this paper—was among the successful candidates in the recent local elections. He was elected to the Lambeth Borough Council with a hand-

Our Editor, John Lawrence, was successful in St. Pancras—also with a very large majority.

## By the late Dr. Salter, M.P.

The name of Dr. Alfred Salter is a bye-word in Bermondsey—the working class, dockside district of London which he represented as a Labour M.P. from 1922 till he died in 1945. The article here reproduced from the old Bermondsey "Labour Magazine" was written on the occasion of the Bermondsey Borough Council's refusal to spend any public money on the 1935 Jubilee celebrations of the late King George V. Dr. Salter vigorously defended the action of his Borough Council.

We do not agree with his religious attitude to the question of royalty, but as an example of forthright socialist independence and as a penetrating analysis of the purpose of royalty in the capitalist scheme of things, the article is an excellent guide to the Movement. We heartily recommend it—especially to those in public office and who, as a consequence, are faced with the same practical question: whether to sink Socialist principles in the general patriotic orgy of the Coronation, or whether to act in the Socialist spirit of Labour pioneers like Dr. Salter and the old Bermondsey Borough Council.

King. They had to wear special white gloves, hold their hats in a special way, bow and walk backwards in a particular manner, and If I met the King I hope I should treat him as an English gentleman and myself behave as an English gentleman. But I would die before I would walk backwards or dress myself up in an absurd and uncomfortable mediæval garb of black silk stockings, knee breeches, silver buckled shoes and other buffoonery.

Members of Parliament receive regular invitations to garden parties and tea fights at Bucking-ham Palace. I have never been and never intend to go, because I hate this division of people into classes and order based on social precedence, i.e., on birth and wealth. I take off my hat to any and every woman whom I meet because she is a woman. I take off my hat when I pass a funeral in order to show sympathy with the sorrow of the relatives. I am a Protestant, but if I pass a Roman Catholic religious procession in the street I take off my hat to express my respect for the faith of its devout followers. If I go into a church not of my own particular denomination, I take off my hat to show my respect for the beliefs of others, though Quakers do not take off their hats n their own meeting houses. If I were to go into a mosque or a Mohammedan sanctuary I would take off my boots before entering, as that is the practice of the people who worship there. Anyone not willing to pay that tribute to the beliefs of his fellows should stop outside.

MERICAN Imperialism has found a pretext to open a second front in Asia. That is the meaning of Dulles' statement that "Laos frontier with Burma and Thailand. Tonkin were could be a second Korea."

His statement has been under- excellent bellicose statement of Mr. Knowland (Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee) that the use of naval and air-power should not be witheld by the State Department if that was what the "American national interest" (!) required to resist "aggression" in S.E. Asia. In other words America intends not always worked so well in to forcibly interfere in the internal England—by a long way. Some of affairs of Indo-China in order to affairs of Indo-China in order to restore French colonial rule in that country.

However, between the pipedream of Mr. Knowland and the reality of the Indo-Chinese situation there falls the shadow of a whole nation in arms, united and determined to expel the foreign oppressors and establish an united and independent Viet-Nam. All the sabre-rattling in the world cannot deter them from this aim.

Mr. Knowland does not know this. What he is primarily interested in is the economic and strategic importance of Indo-China to the "free" world. This aspect of the Indo-Chinese question is succinctly summarised as "Indo-China is really follows: worth staking. Its northern part can export tin, wolfram, zinc, manganese, coal, timber, and rice. Its southern part produces rice, rubber, tea, pepper, cattle, leather, are illiterate. Opium and alchohol government was set up and it constitute the chief revenues of high strategic importance. It is situated in the continental bridge between Communist China and Schief Malays Habas against the Indo-Chinese.

The PRICE OF EMPIRE of the Price of the Government was set up and it immediately promulgated the dight-hour day, land reform, the and illiteracy, that is what French rule means to the Indo-Chinese.

Cambodia Laos Annam and Cochin China only at the proclaimed on September 2 1045 British Malaya. It has a common

ridiculous orders issued to Mayors before my Maker, but I am not and others who were to meet the going to treat any man as a demigod, whether he is called King or anything else.

> I deny that some superior persons are born to rule and that other inferior persons are born to I challenge the doctrine that some are entitled to live on the backs of others without working or that they may exploit the 'lower orders' for their pleasure and profit.

Another aspect of monarchical institutions can be seen in the West End just now. The Jubilee decorations have disappeared from the streets but the "Courts", balls, levees, reviews and receptions are in full blast. Go and watch the orgies of waste and luxury and extravagance in connection with these functions. The flaunting of

#### DANGER! LOYAL CROWD AT WORK!

"Arrangements for the celebraion of the Coronation in Enugu have been cancelled, owing to the uncertain state of the people; and a police order forbids the assembling of groups of individuals in public places without permission. ("Manchester Guardian", 16/5/53.)

wealth and social superiority in the face of widespread poverty, misery and unemployment is positively indecent. This display has so dazzled many working people that they don't appreciate

rappings, the dancing plumes, the prancing horses, the naval vessels top outside.

Then too, the gaudy military trappings, the dancing plumes, the prancing horses, the naval vessels on the Thames, the dashing, flashing Life Guards, the thrilling ment and in all parties who would jump at the chance of getting a paltry decoration.

Of course Toryism stands for a monarchy which in itself necession.



who died in 1910—as did so many working class children in the "good old days"—of scarlet fever contracted as a direct result of Bermondsey's crowded and insanitry living conditions.

spectacles, the Tattoos, reviews air pageants and the rest, have a significance that is overlooked. All this military and naval parade is. in fact, a vaunting of murderous might. The menace of war and the war machine is there in the background, but the bestial realities are carefully covered up and are out of sight—yes, out of mind of the gaping populace. All the Jubilee celebrations have reeked of militarism.

As a matter of fact the Jubilee has been exploited vigorously by the Tories with the object of bolstering up the present system of society and in order to secure themselves in the seats of power king, a throne, a collection of gilded nonentities, are very useful as part of the stock-in-trade of Toryism and of capitalism. Be a good boy and support the established state of affairs and perhaps you may even enter the charmed circle yourself. You may get a circle yourself. You may get a medal, an O.B.E. or a title! Alas many former servants of the people have been trapped thus.

Just for a handful of silver he left us-

Just for a ribbon to stick in

Thus sang one of our democratic poets. There are plenty of adventurers and careerists and place seekers in the Labour move-

to buttress up the tottering social order and to try and recover their own lost prestige. That is why the government organised a "Silver Jubilee"—a function never heard of before in connection with past reigning monarchs. It was a clever invention, not of the King or of the royal family but of the government, in order to hypnotise the masses of the people, and in a subtle way to identify in their minds the splendour and the pomp of the monarchy with the "Constitution" i.e., the status quo, of which Conservatives claim to be the sole upholders. By using the press, the wireless, and the endless other means of publicity available to a modern government, they had no difficulty in creating a mass psychology of which they could take advantage. In other words, the Jubilee was primarily a political stunt in which the King and his family were

arily implies a class system. The

Tories are using royalty just now

made use of by the political representatives of a dying capitalist order. In the "Manchester Guardian" recently it was stated that the Tories estimated that the exploitation of the Jubilee would be worth over a million votes to them. It is quite clear from a perusal of the Tory press that they mean to capitalise public enthu siasm for their own party pur-poses. The "Daily Mail" says "the Jubilee celebrations have created an atmosphere favourable to the Government"-not to the King mind you!

From the Tory standpoint the sequence is thus: Long live the King. Long live the King and the National Government. Long live the National Government and the Long live the National Government.

That is the reality behind the

It is a brilliant scoop of electioneering strategy. It beats hollow the Savings Bank scare of 1931!

The Government was in a pitiable plight a couple of months ago. Mess, muddle and incompetence had led to the withdrawal of the Unemployment Assistance Regulations. The Prime Minister had sunk to a level when he had lost all authority and popularity. Members of the cabinet were being attacked virulently from their own side. Agricultural affairs were in hopeless chaos. The Editor of "The Observer" declared that the outlook at the next election was so black that disaster was certain unless something drastic was done. Things were so bad that Mr. Lloyd George had to be called in.

## Keir Hardie Wasn't Fooled EIR HARDIE, the founder

of the British Labour Party, was not fooled by royal pomp and spectacle. Here is what he wrote about Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee:-

"The cheering millions would be there and cheer just as lustily if the occasion were the installation of the first President of the British Republic; the soldiers are there because they are paid for coming, and nine out of every ten of them will heartily curse the whole affair as a disagreeable and irksome duty; the Statesmen are there because Empire means trade and trade means profit. Even under a representative system of government it is possible to paralyse a nation by maintaining the fiction that a reigning family is a necessity of good government."

patriotic hysteria, thump the big drum and wave the Union Jack and hurrah! The populace will be swept away.

Will the electors be fooled again as in 1931?

I am a Socialist and a republican. I don't think a Socialist can be anything else, though numbers of my Labour colleagues believe that a limited monarchy could co-exist with a Socialist Commonwealth. In any case however, republicanism is not a political issue at present and is not likely

to become so for a very long time. Socialists have to get on with the job of changing the basis of the social and economic system of which the monarchy is the apex. We are out to abolish poverty and unemployment by abolishing exploitation and substituting the

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#### Royal Beli**e**fs

T is natural for the Tories to believe that enthusiasm for the monarchy would be reflected support of the Conservatives the polls. Like the Tory Party itself, members of the Royal Family are big landowners and have huge investments in capitalist enterprises. In so far as they have gone on record, they are avowed opponents of all that Labour stands for.

The Duke of Windsor, who for some odd reason enjoys the reputation of being a "radical", wrote that he had "a distinctly conservative outlook". "I believe" he adds, "among other things in private enterprise, a strong navy, the long week-end, a balanced budget, the gold standard and closer relations with the United States."

materials. It was recently esti-mated that all the Marshall aid dollars which France received for her home economy were spent on the Indo-Chinese war. In 1947 34,000 million francs were voted for this war. To their eternal shame the Communist members of the coalition cabinet at the time voted for this budget while the Communist M.P.'s abstained!

Up to December, 1949 the Government spent 227,000,000,000 francs (200,000,000 francs per day!) for upkeep of soldiers only!

For the same period the number mand of Major-General Douglas of French and colonial soldiers course, the S.A.C.S.E.A. command Foreign Legion) killed is 117,300; 79,200; captured or

> These facts alone should show that if ever there was a hopeless, unjust and dirty war in history then this is IT.

> Today there is grave danger of "United Nations" intervention in Indo-China. The record of the Tory Government leaves little doubt that it will support U.S. intentions in this direction. The duty of British Socialists is clear Hands Off Indo-China! Viet Nam for the Viet Namese!

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# Hands Off Viet-Nam!

Haiphong and Saigon are two excellent bases." (New York lined by the more categorical and Times, 11/2/53). What a hope!

A peek into the history of Indo-China will show why these assets can never be realised by any imperialist power.

#### THE SOURCE OF THE CONFLICT

Since 1860 the French have ruled Indo-China with an iron hand, brutally suppressing every manifestation of independence in blood. The chief beneficiary of French rule has been the Bank of Indo-China which has a complete monopoly over the economy of the country. It dominates the rubber industry, the coal mining industry and is the biggest landowner in the country. In 70 years it has increased its capital value by more than 20 times!

Like Malaya Indo - China's economy is an export economy. In 1936 France made a profit of 400 million francs on her export trade. Industrial production has been neglected and agricultural production has been retarded. There are only 2,000 kilometres of railways. Most of the ricefields belong to the French. The majority of the peasants are landless, debtridden and impoverished by the heavy taxes of the Government. Eighty-five per cent. of the people are illiterate. Opium and alchohol

Cambodia, Laos, Annam and on September 2, 1945.

by directly administered

I saw the growth of a national consciousness among the people. From then on the leadership of the national struggle passed into the hands of the working class organised in the Communist Party. Repression was severe. Atrocities

## -Bv-M. Banda

were unparalleled. But neither the guillotine, the penal settle-ments nor the Popular Front Government could smash the

When France fell in 1940 Indo-

China became a Japanese colony with France as a nominal trustee. Repression against the Resistance did famine and inflation. Despite or because of it the Viet Minh grew. When in 1945 the Japanese nominated the 'cabaret-king' Bao-Dai as premier of a puppet government the people responded with a spontaneous and nation-wide uprising-the famous August Revolu-Saigon in the south and Hanoi in the north were liberated simultaneously. A provisional government was set up and it immediately promulgated the eight-hour day, land reform, the

frontier with Burma and Thailand. Tonkin were ruled by feudal Indo-China would today be free The two important ports of puppets while Cochin China was and independent had it not been the for the dastardly intervention of French. The people had no say Mountbatten's troops in Septemin the affairs of the Government. ber, 1945. Many British Socialists The aftermath of the World War are not aware of this fact but the Viet-Namese will never forget it.

#### **BRITISH INTERVENTION** Immediately after Independence

was proclaimed the 20th Indian Infantry Division under the com-Gracey landed in Saigon. Of (this includes ex-Nazis in the found a plausible excuse for the wounded, landing: they only came to disarm deserted, 6,682. the Japanese. In fact they came to disarm the revolution. General Gracey first forbade the carrying of arms by Viet Namese. Then the publication of newspapers was prohibited. Then a curfew was Gurkha troops and imposed. Japanese police patrolled the streets. French collaborators were released from the jails.

Then on September 23 the Provisional Government was attacked and urgent. We must raise the and overthrown by French troops slogan "Not a man, not a penny, armed and instigated by the not a Gun for the Dirty War! British. Unable to defend themselves the Viet Namese retreated into the jungles. Immediately a "White Terror" was unloosed on the unarmed people of Saigon.

That was how Britain "liberated"

a terrible cost in men, money and

# Seconds Out!

## A Story Inspired by the Austin Strike

'Pursuit of Progress'

THE chapter on Nationalisation is the most important in this book by Roy Jenkins, M.P.\*

"efficiency" the test for national-isation is that the nationalised in-

dustries themselves come under

this test—the railways are judged according to how well the trains

viewing public ownership not as

a great socialist principle—but as

put its house in order.

threat to private enterprise to

Roy Jenkins agrees that Nation-

alisation as carried out by the

Labour Government did not bring

forth the millenium. "It is still the case", he writes, "that one per cent. of the population own

nearly 50 per cent. of the nation's wealth and that five per cent. own more than 70 per cent." He is

aware that any fundamental re-distribution of wealth is unthink-

able without depriving the wealthy

of the source of their riches-privately-owned industries

ADIES and Gentlemen, Bill is finished. He's got some the next round is about to begin, in the Big Fight between Bill the Battling Worker and Maurice the Mag-Worker and Maurice the Magnate. The Prize is a Wage Increase. This is the umpteenth round, Ladies and Gentlemen, and will be won by the one who stays on his feet the The direct consequence of making

A word about the contestants in this all important fight. The Magnate and his wealthy backers stand to lose a lot if Bill the Workers wins. For that reason, the Magnate is expected to fight like a jungle cat.

Bill the Worker has very little to lose, being about broke anyway, but he has a lot to gain and a wife and large family to keep, so he is going to have a smack at collecting the takings: The Magnate has no such generous feelings. All he wins he keeps for himself and his spiv hangers on.

Bill is looking fit, but he is a bit troubled about his Seconds who don't seem to be doing much but get in his way and offer bad advice. In fact, some of them have frankly told Bill that he has no right to fight the Magnate at all since it is right out of Bill's class, and that he, Bill, would be better working harder for his living and not trying to live easy by

But Bill remembers the kids at home and is going to go through with it. Besides, the Magnate is very uppish and keeps coming over to Bill's corner and trying to take the mike out of him, which fair makes Bill sore.

Another thing that Bill has to put up with is the Rules. These have obviously been rigged by the Referee who is all on the Magnate's side, and has probably received a handsome back-hander for his services. If Bill is doing too well then the Referee jumps in and holds him off until the Magnate has got his breath back. But what can Bill do? The rules have been agreed to even by his own

However, let no one think that

## Dr. Salter

(from page 2)

motive of human service in industry for the motive of private profitmongering. When we have done that we shall have abolished When we have classes and we shall be able to turn our attention to other matters of less importance, the question of the monarchy amongst them.

I associated myself to the full with the action of the Mayor and with the decision of the Borough Council to spend no public money in trying to buy votes or conciliate sections of opinion that can be influenced by venal actions of that type. They did quite right.

This articles will, of course, be up at the next election. Toryism represents an attitude of mind that believes in show and pomp, that hates real democracy and worships authority, that despises honest manual work, that stands for privelege and class rule.

I stand for the opposite. I make them a present of this article for their propaganda.

Socialism implies a classless society, where all have equal status, equal rights, equal opportunities. Monarchy and aristocracy are incompatible with such a conception.

Finally, let me remind all my friends that before many years are over the Labour forces of the country and House of Common will be engaged in a life and death struggle with the House of Lords. The Peers will not let us bring about a greater equalisation of wealth or an overthrow of privilege without a tremendous fight I hope that the monarchy will be as respectful of the Constitution then as it has been in the last 25 years. But I am not so sure.

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE

## Letter From An African Leader

Dear Comrade:

Thanks for sending me your excellent newspaper. Pressure of work prevented me from writing to express my appreciation before. You are certainly doing a fine job of socialist propaganda and incidentally, keeping alive the finest tradition of the socialist movement in giving so much publicity to the struggles of the colonial peoples. Imperialism is still very much alive despite assertions to the contrary by many so-called Labour M.P.'s.

Keep up the grand fight. Our principles will prevail, for history and the cause of right and justice are on our side.

As a gesture of my apprecia tion I am sending you a small contribution to your fighting organ and as soon as I can find the time I shall send you an

> Yours sincerely, George Padmore African Press Agency.

Note: The author of this letter is internationally known for his self-sacrificing fight on behalf of his people—the oppressed on Africa should be read by all socialists. He has suffered many years in jail for his beliefs.

# **Labour and Education**

## \* A Programme For The Next Labour Government \*

THE education system of vocates comprehensive secondary with this country needs schools, about which Timothy should this country needs thorough reform and social reforms come through political action. Privilege runs right through education from top to bottom.

The Labour Party seeks to end unfair privilege and to achieve real equality of opportunity for The National Association of Labour Teachers exists as an organisation of teachers and administrators who by their special-ised knowledge of educational problems can help the Party to this end and to the achievement of a Socialist education policy.

Accordingly, I say that a completely national system of educa-tion must be established. This means among other things, that the "public" schools must be brought within the State system. No longer must money be allowed determine the nature of child's education-it is the child that counts.

The secondary education of the future must be "comprehensive". No longer must there be an artificial grouping of children at the age of 11, with all the anxieties, errors, inequalities and division of the child community

Enright and Jack Johnson have written at length in "Socialist Outlook" earlier this year.

Pending the general establishcomprehensive schools, however, there must be parity of treatment between all types of secondary schools—grammar, technical and modern.

#### SECONDARY AND PRIMARY

Secondary education must provide for the fullest scope and training of the most intelligent of our children. It must also provide university level.

## $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ Peter Ibbotson

Secretary, National Association of Labour Teachers.

for the education of forms of ability other than merely academic and for the emergence of ability or aptitude at any time in a child's life. It must recognise that intellectual training is only one part of education and that culture is not necessarily the private possession of an elite.

Secondary education can only develop on the base of a sound and adequate primary education.

with secondary school. They should have the same size classes; the teachers should have the same amount of money per pupil to spend on school equipment.

No one in the Labour movement can say that the present provision of technical school and college facilities are adequate to the develoment of a balanced technology on which national survival The Labour movement should therefore demand a greater expansion of technical education facilities, at school, college

#### A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

In the past, many areas have been backward in introducing education reforms, giving the in-adequacy of local funds as the excuse for their backwardness. The facilities for education should not-as they unfortunately dodepend on geographical accident; all areas should be able to proequal reward for equal ability.

Therefore, to get over the excuse of lack of finance, the Party should, when it Labour forms the next Government in 1956 at the latest, make education less dependent on local finance, and should increase the Exchequer contribution to local authorities straightaway.

The priority education policy facing the next Labour Government will be of course the reversal of the present Government's typically Tory restrictions on educational development and ex-penditure. A far greater share of the nation's capital expenditure should be on the children—after all, they are the nation's greatest capital asset.

This present lot, though, is concerned only in seeing that they don't become too well educated why? Because an educated electorate is the death knell of privilege, and the Tory Party knows it.

## A Story From Malaya

STORY that is being told among soldiers illustrates the hostility of all sections of the Malayan people to the imperialist occupiers of their coun-

British troops one day played the local Malayan Police at foot-The same night a British and in a brush with Malayan guerrillas, managed to shoot one of them.

On bringing the dead Malay back to camp, they recognised him as the goalkeeper of the Police

into the Matchworkers' Union,

raised about £400 for the strike fund and led them to victory.

This victory had a profound effect on the future of the Trade later helped to found the Fabian Society), wrote an article in her proof that unskilled workers—and THE report of the Monopolies obtained only through the monopolies in the factory of Messrs. Bryant & was not lost on other sections of the factory of Messrs. Bryant & was not lost on other sections of the match-poly—who put up the price for making industry gives a clear their few competitors. the working class.

These well-known manufac The match girls' great fight turers of matches were enjoying stimulated Trade Union organisation among the unskilled workers. It led to the formation of the Gas Workers and General Labourers' these benefits were passed on to Union in May 1889 and later the workers in the factory—mostly brought the great army of dock girls—who considered themselves labourers into the ranks of trade unionism. It is a militant episode of lasting importance in the long fight of British Labour to achieve

#### **BILL MURPHY'S CORNER**

nuisance. Everything has been tried to get rid of them rattles, fireworks, stuffed owls, cats and snakes, electrified wires, supersonic sound waves—but all to no avail. The City Engineer, reporting to the Council, said the starlings are still in existence. He asked for any other suggestions.

## C.J.E. \*"Pursuit of Progress" Roy Jenkins, M.P. Heinemann, 10s. 6d. which the tripartite system en-courages. Therefore, Labour ad-should receive parity of treatment Our History of Class Struggle

This is the first of a series of specially written articles on the struggles which built our Labour Movement. Some of these features will be written by men and women who actually participated.

(I) The Match Girls' Strike

It is, in our opinion, especially necessary to remind ourselves of Labour's fighting heritage in this year of the Coronation when all the press (the "Herald" included) will be chock full of the history of our ruler. Next week's article will deal with the Great Dockers Strike of 1889.

during which the Trade Union severe crisis.

Organisation up till then had Burns been confined almost entirely to skilled workers, an "aristocracy of labour" who were given some small share of the loot which British capitalism was gathering from the greatest Empire in the history of the world.

led by a conservative-minded Junta, politically linked with the Liberal Party, who successfully Orthodox trade unionists countered all efforts to reform the sidered them unorganisable. movement and to direct it along more radical lines. Tom Mann, Robert Burns and others fought in vain against the firmly-entrenched

their once militant societies trans formed into little more than sick used to the utmost by our opponents to score party capital for themselves and for any Parliamentary candidate they may put strikes, even strikes against wage reductions and increased hours of work.

There was a grave danger that the Trade Union movement would become so discredited that it would begin to fall apart.

"Constituted as it is", wrote John Burns in September 1887. "Unionism carries within itself the source of its own dissolution . Their reckless assumption of the duties and responsibilities that only the State or whole community can discharge, in the nature of sick and superannuation benefits, at the instance of the middle class, is crushing out the larger Unions by taxing their members to an unbearable extent. This . . . fear of being unable to dis-

charge their friendly society liabilities, often makes them submit to encroachments by the masters without protest. The result of this is that all of them have ceased to be Unions for starting a match-making factory of your own and give the monopoly a little competition, you'll have to think again. Nearly all some high on Labour's list for nationalisation.

As for compensation—the annual sums which this country is the country of the country is the country of the country is the country of the country

maintaining the rights of labour the match-making machinery prohas been paying into the coffers ..." duced is manufactured by the of the Swedish Match Company In the great depression of the Swedish Match Company over the years should more than 1880's, many Trade Unions went Chemicals for match-heads can be take care of that.

THE Match Girls' Strike of to the wall. Others were reduced 1888 marked the beginning of a new period in the employers who made full use of the distorty of British Trade Union history of British Trade Union-the divisions which separated the ism, and the end of a period skilled from the unskilled workers.

"It is the selfish, snobbish movement had undergone a desertion by the higher grades of the lower that makes success in many disputes impossible", wrote

The craft unions, for the most part, completely ignored the great mass of unskilled men and women who formed the bulk of the working class.

istory of the world.

They were living in conditions
The Trades Union Congress was of the most abject poverty and misery, illiterate, uncared for, unwanted except as cheap labour. Orthodox trade unionists con-



picture of how capitalist mono-polies drive small manufacturers

to the wall and act to the dis-

matches produced in this country is controlled by the British Match

Corporation (in which the Swedish

Match Company is the largest shareholder). Of the imports, about 85 per cent. come from the Swedish Match Company and its

subsidiaries and is distributed by members of the B.M.C. group.

no difference. All the profits flow in the same direction—towards the

It's a lovely set-up for the share-

holders. If you are thinking of

Swedish Match Company.

advantage of the people.

Strike a Light!

Ninety-five per cent. of all this country to not more than 5.

So, whether the box of matches but year your 2d, is labelled pany received an average payment

you buy for your 2d. is labelled pany received an average payment of £51,000 a year—FOR NOT in Belgium" or what-not, it makes SUPPLYING MATCHES!

making industry gives a clear their few competitors.



hammering home the necessary

"The workman may be ignorant of science and the arts", wrote Robert Knight in the Boilermakers' Annual Report of 1886, "... but he is not blind and his thoughts do not take the shape o daily and hourly thanksgiving that his condition is not worse than it it . . . He sees the lavish display of wealth in which he has no part. He sees a large and growing class leadership.

This led to a deep sense of frustration and disillusion among the organised workers who saw

The organised workers who saw

The office of the office of the organised workers who saw

The o But if the official Trade Union enjoying inherited abundance. He

Under an agreement between

the British and Swedish Com-

panies, which limits the sale of British-manufactured matches in

per cent. of the joint sales of the two companies, the British com-

pany has to pay the Swedish com-

pany £37,000 a year in compensa-

tion if it exceeds this quota. This

This might read like madness

One thing emerges clearly from

this report and from the previous

one on the manufacture of electric

light bulbs-both industries must

be high on Labour's list for

to you, but that's not the end of

is now being paid.

rooms of the tenements in which he lives. He cannot fail to reason that there must be something wrong in a system which effects such unequal distribution of the wealth created by labour.

It required only a spark to start a conflagration which would burn out all the dead rot of the Trade Union movement and from the ashes of which would arise a new edifice with a new purpose.

The spark came in an un-expected fashion, almost by by

May.

a period of exceptional prosperity. Their £5 shares were changing hands at over £18. But none of these benefits were passed on to lucky if they earned as much as 8s. or 9s. a week!

Bryant & May threatened Annie Besant with a libel action. Then they changed their minds and thought it would do them more good if they could make the girls sign statements that they were perfectly contented and that the allegations in "The Link" untrue.

Every girl in the factory refused to sign, even under threat of dismissal.

When one of the girls was actually sacked, the whole 1,400 of them came out on strike.

No one was more surprised at the effect of her article than Mrs. Besant, but when the girls came up their cause, organised them Starlinggrad.

#### its emancipation from capitalism. C. Van Gelderen

## ▶ IRMINGHAM starlings are a

A Left winger then proposed Besant, but when the girls came that the Council bow to the inout she and Herbert Burrows took evitable and rename the city

# Phoney 'Opinions' in 'Daily Express'

OLLOWING Tory reverses in the municipal elections, Tory newspapers are trying to find ses. The "Daily Express"
"Opinion" column (9/5) makes the startling admission that the Tories failed to keep their election promises and were thrown consequence of this lack of faith.

The "Express" considers this reverse had nothing to do with national issues, which shows what a badly informed "Opinion" it is. The Councils of the Right failed to reduce rates and in fact allowed them to rise "up and up". (Yes, the "Express" actually said "Up and Up'').

As the "Express" never did face facts in a sensible manner, it will not be out of place to answer their "Opinion" here.

First, local government is always affected by National Policy. The "Daily Express" has advocated for years the abolition of subsidies. Result is higher prices and higher administration costs. "Daily administration Express" policy has forced up the

"Express" urged and applauded the Tory decision to build houses. It did not protest when a Tory Government introduced a higher interest rate, thus placing a bigger millstone than ever round the necks of local councils and ratepayers. Our local councils can only budget for one year ahead and in order to develop they borrow money from the Government. A Labour Government loaned money cheaply; the present Tory Government lend for quick profits-and raised the in-

Extravagance"—the "Express" really got going on this. The Tory Councils failed to cut it down and broke their election pledges. It would have been more interesting if they had stated what our extravagance was. But they

We have nothing to hide, so let us reveal two main items of "Extravagance", education and "Extravagance", education and school meals. The "Daily Express" seems not to have noticed the deliberate slashing of these two items which increased the burden on working class families. Socialists will always indulge in such "extravagance" for we know only to well that our own childhood all too often contained hungry bellies and stunted mental out-

I think on this last item I can touch on the sore spot which scares the "Express". At the latter part of the war, we in the engineering trade received an Award No. 326. It gave an increase to about 8 per cent. of our trade. During an altercation on this with a works general manager he stated "I don't know why your members have got their facts wrong". "Don't you", I answered, "Haven't you read the Daily Express? 'Three million engineers get 6s. rise'." The manager said "I have more concern for intelligence than to read that

Possibly the "Express" realises

NAME, PLEASE If "Young Labourite" of Exeter will send us his name and address (not necessarily for publication), we will publish his letter.



this, thus explaining their opposition to the education of the masses. It would seriously affect their circulation. Manchester.

#### Sunderland Election

The result of the Sunderland South by-election was certainly a ringing our hands and bemoanfighting for the interests ing the apathy of the Labour voters or accusing the workers of being ungrateful to their party. It being ungrateful to their party. It being being this we ensure the is obvious that the loss of the seat are no more Sunderlands. was due above all else to numbers of people who previously had voted Labour not voting at all this The increase in the Tory vote was quite small and certainly doesn't account for the missing support of 1950.

After doing a hard days work in the factory or shipyards the

## E.T.U. in Conference

Socialist Outlook Reporter

THE E.T.U. Conference at Clacton (May 11 to 15) was clearly behind its Secretary. Walter Stevens, in supporting the stand taken by Boilermaker Ted Hill—workers will expect higher wages from higher productivity.

The Executive was instructed to campaign in support of the 15 per cent. wage claim of the Engineering Confederation and to apply for increased wages for members in other industries.

The Tory policy of unemployment was denounced and exposed, and notice was served that should the Tories try to amend the Rent Restriction Acts, the E.T.U. would oppose any rent increases.

#### KOREA, KENYA & MALAYA

The unanimous support given to resolutions demanding the withof British troops from Korea, for the ending of the war there as well as as Kenya and Malaya, serves as a timely reminder that these demands are not by any means the sole prerogative of the Communist Party.

For this was no communist rigged conference. In fact, the Executive which has a preponderant communist majority was defeated when it gave support to resolution which would have given it powers to press for com-munist party members to act as delegates to Labour Party Conferences.

The platform was also defeated by the carrying of a motion which called for stricter control over the administration of the British Electricity Authority by the setting up of standing committees at local levels to fix establishment and scrutinise increases and decreases suggested by the Board.

The argument of the platform Continued col. 6

worker arrives home feeling tired, dirty and desiring above all a rest and a comfortable evening. He is not going to make a special effort to get washed and changed to go and vote unless he is convinced there are good reasons for it.

How often do we hear working people say "What's the difference? both parties are the same." This is not a condemnation of Socialism D. Burgess. or Socialist policies but they are drawing their conclusions from the speeches and actions of the right wing leaders.

If the Labour Party is going to rouse these voters and win their support, this means a determined blow to Labour. But it is no use struggle against capitalism and ordinary working people—nothing less than a Socialist programme. By doing this we ensure that there

Do a Little More Each Day

A fine young man was William Brown

He turned a wheel from left to right

Chorus: Keep that wheel a'turning

So William turned and made her run

Three times round in the pace of one.

The Lord High Turner of his trade.

He turned so fast he was quickly made

The goods he made grew to such a pile

And overflowed to the basement floor.

They spread their way right up the aisle. They filled that room and the room next door

He turned out more than the boss could sell.

That stories appeared in the "Sketch" and the "Mail".

Speed her up or out you go.

William worked to such avail

The T.U.C. came specially down

Just to look at William Brown.

Alas the story now to tell

He worked for a wage in a Midland town.

From eight in the morning till six at night.

Keep that wheel a'turning Keep that wheel a'turning

The boss one day to William came He said "Look here, young what's-your-name. We're far from pleased with what you do

And do a little more each day.

# Purgatory at the Bus Stop

#### By Allan Newby

"The policy of our organisation is . . . to give the best value to the community by providing a transport service which is safe, adequate, reliable and comfortable, at a reasonable

Lord Latham, March 8, 1953.

LAS, the above principles are not always practised. Let me illustrate this by comparing words and deeds in relation to the word "adequate".

In a letter to the staff dated July, 1951, the London Transport Executive had this to say regard-Bob Pennington. ing the adequacy of their bus services: "... (our existing services)

London's Transport Service is probably the finest in the world-yet during the past few years it has deteriorated until the morning and evening rush hours have become absolute purgatory for London's working class. And this quite apart from the continually rising fares! Busworker Alan Newby has no doubt where the blame lies for this worsening of the service.

present traffic needs and no one would suggest that we should make any substantial cut in them". But, in spite of this statement and the official policy, services were unprecedented slashed in an manner on October 15, 1952, the excuse being that a large decrease in passengers would occur during the winter period.

After a protest from the crews, which only succeeded in postponing the operation for one week the new schedules were accepted It was implied, but never stated directly, both by L.T.E. officials and union "spokesmen", that the cuts were for the winter period only, and on the job we were anticipating summer schedules with provision for an "adequate" service, after a winter made worse by continuously full buses and angry queues.

The "Summer Programme" came into effect on May 6, 1953, and all but a few farsighted busmen, who had foreseen the inevitable, were amazed when it was clear that on the vast majority of routes the schedules were almost exactly the same as the winter schedules.

The cuts in services for the winter programme had amounted to 1,439 duties in a week of seven tays. I would estimate that the average duty caters for 700 passengers. Therefore over a passengers. Therefore over a million people had to be squeezed in on the reduced services. In addition, a further cut of 295 duties on 24 routes followed time tests over these routes.

In November, 1952, in an attempt to restore some of the cuts, the busmen suggested that, assuming the Executive's contention that there were too many to be true, the time was opportune to end the practice of carrying standing passengers, in

and when the Labour Party has

its Annual Conference this year,

. are not lavish in relation to have a seat for which he had paid. This suggestion has been mislaid and indeed Mr. A. B. B. Valentine, a prominent member of the Executive, stated before the Fares Tribunal this year that "We (the Executive) would like to carry standing passengers all day long. We will endeavour to persuade the staff to accept this rule." Thus the L.T.E.'s claim that there are too many buses is obviously false.

On the above facts alone the service provided does not come near to the requirements of the word adequate". Add the fact that the South London tram conversion provided 769, buses whereas it was originally planned to replace the trams with 1,100 buses; also this is Coronation year and London Transport will have to cater for the added thousands who will wish to view extravagance on a roval scale. Put all this together and you begin to get a picture of a concern whose motto "Strong for Service" does not mean service to the travelling public.

What can be done to stop the increasingly rapid degeneration of London's bus service's? It is clear that the union leadership of the London busmen has a perfect understanding with the reactionary management of London Transport, and there will be no official sanction for any positive action pro-posed in the garages. The men will not carry out unofficial action while the public will believe this to be another "red plot". The London Passengers' Association is interested only in reduction in fares at the expense of wages and

The only solution is for the working class traveller to seek common cause with the busmen through their Labour Parties and Trades Councils to force the L.T.E. to provide the service which ney are duty bound to do and to force the Government to free this so-called nationalised industry from the perpetual burden of paying millions of pounds in interest to the parasitic stockholders to whom I attach a major part of the blame for the pitiful state of London Transport.

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that this was impracticable until we had socialism" was totally rejected in favour of an immediate application of this form of

#### **RIVAL LAMPS**

Two hundred and nineteen deleing for permission to be given to a delegate from the Rival Lamps Strike Committee to address the conference. In spite of this, Frank Foulkes, General President, urged conference not to receive the delegat, as the strike committee was already, he claimed, well supported by the Union.

After a 12 months strike which could have been ended long ago if the T.U.C. had decisively intervened, these girls should have been heard by Conference. Their fight demands the support of the entire movement, and the publicity given to them and their case could only have helped to that end.

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#### CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

77 HY is it that both Churchill and Attlee made what were probpeople are beginning to ques- clamation of Cold War. the incessant haggling at Panmunion?

As the Prime Minister zigstood side by side as comrades in arms against Nazism. He added that Russia had the right to feel U.S.S.R. must accept all the American claims before negotiaon a piecemeal basis.

Dick Crossman felt that the Labour Members were moved by Churchill's speech because it was

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their greatest post-war so different from his famous Fulspeeches? It is because the ton Speech, which was the protion the whole basis of the speech offered the hope of an sometimes whether President Cold War and now to resent independent British policy and an ending of the Cold War. Cross-Press in America but it united the House of Commons. He always of As the Prime Minister zigzagged his way across Party lines, has his choice of these two sullen faces of the Tories, while first to point out what different the Labour Benches cheered impressions the Churchill speech leaved that France was slow to world make when read in Paris, recognise the Nationalist movement was in favour of talks with Russia and the other Powers on Russia and the other Powers on House of Commons. He always of McCarthy, he nevertheless, opened the way for a saner basis upon which to build true Anglo-Merican co-operation. He because the Nationalist movement in French Indo-China, and he was certain that any attempt to Russia and the other Powers on He said, "It was distasteful to me he was certain that any attempt to

#### TORIES AND EGYPT

assured that so far as human the Prime Minister's speech state. arrangements could run, the seemed to be specially selected for terrible events of the Hitler invasion would never be repeated. He sion would never be repeated. He we have 80,000 of our troops living assessment of this Debate is made, hoped that Poland would remain a behind barbed wire in the most perhaps American Liberalism may behind barbed wire in the most perhaps American Liberalism may friendly Power to Russia and a difficult circumstances. As Attlee buffer, but not a puppet. Contrary to Eisenhower's demands that the said, "People tell me that General now it has been resigned to its fate Neguib and the young men around and resignation is the refuge of him are fighting against corrupt he beaten. At last, or so it seems, tions begin, Churchill expressed his desire to begin with individual Egypt. We should therefore view not being asked to write our problems of Korea and Austria them with a great deal of sym- Foreign Policy speeches. Too many pathy." While Attlee's phrases on Egypt left the Tory Benches silent, have been acting as functionaries they loudly cheered the more tact- rather than as creative leaders less Egyptian references of the elected by the people to think and Prime Minister.

#### ATTLEE INCISIVE

I have never seen the Labour M.P.'s so pleased as they were

I venture to suggest that there will be many references and appeals to the lead given us in the Foreign Affairs Debate. He was incisive in his criticism of American This methods and said that he wondered Eisenhower or Senator McCarthy was the more powerful, and while man added, "It got a very bad Mr. Attlee thus left himself open to cheap publicity-hunting smears McCarthy, he nevertheless, the highest level. For Russia this was Churchill's most conciliatory speech since the days when we a United Nations matter would cause a great split, and "what is ous for us in the Commonwealth." Further-The most belligerent passages in more, China was to him no puppet When, in America a calmer

breathe a sigh of relief. Up to (1/- per line, minimum 3 lines.) bright politicians in the Commons with the courage to risk making an occasional mistake.

### **SUNDERLAND**

Just a final word about Sunderwith this speech by Mr. Attlee. I land. Don't blame the workers or consider this speech, and the one the Candidate. The fault if any he delivered on Indian Independ- may be in ourselves. Let's get the ence during his Premiership, his policy crystal clear. Labour greatest speeches in recent years. supporters want to know the Clearly, Attlee has done just as differences between us and the much as Churchill to transform others. Here we have at least had the political climate in Britain, a lead in Foreign Affairs.

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