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A RAND COUNTY COUNCIL.

From the League's Manifesto.

The Town Councils of the Rand are hopelessly hampered by endless restrictions designed to prevent the urban population from developing along lines of freedom and civic co-operation.

and taxation of Mineral land. Large vacant tracts of land which might be of incalculable benefit to the people are now lying idle within Reef Municipalities under the control of Mining Houses. The Mines are placed by Union legislation in a position to dominate the Town Councils.

tatives of the Rand in the Provincial Council, has been practically vetoed by the Union Government because it threatens the vested interests of landowners.

THE RAND WATER BOARD, in charge of an indispensible public utility, is bossed by the Mines.

RAND MUNICIPALITIES should therefore bestir themselves, and present a united front against Union centralisation which imposes trammels upon the people's Councils. Complete Local Autonomy is necessary before any reform can be realised.

to remove these disabilities. There the agrarian interests are strong enough to interfere with and thwart the desires of the urban population. It is moreover a dependent body, without economic power to enforce its will.

The Reef Town Councils should therefore federate into A RAND COUNTY COUNCIL.

Not only is such a body necessary to resist the interference

of the Chamber of Mines and the Landed Interests in your affairs, but think of the vast community of interest existing from Randfontein to Spings in numerous matters at present dealt with in a more or less anarchic fashion by seven Town Councils. Such a closely knit society as the population of the Rand should be reflected in administration by something more than the present disjointed system of Town Councils; it requires in addition a RAND COUNTY COUNCIL to express its collective spirit, and to deal with such matters as

Roads and Transport.

Sanitation and Hospitals.

Light, Power and Water.

Technical and other Education.

Compounds, and Native Townships.

Vacant Lands

leaving the Town Councils to deal with purely borough matters.

THE RAND COUNTY COUNCIL would also insist upon the control of

ITS OWN POLICE.

CORONER'S COURTS.

MUNICIPAL OFFENCES COURTS.

MUNICIPAL BANKING.

LIFE, FIRE AND RIOT INSURANCE.

ETC.

Nothing can defeat the domination of the Mines over your affairs except

THE RAND COUNTY COUNCIL.

Think it over and get it discussed.

The League's Municipal Manifesto.

Social use means Social Ownership.

FELLOW CITIZENS.-

We come before the Electors of Johannesburg in the present Municipal Election as Socialist Candidates.

Our attitude on Municipal Affairs may be briefly stated as follows: That all things socially used shall be socially owned, and all things privately used shall be privately owned.

We therefore claim that the principles of Socialism give us a definite outlook and a method of dealing with Municipal affairs. And that as workers we are free from the pernicious influence of vested interests.

The environment of the average citizen is cramped and unpleasant because his affairs are under the influence of those who profit from Municipal services and contracts, unduly influence the services of the town to their own business advantage, and strenuously oppose measures which are urgently needed to make Johannesburg a healthy city.

Town Councillors are elected, not to secure contracts for their friends and masters, but to ensure the health and welfare of citizens. But it is well enough known to you that the influence of the Land, Mining and Business Corporations operates most powerfully in the management of the Town's affairs to your detriment.

We believe that, freed from these interests, the Town Council offers splendid opportunities of improving the environment of the average citizen by relieving the congestion in the centre of the town, and by giving facilities for the growth of residential districts for the workers.

There is much talk of fostering a civic spirit. The only way to do that is to put the welfare of citizens before vested interests.

To this end we propose to fight for the following program.

TOWN PLANNING, HEALTH AND OPEN SPACES.

No cost is too great to develop the lay out of the city in a manner conducive to health. A definite and permanent scheme for the development of the whole of the town should be laid down by competent authorities; to which all improvements for the renovation of the the centre of the town and the growth of the suburbs should conform.

As immediate contributions to this object we propose the following.

a. Taxation of Site Values.

(Values created by the people should be the property of the people. This reform has been so far vetoed by the Union Parliament.)

b. Strict supervision of White and Native housing. The development of Klip Spruit as a Native Township, and the demolition of slums.

- c. Municipal Services at cost.
- d. Penny Tram fares on the zone system.
- e. Connecting up of Light, Water and Sewerage services free of cost.

(At present the cottage pays as much as the big business house for light connection)

- f. Free Public Library with suburban Branches.
- g. Pure Food. Strict control pending Municipalization of all Foodstuffs.
- 2. MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

Of equal importance is the Town's relations, with its employees. As on the Railways, so in Municipal services, there is a constant pressure from business interests to keep down the standard of living among the employees, not only from false ideas of Municipal economy, but in order to depress wages generally.

a. Payment for all Public holidays, and 14 days annual leave for all daily paid men.

- b. Minimum wage of 10/- per day.
 - e. Maximum 8 hours day or 48 hours a week for all Municipal employees. Each days work to be completed within ten hours.

(It is in the power of officials to keep certain employees hanging about for 14 hours in order to get 8 hours pay.)

- d. Recognition of Trades Unions, and direct control by Municipal Employees of the conduct of Benefit Schemes; and direct voice in all administrative matters affecting themselves.
 - (Great economies and fuller freedom with increased efficiency can be effected in Public Services by constant co-operation with the Trades Unions concerned.)
- 3. DEPARTMENTAL WORK.

A fruitful source of corruption is to be found in the present system of private contract work. We therefore favour the establishment and extension of Municipal workshops, under strict Trade Union conditions.

Tommy This, and Tommy That.

We have received a letter from a volunteer now proceeding to Flanders. For obvious reasons we cannot give the name, but he has done his whack in German South West.

"In Potchefstroom we were not so bad, although compelled to sleep in stables, etc. But our treatment by this profiteering company is damnable. 9 440 of us packed in the fore-castle, where we have to both eat and sleep, but although there is room when packed like animals for us to eat, there is only sufficient hammock room for a little above half the above number, the result: the remainder can sleep where the hell they like, but not first, second or third class. There are 1700 troops and a lot of passengers and sailors making 2000 people in an 8000 ton Steamer."

Poor volunteer, gone to defend the "proputty" of your masters, you may come and go by the million, but profits, my dear fellow, must go on for ever. Why growl, does not the Union Jack wave proudly at the masthead. Try and remember that the Union Castle is making 50 per cent profit out of this glorious war, and your heart should swell with pride to think that it is British. What, compared with that, is an empty belly.

Andrews in Dungarees.

Comrade Andrews has got the offer of a job in his trade as turner in Mr. Petterson's engineering shop at Durban. He has decided to accept, and was to leave last night. In consequence his nomination was not put forward for the Johannesburg Town Council Election. His departure is a cause of sharp regret to Johannesburg Comrades, but the League will benefit by the developing of the organisation in Durban. Comrade Andrews looks forward to hardening his muscles and getting" into closer touch with the reality of things" at the bench.

The Trail of the Serpent.

Among the vast correspondence found by the Germans in the Brussels archives are many letters throwing lurid light on the mad career of Europe towards war. The Belgian representative at Berlin writes to his Government in 1907 as follows:

"The Times has been pursuing for years a campaign of misrepresentation and calumny. Its Berlin correspondent, who has every opportunity to be well informed, fosters hatred between the English and the Germans by attributing to the Imperial Government ambitious projects whose absurdity is obvious, and by accusing it of secret manœuvres of which is has never dreamt."

Our Election Fund.

All friends and comrades who have lists are requested to hand them in. The League will have a big bill to meet, with your united help we'll manage it easily:

A General Meeting of the Members of the War on War League will be held at the Trades Hall, Rissik St. on Sunday afternoon next 31st. instant, at 2.30 p.m.

A General Meeting of Members of the Johannesburg Central Branch I.S.L. will be held on Thursday 4th Nov. at 8 p.m. All members are requested to attend and bring along new members.

Secretary's address

P.O. BOX 1981.

Comrade Weinstock calls upon all Comrades to assist in the Municipal Contests. Give your name to Ivon Jones. With your help we win.

Comrade Wilfrid Harrison writes a cheery letter from Capetown. "Our men can always face the position without a blush of shame" he says, referring to the Elections.

Prussian Victories in England.

Reports of the Munitions Tribunal to hand indicate the growing triumph of Prussianism in England.

At a sitting of the Tribunal in Liverpool the firm of Cammell Laird & Sons prosecuted a number of men for losing a quarter's working time. It came out that many men could not get transfer from the firm. The court imposed fines varying from 5/- to £3; and there was a scene of indescribable uproar at the close. Men leapt to their feet, shouting denunciation of the firm, and of some of their officials, one man declaring that the Court was causing á revolution in the country, another shouting: "It is time the Germans were here if this is how British workingmen are to 'be treated." The police removed some of the noisiest objectors, the remainder rose cheering hysterically and left the court to hold a meeting outside.

In Glasgow, Joseph Phillips was charged with drinking a glass of beer before the hour of twelve o'clock noon, (horrible crime) The police constable watched him enter the pub, and caught him redhanded with the beer in front of him.

At Gateshead Peter Blaylock was fined 40s. for treating a friend to a glass of beer contrary to the Liquor Control Order. The friend was fined two pound for drinking the beer. The publican was fined a fiver for selling it. Another was fined for giving sixpence to a Tommy to get a drink in a New Brighton Hotel. The soldier, the man who treated him, and the publican all fined. Land of Hope and Glory.

Socialism is a dream; yes:—Capitalism is a nightmare.

As long as there is a slave upon the face of the earth no man is free. As long as any man, woman and child suffers from the pangs of poverty, all must suffer. As long as hell prevails on earth all must live, in it. There is no escape but death—or Socialism.

The International Socialist Conference

In Switzerland.

The International Conference.

Avanti, the organ of the Italian Socialist Party, gives a report of the recent International Socialist Conference, but since the Censor has deleted large portions of it, and

presumably the most important portions, much of what occurred is not revealed. Avanti is able to say, however, that "the enthusiastic efforts of our Comrade Morgari (who organised the conference) have been crowned with the fullest success." The Conference met at Zimmerwald, a little village nestling at the foot of the snow-clad peaks of the Jungfrau. For five days the utmost unanimity marked the discussions. "Frenchmen and Germans," states Avanti, "gripped hands/cordially and vowed to work in common for their common ideals." Invitations to the conference were sent to the Sccialist parties of the neutral countries and to those sections of the parties of the belligerent nations which have refused to identify themselves with their Governments in the prosecution of the war.

Britons not allowed.

Delegates were present from Germany, France, Italy, Russia, Poland, Roumania, Sweden, Norway, Holland, and Switzerland. The I.L.P., and the

B.S.P. appointed delegates; but they were refused passports by the Foreign Office. The conference unanimously held the view that no attempt should be made to supersede the old International; it defined its purpose as the summoning of the workers of all nations to a common peace campaign, the creation of such a campaign, and the recalling of the organised working class to its fundamental Socialist mission. The proceedings commenced by the delegates from the belligerent nations reporting upon the position of the Labour movement in their respective. countries. Unanimously they voiced the view that the working class could gain nothing from an Imperialist war, and that they should not identify themselves with it. They also emphasised the point that the campaign for peace cannot be effective unless it is international, and each speaker urged the necessity of the co-operation of the Socialists of neutral countries.

German-The principal discussion centred on the French question of what action could be taken by the Resolution. working class to bring about peace. The German and French delegates put forward a common, proposal, but what it was the Italian Censor does not allow us to

know. All he permits us to know is that the joint declaration of the German and French delegates was supported enthusiastically by the conference.

Anti-Capitalism is anti-war.

the Russian, Lettish, Swedish, and Norwe-

gian delegates to the Conference, but again the Censor prevents our knowing its full terms. It urged that it will be impossible to undertake any effective campaign for peace without first seeking the causes of the war and of the failure of the International. The Capitalist doctrine of "resistance to the last" must be repudiated, and such repudiation can only come as the result of a revolutionary struggle. Here the Censor intervenes, but we are permitted to know that in the view of those who submitted this declaration Imperialism and Capitalism are inseparably bound together, and the struggle against Imperialism must therefore take the form of a struggle against Capitalism. The declaration asked the conference to send forth an appeal to the workers of Europe, "a cry of battle" calling upon them energetically to resume the working class struggle. Again the conference was unanimous. and with enthusiasm it adopted the following resolution tabled by the French delegates:

This Congress of International Socialists meeting at Zimmerwald sends the expression of its most profound solıdarity to the countless victims of the war, to the Polish and Belgian peoples, to the persecuted Jewish and Armenian peoples, to the millions of human beings who are undergoing unspeakable torture and unheard of horrors.

The Congress honours the memory of the great Socialist, Jean Jaures, the first victim of the war, who fell a victim to militarism and Chauvinism, and the memories of the militant Socialists Tajowics and Catanesi. . . . (Deleted by Italian Censor.

The Congress sends the expression of its deep and fraternal sympathy to the deputies of the Duma exiled to Siberia who have upheld the glorious revolutionary tradition of Russia, and to Comrades Liebnecht and Monatte. . . (Deletion by Italian Censor). who in their countries have opposed the party truce, to Comrades Clara Letkin and Rosa Luxemburg imprisoned for their Socialist convictions, and to all those comrades who have been persecuted and arrested. . . (Deletion by Italian Censor.)

The Congress honours the living and the dead who have continued without compromise to diffuse the revolutionary spirit throughout the masses of the International working-class movement... (Deletion by Italian Censor.)

We sincerely congratulate our Italian comrades on the success of thier efforts and the Conference on the unanimity and enthusiam displayed. It has given us new hope for the future and A long declaration was submitted by | with the delegates who attended we pledge ourselves to carry on

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The League's Candidates.

The League has put up the following Candidates for the Municipal Elections.

GERMISTON.

Edward Becker,
Herbert Johnson,
Sidney van Lingen.
Colin Wade.

JOHANNESBURG.

Ward I. J.A. Clark, M.P.C. Ward II. S.P. Bunting, M.P.C. D. Ivon Jones.

Ward III. A.F. Crisp, M.P.C. W. Light, M.P.C.

Scotch, New Style.

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A frend of mine who is a verry, verry strong sostalist gave me a coppy of ur papper laast weak. i am triing two understaand sosialism and i intend two gett the papper everry weak in futur but i wood like u two anser sum quetstuns furst. i no i am an iggnorramicus so plese doant laff at my queststuns. if you anser them alrite i will aask u sum more nexti weak.

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SHON MACKLANE.

[Shon Macklane is apparently the Scottish prototype of Henry Dubbs. He is numerous, and ignorant, but in some cases, as the present, anxious to learn.

He threatens to send more "queststuns." Will our readers step into the breach and assist an harassed editor by answering the queries. Short concise replies wanted. These will be published next week. Ed.]

Success under capitalism is the power to enjoy yourself at the expense of others. Socialism is the power to enjoy yourself with others.

Comrade R. J. Hall is taking a holiday at East London, after his strenous campaign in Dundee. We hope to see him back again in the fight very, soon.

Gay Internationals.

League's dance at Professor West's Academy, League) came off in ripping style. The gay young sparks of International Socialism disported themselves as "undesirables" should; sedate, as bécometh "traitors," yet not too prim. The terpsichorean revers, to the sempiternal strains of "There was I, waiting at the Church," wafted the by no means lachrymose Leaguers into the realms where there are no rotten eggs, and where "Labour Noies" have ceased from troubling. Comrade Light on the light fantastic toe (1 can guarantee the authenticity of the toe)—the municipal Candidates, swelling to the dimensions of German Junkers, and the young ladies illustrating to Campbell in marchless spherical evolutions the titanic constellations of the Marxian laws; Bunting playing the fiddle and fixing up his Municipal requisition,—what a medleyof youth, gaiety, class war, flounces and philosophers. However, we all came home sase in the rain. Praise them from whom all blessings flow,—here's to the lady comrades of the League.

M. H. F.

SEND US CUTTINGS.

Friends who read European papers should keep a look out for pieces of information bearing on the International, Socialist principle, and news of the ever developing attitude of the Socialist Parties of Europe on the war, and to send them on to the Editor of the "International".

More deportations.

Notes" last Tuesday printed a most ferocious article against the International. Five well-known members of the S.A.L.P. it said, have formed an "Anti War on War" League, to hold opposition meetings wherever the Internationals hold theirs. They will not be satisfied, we are told, until they have done everything in their power to remove the "undesirables" from the town.

Comrade Andrews drew attention to the malignity of the article in a letter which was published by "The Star." The League will continue its meetings in spite of all threats.

A PHILOSOPHER says war is a contradiction of our twentieth century civilization. Wouldn't it be nearer the truth to say that war is a sample of our twentieth century "civilization?"

WHY is it that when workingmen strike for living wages during war time, that's "sordid selfishness," but when food manufacturers double their prices, that's "business foresight?"

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To Branch Secretaries.

Kindly forward to the League Secretary an account of your Branch's doings; how far advanced the organisation; and your preparations for gathering subscriptions for the maintenance of the Head Office. Let me know when members of the Management Committee may visit your branch to discuss matters.

D. IVON JONES,
Secretary.

The League's meeting on the Town Hall steps last Sunday has been the topic of the week. There was a huge crowd. It was evident from the start that there was a organised opposition, led by the wife of a Labour M. L. A. The eggs started coming while Andrews spoke, and Clark had also a rough time. Mrs. Barnet, who with Mrs. Saperstein, Mrs. Alper and other ladies pluckily stood in front with the speakers, was struck by an egg which was luckily more wet than rotten. A man attempted to rush the platform, and struck Comrade Andrews in the face. Immediately, however, the fellow, who is said to be a professional boxer, was pounced upon by the bystanders and had he not been rescued by John Campbell and hustled to a place of safety, he would have been made much the worse for wear. The meeting was however brought to a successful conclusion, and good propaganda was effected among the great mass of the crowd. It is a sad collapse for the onetime party of freedom to have descended to egg throwing and breaking up of their opponent's meetings.

BENONI BRANCH will meet in room behind Mr. Krasnick's shop, Market Avenue, next Monday, 8 o'clock. Comrades Weinstock and Clark will be present.