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He Will Come.

is in favour of inviting the Prince Wales to visit South Africa.

We shall soon see the erstwhile publican and anti-Imperialist wagging the flag with the best of them.

Labour's New Recruits.

The tragic death of Mr. W. S. Royce, | views."-Fred Bramley. a Labour M.P., who had just been appointed to the Governorship of Tasmania, has brought to light the kind of men who now pose as "Labour" men in Britain.

Mr. Royce, it appears, made money in South Africa and was a managing director of an engineering company, WAS A LARGE LAND-OWNER.

sent the working-class.

Credentials Challenged.

Crawford is apparently not having it all his own way in Geneva.

The letter from the Associated Trades | appears to have arrived, and the "Labour" representative selected by Smuts

Gems from Labour B'leaders!

"The plain tru h is that nearly all working-class Liberals and many of their representatives in Parliament are bcginning to see eye to eye with the Labour Party."—Mrs. Sidney Webb.

Or is it the other way about?

"There is no class war; there is a class" struggle."-Mr. Wallhead.

What is the difference?

"The Labour Party does hold the opinion that, taking the long view, we ! General Hertzog has announced that he shall never solve the unemployment problem so long as society is constituted as it! is but it is possible to provide temporary solutions."—Mr. Arthur Henderson, jun.

Palliatives you mean, Arthur.

"We do not accept the views of the 'Red' internationals, but I believe the averages £4 A WEEK. (Reds' may be persuaded to accept our)

What a hope!

Shaking Hands Already.

Stander on is to be abandoned to "the enemy" out of generosity, as we are told, An eminently suitable man to repre- to a defeated foe. That shows what a the up-to-date phases of the world worksham fight all Party contests are except those reflecting the class struggle. For I Hertzog the battle is over, let's shake hands. But in the only real political conflict; the conflict between the capitalist class and the working class, there is no room for generosity. As little dare a military commander, having captured a position, allow the enemy to recover even

All-Women Fascisti.

Head—All-women Fascisti.

The British Fascisti have registered themselves as a Limited Company—an arpropriate notion, anyhow—and incidentally have disclosed the members of the Council, who, to the surprise of nobody, prove to be all either young or wemen.

The latter party include Admiral Armstrong, Colonel F. W. Moffit, Colonel Bingham, Mr. J. B. White, and Mr. A. K. Hewlett.

Four Pounds a Week.

Lord Leverhulme is the Chairman of Lever Bros., the soap-makers.

The company made a profit of . £5,000,000 (Five Million Pounds) last year.

It employs 2,500 workpeople. The profit on each employee, therefore,

And yet we hear sane and moderate Labour men talk of FAIR wages.

Literature.

Comrades R. Rabb and V. Danchin will be in attendance at No. 6, Trades Hall, every Monday evening to interview anyone wishing to inspect our fine stock of literature. A visit to the library will ers' movement.

More Results.

"Nunky Dunky" got the K.C. "Slim Jannie" got the K.O.

"Aby" got the Tin Hat from the Rev. Hattin (gh).

With what brazen assurance the "Star" an inch of the ground he lost as the quotes as "South African Press opinion" and the Chamber of Mines is to have his working class, having scored a success, the malicious sneers of the Durban "Addare concede the very slightest recovery vertiser," the "Kimberley Hooter," and He of course has had his trip at the of lost ground to its enemy the capitalist the "Cape Argus," which are all owned Government's expense, which is all he class, which, for its part, never dreams or controlled by the Argus Co, and cares about, but it is unlikely that he will of yielding anything to the workers unless naturally all shout in unison at the beat of the magnate baton.

Workers or Petite Bourgeoisie.

Organised Workers Must Control Labour Politicians.

Comrade J. P. Anderson, of Germiston, until they attain public office must of the Party councils, they know that withand demurs to the idea "that a candidate | places and homes. taken from the Trade Union ranks would | Further, it is only through a more or | Therefore, we still hold that there will monied interests than those drawn from what you describe as the petite bourgeoisie." Our comrade then invites us to and take note of the social origin of many of those who have betrayed the workers' cause during the past twenty years. The I those who select them. first name he mentions is the present leader of the S.A.L.P., whose inclusion in the ranks of Labour was the cause of the retirement from the Party of Comrade Anderson and a good few others who then formed the advance guard of Labour, which instance is rather in favour of the point of view briefly put forward in our article.

THE PARTY PLEDGE.

After dealing with Colonel Creswell's reluctance to sign the Party pledge in 1910, until he was convinced that he way, and remarking that "since then when he (Col. Creswell) has not treated from the workers' organisations, more adthe Party objective with open hostility he | vanced in phrase or even in deed. has referred to it with contempt, ridi- This is explained by the above facts. democracy to which Labour politicians. cule or evasion," our correspondent pro- He has only himself to consult and con- give lip service, but little else, than the ceeds to demonstrate by a long list of sider, he is not restrained by the great unseemly and sordid scramble for seate men who have come into the movement mass to which the Trade Union leader through Trade Union channels that they always has to have regard. This may be have EQUALLY failed to resist the an advantage sometimes, but on the other where in South Africa. blandishments of the possessing class and hand the constant and clase contact which to remain firm and true to their pledges the working-class representative mainand promises. All of which is, of course, I tains with the workers themselves has a quite frue.

The Crawfords, Dingwalls, and many sulting in a conservative and even re-As he rightly points out, the Trade Clynes', are equally reactionary, and perhaps even more so than McDenald, Snow-

den and Sidney Webb.

THE TRADE UNIONS.

But this, after all, does not affect our 'argument. Granted that the Trades Unions are largely yellow and not red. That they are composed of men and women brought up from childhood in a l capitalist society, and have in the schools, churches, places of amusement, and through the literature they read, been doped by their masters. That this being so; the leaders the workers throw up will l naturally be men who on the average have the same psychology as the mass, and even if they start their career as rebels against present-day society their daily contact with men of the other class tends to modify their outlook.

still remains this fundamental difference between the Trade Union representatives and those from the bourgeois sections of society, that they (the former) have been I brought up with the working-class, were Webls and Co. may dislike the influence liard on churches, and 165 millions on

writes commenting on the short article in | necessity have been in close touch with out it they would be up in the air. Much our last issue entitled "Election Results," the daily life of the workers in the work as they would like to kick themselves

be more reliable, more able, less sub- less lengthy period of activity-most of it never be a REAL Labour Party in South servient to the ruling class and the entirely unpaid in the workers' organisa- Africa until the organised masses of I tions that a man becomes sufficiently workers in both town and country link known and trusted to be selected as a themselves together for the purpose of working-class candidate for public office. giving their industrial strength its relook back on the history of the Labour It must further be acknowledged that quisite political expression. movement in South Africa in particular | Labour representatives do in the long run and on the average reflect fairly accu-strength in the ranks of organised labour rately the views and wishes of the mass of not merely as voting units who have no

ed the minority they would cease to be to vote for. leaders. It is the MAJORITY that they This is and always has been done in represent, and as the majority is gener-Britain. The Miners' Federation, the ally conservative so are the leaders-or Engineers' Union, and other of the great one should say REPRESENTATIVES, affiliated Unions, long before elections are for they seldom LEAD.

THE INTELLIGENTIA.

The middle-class or intelligentia type of could get Labour support in no other Labour leader may sometimes be, and in SEATS BY THE LABOUR. PARTY, fact generally is, more daring than those

tains with the workers themselves has a capitalism and Children. steadying influence, often of course re-

in this respect. Since the Trade Unions | mends and other precious stones. but selected by the political junta or ness to be met there." dictator. This is the great difference be- And here are some more facts which All these facts notwithstanding, there tween the S.A.L.P. and the British speak for themselves. Labour Party.

POLITICIANS DISLIKE WORKERS CONTROL.

However much McDonald, Snowden, members of that class, and at any rate I which the great affiliated Unions have in I schools.

A real Labour Party must seek its option but to vote for candidates in In one sense they resemble chamelions, whose selection they have no say, but as which are said to take on the colour of organised bodies who have the right and their surroundings and support. responsibility of selecting at least a pro-Obviously, if Labour leaders represent- portion of the candidates they are asked

> due, go through an elaborate process of selection of candidates, whose expenses they guarantee.

THESE MEN HAVE TO BE FOUND and then run as official Labour candi-

dates.

This is a nearer approach to that which has been a feature of this and preceding elections on the Rand and else-

others on the Trade Union side have actionary policy, but as the emancipation According to the report of the U.S. Reequally with the Creswells, Barlows, and of the workers is the work of the workers venue Office and of the Chamber of Comothers who belong to the middle class, themselves, which they will approach and merce, it appears that America has spent departed from the working class objective. | accomplish in their own way, the balance in 1923 over 8 milliards dollars in luxof advantage is with their own direct re- uries, of which 4 milliards are wines Unionists, Henderson, Thomas and presentatives, or so it seems to us. and other drinks. 3 milliards on tobacco The history of the political Labour and cigarettes, 430 millions on face powmovement in South Africa is illuminating der and perfumes, 396 millions on dia-

ceased to take any part in the actual ad- On the other side we get a different ministration of the Party machine, i.e., picture. The Government Commission since 1915, is it not clear that the Party | which undertook an investigation of child has degenerated into a purely electoral life in New York City has submitted its machine, and a machine dominated en- findings of 15,000 tenement houses, from tirely by ambitious office-seekers. It is which we see that in many of them they true that many of these Labour politi- have discovered three-year-old children cians graduated in the Trade Unions and systematically engaged in working 5 to 6 are even now occasionally recruited from hours daily, making strings of beads. The that sources but the important point is Commission has registered 6,000 children this that although they may be Trade of the age of 4 to 9, and 9,000 from 10 to Unionists and sometimes Trade Union 13, working daily from 5 to 11 hours. The officials, THEY ARE NOT PUT FOR- majority of the children are emaciated. WARD FOR PUBLIC OFFICE BY "Their faces look like mumnies; no sign THEIR FELLOW TRADE UNIONISTS of childish joy, no trace of child's liveli-

In 1923 New York City has spent during the building season over 6 milliards dollars; of these, one milliard on palaces and private residences, a milliard and half on offices and factories, half a mil-

The Problem of Power.

Shall It Be Right or Left.

alists have probably succeeded beyond difficult to retrace. their expectations. With a m jority of Obviously, with two-or even one- That slim politician, J. H. Thomas, ten over the S.A.P., their dependence on Labour Party Minister, the freedom of Secretary for the Colonies, who but lately the support of the Creswellites is not so action of the Parliamentary Party will be vacated the position of secretary to the complete as the latter had hoped. The S.A.I.P. certainly hold the balance of power on paper, and General Hertzog is reported to have stated in an interview prepared to hand in his portfolio. with the Press that the Nationalists are not prepared to carry on without the assistance of Labour. On the other hand, even this will be limited by the natural South Africa for downing the assassin of he declined to say whether any Minis reluctance of the Party to go to the length Labour but on the contrary to declare terial portfolios would be offered to the of turning out the Government they have that "NO MAN IN THE EMPIRE WAS S.A.L.P. This, of course, may simply helped to put in, with the additional MORE ENTITLED TO GRATITUDE mean that the fermal offer of seats in the probability of three-cornered contests in AND APPRECIATION THAN GEN-Cabinet will not be announced until it is ! decided by the S.A.L.P. Conference next S.A.P. Sunday whether the Party is willing to hold office in a minority capacity.

It is generally felt by Labourites that s the result of the contest has not been so l satisfactory to them as to their partners further accentuated by the present Par- reception. in the Pact.

has, it is believed, resulted in some loss plete independence.

Cortainly not from the dependents of to Labour in Natal and Cape Colony, and, on the other hand, although/the immediate effect of the alliance has been to secure f all the seats along the Reef, and some in Johannesburg, there is a growing feeling in the minds of the more class conscious at the polls, it lost after the decision on workers of the Rand, the phthisis victims, workers that it would have been better to have risked the loss of some seats in order to emphasise the essential independence able—the alternative policy is adopted where, exposed to the elements, they of Labour, with the result that at a and the dividing line between the slave for a starvation pittance. He, of future date the industrial areas would S.A.L.P. leadership and the capitalist course, has earned the gratitude of the vote in their class interests in spite of the Parties becomes still fainter and their idle parasites and sharks who profit by racial appeals from both eides.

There is a further point of view put other Party to the Pact, the necessity will people to whom Thomas was speaking forward which seems to have some justi- arise for the workers to revise their policy and who quote his words with unction. fication in view of the letter "to our of supporting a Party which will have No self-respecting working man or S.A.P. brothers' published by Mr. Tiel- become only Labour in name. We are woman should be seen in the company of man Roos in "Ons Vaderland," in which not auxious to see this happen. | the traitor Thomas, the hero of Black he invites the members of the S.A.P. to join the Nationalists.

of good nature in the hour of triumph. better for the Party to cleanse itself of function and made to understand that if On the other hand, it is not inconceivable its bourgeois elements and tendencies and that on some question which might arise come out boldly as the Party of the whole during the life of Parliament a certain of the workers of South Africa rather no time for him and his kind. number of S.A.P. members might cross than become merged in the morass of comthe floor. When it is realised that—with- promise with the enemy, leaving the that the supporters of the Pact do not out counting the one independent mem- whole process of organising the workers ber—a deflection of SIX from the Oppo- into a class party to be begun over again. nor are they impressed by his gramosition to the Government side would give We await with anxiety the decision of the phone-like ravings about "our Empire," General Hertzog a majority over all Conference, and in no spirit of hostility our "sacred destiny," etc., etc. other Parties, the situation becomes urge all delegates to take the bold and piquant.

on the solution of which hang very im- and a renewal of the pledge to fight for portant issues. If the Party Conference | the workers' emancipation, which can only | decides on entering the Cabinet and be accomplished under the red banner of to say about Hertzog and Nationalism for forming a Coalition Government, a step proletarian solidarity.

The elections are over and the Nation-I will have been taken which it will be very

seriously hampered.

almost impossible unless the Minister is

more freedom of action will result, but gratulate the workers and farmers of many seats and the return to power of the ERAL SMUTS."

the S.A.L.P. to the right which started presence this year. We ask the South in 1915, which became more pronounced African workers to remember his words by the formation of the Pact, will be when he comes, and give him a suitable liamentary position unless a very definite | Smuts entitled to gratitude and apprestand is made by the delegates at the ciation indeed! The association with the Nationalists Conference in favour of a return to com- Gratitude from whom?

> the Labour Party Parliamentary group is | have been deprived of their support by this instructed to remain in perpetual oppo- Fascist butcher, not the wounded which tion, the Party will recover the prestige his military and police forces have left in which in spite of its occasional successes | their wake, nor from the discharged

In spite of all its mistakes and hesita- Friday, when he basely described the tions, often amounting to the betrayal of miners. It may, of course, merely be a gesture its foundation principles, its would be Ho should be boycotted at every public honourable course of declaring for abso-The S.A.L.P. are faced with a problem | lute independence of all bourgeois parties |

WISE SAWS.

Wealth is acquired by over-reaching our l neighbours, and is spent in insulting them. | perty is the offspring of usurpation. St. | Mail" brackets him with General Smuts -Godwin.

Class-consciousness is being created not l by "agitators" like myself, but by the or office-seeker so base, or money-grabber success and the fulsome adulation of the difference between the classes-wealth, so greedy, that he does not dub himself a propaganda agencies of the Chamber of super-abundance, and extravagance on the patriot and everyone who differs from him Mines and big business will turn the one hand; starvation and misery on the a traitor to his country.-Joseph Cham- head of General Hertzog as it did General other.-Robert Smillic.

Nature created community; private problems arrived. Therefore the "Rand Daily Ambrose.

There is no borough-monger so corrupted, berlain.

Entitled to Gratitude and Appreciation.

J. H. THOMAS EULOGISES GENERAL SMUTS.

British Railwaymen's Union, has again To vote against the Government will be been exhibiting his apostacy before a crowd of gorging parasites. At a dinner given by the Corona Club, this "Labour" If the policy of independence is adopted, | Minister went out of his way-not to con-

This Labour lickspittle is, we are told, It would appear that the movement of | going to honour (?) South Africa with his

If such a decision is arrived at, and the humble workers, black and white, who the War in 1915. the impoverished and desperate men who If—as is unfortunately only too prob- are driven by hunger to his relief hells, policy indistinguishable from that of the his fiendish methods, and these are the

he can still impose on a section of the English workers we in South Africa have

It should be clearly pointed out to him agree with Thomas' estimate of Smuts.

Sycophants.

The Rand Press has had nothing good years past. It has abused the man who is about to become Premier as perhaps no other man has been abused and vitunerated.

How different its tone to-day. Hertzog and refers to them as TWO GREAT

SOUTH AFRICAN.

We will be inducated to see whether Smute.

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How is It Done.

LYING BY SUGGESTION.

pressions by means of half truths, insinuations, innuendos and deliberate misrepresentation, that we reproduce it for his place on that occasion. the information of our readers.

Mercury" of June 23rd. Here it is: - I therefore his name could not have

"FATE OF SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST.

"MYSTERIOUS DEATH IN RUSSIA.

"BURIED IN A BOURGEOIS CEMETERY.

("Mercury" Special Service.) "London, June 20.—Moscow papers an-Wales.

notice published in the 'Isvestia' that letter, and his articles have appeared fre PARTY." Jones never left Soviet Russia, while noth- | quently in the papers and magazines of This sinister suggestion that a Labour

Rided to render 'full proletarian honcurs' | friends in Moscow. to his remains, which have been given an The suggestion that Jones had somehov by the Labour M.P. in Britain. imposing funeral in Moscow with a some-incurred the displeasure of Zincvicy'. It will probably be a much stiffer pro what strange reservation contrary to the l'organisation is another base and malicious usual custom provalent in Soviet Russia insinuation. by which all 'heroes' of the Bolshevist! The Editor, who was in close contact! nationale are buried in the Red Square and on several occasions discussed Com

Convent, a typical bourgeois burial other European comrades who knew Jones TIONS of the community. ground."

two sub-heads deliberately insinuate that the Bolshoviks is simply a grotesque there is more than a suspicion of foul absurdity. play, and the text amplifies that impression.

Let us deal with this disgraceful piece

of capitalist anti-Communist propaganda such ravages on hie frame that there was point by point.

In the first paragraph, Ivor Jones is alleged to have died at The final insinuation that the place of terious circumstances."

simple and are well known to all the villainous article. Comrades in South Africa.

gate to the Third Congress of the Com- Kremlin wall. munist International, which he attended! Whilst fully recognising Comrade in company with another South African Jones' unselfish and brilliant work for the comrade. He was then—as he has been proletarian movement, it was not of so since boyhood—a sufferer from tubercul- long a duration nor of such international osis, and in 1922 was sent to a Grimean importance as to establish a claim to be sanatorium by the Executive of the Com-laid by the side of Lenin and those who munist International, for treatment and fell in the revolutionary days of 1917. to escape the rigours of a Moscow winter. The statement, which we are not able at South African party.

It is quite incorrect to say that he was! The quality of mind of those responlists of that body."

had returned to South Africa were the of our readers. misinformed or wilfully inaccurate Press of South Africa, which tried to raise a scare last year based on this misapprehension.

Comrade Jones having benefited by the kindness and the expert treatment of the melical staff in the Crimea, returned to nounce the death at Yalta, in the Crimea, Moscow early in 1923, where the Editor munist leader, Comrade David Iver Jones, on medical advice Comrade Jenes re- notes of the "Draughtsman" for June:-

Bolsheviks, although it has now been de- the Communist. Party office direct from election time.

under the walls of the Kremlin. | rade Jones's condition, has the best that is to sell the workers. "The body of Comrade Jones was in- | reasons for knowing that not only Com | personally or through his literary work held him in the very highest esteem, and It will be seen that the headline and the statement that he was held captive by

> Unfortunately, the fell disease which he contracted as a child in Wales had made of crooks and hypocrites.

no need, even if it were so desired, to put Comrade I). lany restraint on his movements.

"Yalta . . in apparently extremely mys- burial of the remains of our comrade indicated a slight to his memory is as What are the facts. They are very unworthy and untrue as the rest of this

Only the very highest in the ranks of Comrade Jones arrived in Moscow, as the revolutionary leaders are buried in the report states, in 1921, and was a dele-the extremely limited space under the

We received a cutting on Wednesday This fact accounts for his non-attendance the moment to deny or confirm, that his which is so typical of the methods adopted at the Fourth Congress held in that year, body was brought from the Crimea and by capitalist journals to create false im- although he was given credentials from the buried in Moscow, is an indication that every respect was paid to the comrade Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Bunting took from far distant South Africa, and we leave the matter at that.

The cutting is taken from the "Natal elected to the Executive Committee, and sible for the destardly attempt of the "for "Mercury" to make anti-Soviet propaunknown reasons disappeared from the ganda out of the death of a man whom the workers of South Africa will one day The only people who believed that he be proud of, we will leave to the judgment.

Labour Government and Trade Unions.

ABOVE CLASS INTERESTS.

in apparently extremely mysterious cir- of this paper met him in June and was in The British "Labour News Service" cumstances, of the South African Com- close contact with him till August, when quotes with evident approval the editorial

a native of the United Kingdom, born in turned to the Tuberculesis Institute in "This journal, the organ of the Asso-Yalta, accompanied by the Editor of ciation of Engineering and Shipbuilding "Jones arrived in Moscow in 1921 as the | "The International," who saw him safely | Draughtsmen, suggests that the inevitable South African delegate to the Third Con- placed in the care of the medical authori- tendency of the Labour Party will hencegress of Communist Internationals, and ties of the Institute, which, it may be forth be to transform itself into a was elected a member of the Executive said, is the best in Russia carefully national 1 rty, and to rise above the Committee, but his name for unknown planned, well staffed, and situated on the class interests of any section of the comreasons disappeared from the lists of mem- | slope of the mountain everlooking the munity. As a consequence THE TRADE bers of that body, and it was believed he beautiful Bay of Yalta. UNIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO had returned to South Africa. Comrade Jones has been constantly in FXERCISE AS MUCH INFLUENCE "It now transpires from an obituary touch with the South African comrades by AS THEY HAVE DONE UPON THE.

ing further was heard of him until the the Party in England, Russia, South Party in Parliament should forget its announcement of his death in the Crimea, Africa, and other countries. origin and take up the role of so-called far distant from the Moscow Headquarters | The assertion that nothing was heard impartiality is a familiar doctrine with of the Third Internationale. | cf him till the announcement of his death the South African variety of Labour poh-'It is believed that Jones somehow in- is a malicious fabrication. The news of ticians. Creswell and Co. have freed curred the displeasure of Zinovieff's or- his death, which, in view of his weak themselves from the control of the "comganisation and was held captive by the state, was not unexpected, was cabled to mon herd" whose votes they solicit at

The same position is evidently desired

position to tackle there than it has been in this country:

When a Labour Party desires to get revolution and officials of the Inter- with Zinoviev until November last year way from the control of organised Lahour there can be but one motive, and

A Labour Party has no right to claim terred in the cemetery of Novo-Dievitchi rade Zinoviev but all the Russian and to represent the interests of ALL SEC-

It obviously does not desire to pronote the interests of thieves

And as the capitalist class is a class of exploiters and thieves, how can a real Labour Party represent them. A Labour Party must be a class party or a party

Ye cannot serve two masters.

Life in Soviet Russia.

LIGHT IN THE VILLAGES. (From the Moscow 'Pravda.'')

On February 12 the Ruzaev Association light and power for two villages, and the lower half of the town of Ruzaev. It is The PACT is in Power hoped during the spring to provide electricity for another six or seven viliages in the neighbourhood. This sounds simple enough, but it was not so simple to bring about.

The station was and is being built exclusively on the initiative and with the support in money and labour of the local workers and peasants.

The workers entered the Association readily enough, but it was the peasants PAPER OF THEIR OWN we wished to attract. For every peasant we could at first get to take up a share, we had to address meetings of 200-300 on almost every conceivable subject.

"Look here," came an objection, "this electric light is just a fancy of an anti-Christ." And our lecturer would have to explain very seriously that there could. be no possible connection between the two ideas.

"Oh," said another, "I am afraid that I if we have these fine little lamps in our huts they may be taken as an indication l shall find we have to pay extra food! by an exhaustive exploration of the nature of the food tax.

"Will not this electricity breed an epidemic of typhus?" And the nature of typhus and of electricity had to be explained.

In some cases the women peasants l would not listen to reason at all, and declared obstinately that if their husbands dared to take up a share they would teave them.

The most serious objection of all, however, was the fear of fire. At one meeting, when the object of the Association Will You Do This had been explained, a burly peasant exclaimed: "Whoever heard of such a thing ---a light under a thatch roof and no sire." And, with disgusted exclamations of: "Of course we shall be burned down! in no time," the meeting broke up in disorder.

However, by means of continual endeavour and house to house propaganda, in the course of six months we obtained 200 peasants and 300 workers as shareholders. This was not enough to start! work, and so we went to Moscow to ask | Commercial and a line of the land of t for advice. We were allowed to take back with us a portable electrical plant! to illustrate to the peasants how electrioit.y works.

What joy when we brought this toy along with us to one of the village halls.

The whole village was there.

We placed the plant about 140 feet from the threshing machine, and connected the latter with the motor. little sense," said an old man, "this thing can't make the mill work." we switched on the current, the lamps lit up, and the motor was set in motion. No 10/on) stirred for an hour, and 700 sheaves were threshed.

The effect was judeed "electrical." The mest obstinate became enthusiastic. Requeste for shares began to pour in. the beginning cf 1923 we had sufficient mital to begin.

Whoon It Un

But the Workers' Movement must still go on. Now, more than ever before in their history, the Workers of this country need a

For nearly nine years

"The International"

has filled the bill in this respect.

of great prosperity, and one fine day we To increase its usefulness taxes." The objection was disposed of more Subscribers are wanted.

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We Think You Will!

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HAMING TO SOLE, ALLO

. Half-year

With the Lady Inside.

(From Our Riga Correspondent.)

True to their party tradition since 1915, and to Second International tradition in for Electrification opened the Unryev The ELECTIONS are OVER effect insisting on taking Office (sweet word!) in a Coalition Government. "Give PLACE in our time, O Lord," they seem to say, "because there is none other that we fight for; but only that, O Lord." After all, it seems, the S.A.L.P. was not fit to be entrusted with the true Pact policy, but was bound, like vaulting ambition, to "o'erleap itself, and fall on the other." And now we can see the mile already forming on the face of the Nationalist, yes of the whole capitalist, tiger at the "inside" position in which 'the "Labour" lady finds herself on the return from the Pact ride.

> The workers gave the S.A. L.P. a mandate to fight the capitalists, and lo and behold it is found arm in arm with them -including the already half forgiven Emuts. For the good that we can do," it pleads in extenuation. As if any coalition Party—a "classless" Party as it will profess to be—or an agrarian Party like the Nationalists, or a "commercial community's" Party, which the Sal. L.P. soem to pose as nowadays, could ever fight the capitalists! History points to a real working-class Party as the only Party with any political destiny, because only the working-class is capable of wresting power from the present capitalist rulers of the world.

The proposed Coaliton may indeed possibly prevent the Nats from doing anything aggressively Nationalist (although that is prevented already, as regards secession, by their Pact pledge), but it will much more certainly prevent the Labs. from doing anything aggressively or even distinctively Labour. Strikes and forward movements can no doubt always do with a bit of Government benevolence or even neutrality—and it is very doubtful whether they will get it from the Coalition; but still more do they need a militant Labour movement, and that is bound 'and gagged by Ccalition.

For the one purpose of defeating the S.A.P. the "unnatural, unholy" alliance was justified. That purpose accomplished, away with it—the purpose of Labour remains still to be accomplished. For that purpose exploit the Government, use it, take all you can from it, but 'for Christ's sake don't join it! The 9.A.L.P. will be far from "fly" if it 'allows Creswell and Boydell to walk into the Nationalist spider's parlour.

"The poor are set to labour—for what! Not for the food for which they famish. not for the blankets for want of which their babes are frozen by the cold of their miserable hovels—not those comforts of civilisation, without which civilised man is far more miserable than the Per Annum meanest eavage, oppressed as he is by all its insidious evile thin the daily and taunting prospect of its innumerable benefits assiduously exhibited before him. No! for the pride of power--for the miserable isolation of pride—for the false pleasures of the hundredth part of society."--Shelley:

Expensive Tree Planting.

TOWN COUNCIL JOB PREVENTED BY ADMINISTRATION.

Committee of the Johannesburg Town Council to purchase half a farm for £16,500, the whole of which had been municipal area, but probably the exorbi- with the delegates from branches factor in his decision.

The preservation and extension of open spaces in our cities is, of course, a proper 1923, do not conduce to optimism. Johannesburg variety have during the ended on polling day, Messre. Creswell contrary course of conduct. Squares, duty of the Conference in considering the they must not mention the socialisation of small expense, transformed into beauty the country at this critical juncture." spots and oasis of flowers and trees in the It will be observed that all reference to was led to state in one of his speeches that dusty wilderness which is Johannesburg. Who does not shudder at the fate of Ven Brandis Square Marshall Square, Plein Square, which have become architectural horiors.

Market Square is presentable in parts. but is to disappear as soon as money can Joubert Park has been desecrated by a and commercial classes thrown in. half-finished picture gallery. Milner Park, which might have been made into has been handed over to the agricultural show people and the rest is being used to . build-a white guard and Fascist forcing house in the drain pipe style of architecture.

Having been guilty of these acts of vandalage, the crew who hold the town distant farm to PLANT TREES. patience-or is it indifference?—of hannesburgers to the abuse of civic power has been merged in the S.A. Party. is phenomenal, but a halt must be called some time, and at the next municipal elections a strenuous effort must be made to return men who will restore some semblance of honesty and decency intell the civic life of the town.

WAR ON GRAFT and Tammany Hall methods must be the slogan, jand all decent men, irrespective of Paris, should rally to the cry of clean municipal government.

The Truth.

."Our policy in the past has been to support the Party in power," quoth the Editor of the weekly organ of the Chamber of Mines.

It is not often that we look for truth in the pages of this journal, but we believe that the above correctly represents the policy of what is left of the getting a move on in the direction of tail of the Nationalist Party perhaps for S.A.I.F. A sycophantic, crawling, improving the social and economic posi- some few years of miserable existence, flunkey policy has characterised that organisation since it fell into the hands of the hero of Geneva, and the results are seen in its extinction—a fate which has overtaken every other organisation which has had the misfortune to fall into Crawford's hands.

That Messrs. Creswell and Boydell have The proposal by the Parks and Estates | made up their minds to seize on the offer of Ministerial portfolios is clearly indi- The "Workers' Weekly," the Sydney cated in an interview given by them at | Communist paper, gives some illuminating Pretoria to the Press.

offered or sold a short time ago for The Conference on Sunday, in the about a quarter that sum, has, we think, opinion of these gentlemen, appears to be quite rightly been vetoed by the Aaminis- only necessary for the purpose of ratifying | Party Conference, in taking the platform to trator. The reason for his action is their decision. Whether sufficient indestated to be that the land was outside the | pendence of thought and action, remains | tant price proposed to be paid was a check these ambitious politicians remains Party. And in support of this statement to be seen, but the records of the Con- he told the delegates what happened at the ferences of August, 1915, and January,

function of the City Fathers, but the Having stated that the Pact formally past twenty years pursued an entirely and Boydell proceeded to enlarge on the by the Labour politicians in control that parks, and open spaces have been shame | position "to be guided by what seemed | lessly built over and have become hideous most likely to promote the well-being of eyesores when they might have been, at the people and the good government of

the working-class and the Labour Party | the Labour Party stood for the socialisation policy is conveniently dropped. In the of industry. The next speaker, said Mr. exact phraseology of Smuts and the ortho- Loughlin, apologised for Senator Gardiner's dex capitalist politician, reference is statement and smothered all recollection made to "the people." "the country," of his unfortunate remark under a storm etc., which in plain English means the of Parliamentary platitudes. governing and possessing classes, with perbe raised to cover it with a public library. | haps the upper strata of the prefessional

pendence or its principles."

Of course not. Its 'principles' have 'We believe in Parliamentary action at Mines. Its identity will follow in due and follow working-class principles. course as the identity of the Unionists

decides that the Labour Party shall take ever in opposition rather than it should satisfied itself that is done in circumstances which do not impair its identity or involve sacrifice of principle," seems of their principles before they are elected to have been rather too much for the interviewer, who asked "whether they considered such co-operation between the two Parties possible on such terms!"

The answer was of course in the aftirmative and it was argued that "both Parties had pledged themselves to number of measures and broad policies... which offened a sufficient bill of fare to keep Parliament occupied for sufficiently long time before questions upon which the two Parties may perhaps find themselves in conflict come up for settlement." And finally: "And in the meantime co-operation between the two Parties will, it is hoped, succeed tion of the people for which the ecuntry has already been waiting too long."

So there we are.

If Creswell and Boydell have their way -and in the absence of any genuine work-(Continued at foot of next column.)

Politics Sell Principles.

AUSTRALIAN LABOUR POLITICIANS SUPPRESS THE SOCIALIST OBJECTIVE.

information regarding the methods of Australian Labour politicians during election campaigns. Mr. Loughlin, at the Labour fight the Communists, pointed out to the delegates that it would be a dangerous thing to to admit the Communists into the Labour recent elections in South Australia.

He said that Labour politicians who went from New South Wales to assist in the fight in South Australia were told there industry from any public platform.

Mr. Loughlin stated that Senator Gardiner-who apparently was considered quite safe and received no instructions-

That one of the arch-enemies of Comimmism and the Communist Party made this damnable confession in an open Labour "There is no question," proceeds Cres- | Conference adds additional emphasis to the well and his satellife, "of the Labour indictment which we continually make one of the finest parks in South Africa. Party sacrificing its identity, its inde- against the traitors to Labour who now are lits political representatives in Parliament.

long ago been thrown overboard. Its the present time. We believe that the inindependence was seriously impaired terests of the working class can be advanced during the War, it has been still further from time to time in a minor degree if compromised by the Pact, and will be Parliament is in the hands of the workers, finally lost if it walks into the trap set by or if the vorkers are represented there by at ransome would fling money away on a Hertzog and baited by the Chamber of sincere and honest men who understand

> On the other hand we say quite openly that in our opinion it would be far The assertion that, "if the Conference | better for the Labour Party to remain forseats in the Cabinet, it will do so, having become the Government by concealing its i objective and sacrificing its principles.

Labour politicians who will sacrifice hali I will certainly sacrified the remainder after diev are elected.

If we did not have imagination to foresee something better than we now possess, this would be tragedy indeed.—Elbert Hubbard.

ing-class organisation in the Party councils there is nothing to prevent them—the. whole of the work of the last twenty years will be thrown away.

The Labour Party will drag along at the the laughing-stock of all virile workers, sans principles, sans independence, sans power, until some merciful young and vigorous Labour movement comes along to put it out of its misery and to bury the corpse lest it spread corruption throughout the body politic!

FASCISM.

Murder of Socialist Deputy Scares Mussolini.

The murder of the Socialist Deputy, cration goes up from the Press of all Matteotti by the Italian Fascisti has proved a rather embarassing incident for | Even the Geneva crowd of yellow La-Mussclini.

This gentleman and his black-shirted cut-throats were perfectly safe so long as they confined their attentions to the working-class and the Communists.

There were no outeries from the capitalist Press and no expressions of horror when peasant ec-operatives were being burned and workers halls and newspaper offices raided and destroyed.

No objection was raised even by Labour and Socialist leaders to the most horrible murders, mutilations and torturings of workers and Communists.

It was generally commented upon—as were the butcheries of General Smuts in Africa---as an indication that Mussolini was a strong man determined to root out | Fascist movement was applauded by the the last vestige of revolutionary working- middle classes, and was supported by them class organisation in Italy, and the pro- so long as it confined its attention to the

i.e., the respectable constitutional law of execration the moment it touches the and order section of Mordigliani and petit bourgeoisie. For the time being The German Government, which inothers--made no protest against the wide- | Fascism, Ku-Klux-Klan, and similar orspread and abominable atrocities of the ganisations of capitalism based on lawless the greatest brutalities. A well-known black shirts and the reign of terror which | violence seem to be experiencing a set-| revolutionary poet, Erich Mussam, who

MacDonald the other day reviewed a East, are entering a period of mild ro- | finement at the prison of Niederschoneguard of these middle-class bandits in fermism under the direction of so-called feld, lost his hearing. Her is refused a London, and in almost every capitalist | Labour, Social Democratic or left wing | doctor, and in all probability, unless country the young bloods of the capitalist | radical governments & class burn to emulate the exploits of In other words, capitalism appears to sof the authorities, his brilliant intellect. Fascismo.

respectable reformist Socialists, who are probably enter on a period-of legality and lost to the movement. the equivalent of our Labour Party, are corganisation by so-called constitutional. The International Red Aid movement being attacked and one of their prominent | methods in preparation for the next crisis | deals with all such cases, and comrades deputies has been murdered. | in capitalist society which is inevitable |

At once a howl of indignation and exe- k sooner or later.

countries.

bourites who at the expense of the various capitalist Governments are masquerading as a Labour Conference, have taken part in demonstrations of protest.

Mussolini appears to be genuinely alarmed, and has made a great show of arresting the culprits and bringing them to justice. It is doubtful, however, whether he will be strong enough to discipline the assassins and bandits who placed him in power and have kept him there, unless he calls in the active support of at least the right wing section of the Socialists, which would be a direct challenge to Fascismo.

The interesting point which this latest development has drawn attention to is that whilst in its carlier stages the

be stabilising itself--temporarily at any | will succumb to ill-treatment and an-Now, however, it is another story. The | rate- and the Communist movement will other leader of the proletariat will be

"SOCIALIST MINISTERS": Two-a-Penny.

In October, 1916, the former Secretary | passed to the side of the bourgeoisie." of the International Bureau of the Second International, Huysmans, sent the following message of greeting to the Dutch | Minister without Portfolio, Strauming, the leader of the Dutch Social Democrats:

"Observe from newspapers you are ap lations. So we have already ten Social- rubbish heap. ist Ministers throughout the world. Things are moving ahead. Best regards." | been filled by the Brantings, the Scheide- | sar and the subsequent atrocities, and

in an article entitled "Half a Soore of Hendersons. 'Socialist Miristers'' (see "Against the Stream'):--

"Things are moving ahead. Fluysmans) politically honest, and Socialistically necessary demarcation between the revolu- the revolution, by "democratising" the tionary Marxists representing the mass of workers. The chariot of revolution was in the revolutionary profetariat.. and the full motion. The German Social Demoagents of the imperialist bourgeoisie. representing not the interests of the op- mann and Noske seized the wheels and pressed mass, but the interests of the stopped its career for a time. privileged Labour bunistry, who have

Lately, "Socialist" Ministers have become a commodity of mass production. They can now be counted by the dozen. The international bourgeoisie is playing with them at cat-and-mouse, now tenderly and the next minute showing its claws. pointed Minister. My hearty congratu- | The squashed lemon is thrown on the

At the time Lenin wrote the following | manns, Pilsudskis, Alberts, Thomases and | Lansbury asked the Government to re-

the Government at a time when the re- but McDonald gave the judge a rap ever volution in Germany was in full swing. I the knuckles and referred to the "harm is right. Moving ahead towards the clear, | Noske and Scheidemann were called to do | dome in India by his unfortunate words." everything in their power to try and stop | It is time these bewigged gentry, themcratic Party with the hands of Scheide.

G. ZINOVIEV.

International Red Aid.

We have received repeated appeals from the Central Committee of the I.R.A. in Moscow and from the German section to organise itself for the class war prisoners in Europe, India, and olsewhere, also for help to be sent to the strikers and their starving families in Germany.

In the United States, Germany, Great Britain and other countries, this movement is growing increasingly important.

In Russia alone there are 2.500,000 workers enrolled in its ranks.

The number of working-class political prisoners given by the Central Committee is as follows:—

Italy	6,000
Hungary	3,000
Finland	1,200
Poland	1,500
Spain	3,000
Bulgaria	5,000
India	20,000
Germany	7,000

Making a total of 16,700

This list is by no means complete, as tector of the Crown and the nation. proletariat and its organisations, the there are thousands of proletarians in Even the Italian Socialists of the right, | black-shirt organisation becomes an object | Roumania, Bulgaria. Egypt and elsewhere.

cludes the Social Democrats, is guilty of they spread through Italy. | back, and the countries of Europe, with was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, The King of England and Ramsay | Australia and even in America and the has after serving five years rigorous conpublic opinion can overcome the hostility

> who are not overwhelmed with the ordinary work of the Party are urged to get going and form branches of this organisation, which is the red cross brigade of the revolutionary workers' army.

An Echo of Amritsar.

JUDGE GETS A WIGGING.

Our old comrade George Lansbury, M.P., has done a public service in drawing attention to the scandalous remarks from the bench of Mr. Justice McCardie in the O'Dwyer libel case.

This judge went out of his way to ex-The post of 'Socialist' Minister has press approval of the massacre at Amritmove him from the bench.

Noske and Scheidemann were called to This the Government declined to do.

selves protected by contempt of Court penalties, should be taught that they cannot with impunity issue insults at their will and pass comments on matters of public policy which would not be tolerated from persons not in their privileged position.

Popularity and Corruption.

A WARNING FROM AUSTRALIA.

Labour Party.

In its issue of May loth, referring to the charges of corruption in the selection gives voice to the following:

paying for popularity.

disgraced in the eyes of all intelligen. I mand. workers in Australia, is a matter that the "But as time went on a change has will be submitted.) future alone will decide.

hideous pliases, corruption in the A.L.P power politically. is now conspicuously and viciously associated with the holding of pre-selection. ballots.

"Brilliant Labourites, both young and inspired with the idea that they are des in the field of greater opportunities offer ed by seats in Parliament, are not ac cording to recent disclosures, above taking part in pre-selection orgies of recrimina tion and low down trickery.

"Faked ballot boxes, packed confer ences, forged union tickets, appeals to re ligious and sectional hatred, impersona tion, the bribing of canvassers and voters and the degrading spectacle of prominent Labour officials continually accusing one another in public of obtaining votes and support by fraudulent means, are among the various ways in which many of thes' would-be saviours of the workers are expressing their corrupt proclivities.

"A few years ago; when the A.L.P. men only can live. was not so popular as it is nowadays, and "If corruption is to be the price of the way to Parliament was more diffi- popularity, then popularity must go."

the Nationalist Party. Thoroughly char-

acteristic of the S.A.I.P. such talk, but

What is that movement? Is it a scramble!

quite unworthy of the Labour movement.

"The Union Voice" is a Melbourne cult, and the emoluments of office were paper which SUPPORTS the Australian less, corruption at pre-selection ballots of the Johannesburg Branch of the Y.C.L. was comparatively unknown.

men, as Labour candidates, were no a.m. The Benoni and of Labour candidates for Parliament, it better than they are now, but the induce- Branches are sending representatives, and ments for them to descend to corrupt | the meeting will deal with some important. practices were not as plentiful nor as "Corruption, and all it means in the attractive as now. There was nothing to The agenda is as follows: shape of personal bitterness, black be gained by damning and downing a treachery in all its forms, and the loss fellow-fighter in the cause of Labour. of prestige and power, is the price that The fight was cleaner and more strenuthe Australian Labour Movement is now ous, and the fighters were too few and too valuable to be disposed of in that way. "How long it can continue to pay with Treachery did not pay. Privileged out becoming completely demoralised and traitors in Parliament were not in de-

taken place. The workers, through the 6. Formulation of League programme,

cians as intermediaries, skilled in the art unemployment; nuclei, etc. (c) Work them in subjection in a prefit producing and native policy. (d) Anti-militarism old, with fine Press-made and anti-capacity without arousing their sus- under a Pact Government. extremism reputations, ambitious and picions or hostility, has increased. Poli- "Young Worker." (f) Red Sport. talented men possessed of commercial and, tical treachery is now a payable proposi- Work among the rural youth. university diplomas, and tried and trustec I tion, and a capable traitor to Labour can trade union officials, who are naturally command almost any price he wishes to name for his services. The £25,000 that tined to shine gloriously and successfull was paid to W. M. Hughes will be paid again to any other man who is able to do s he has done in the interests of the mittee. buyers of labour power.

.lternatives:

tal principles for which Labour stands.

A.I.P. will become as unpopular and as usoful as it was in the early days of its attend this meeting. existence, and, like then, create a healthy atmosphere in which strong and sincere

York Cathedral (1811).

Great is Thy Reward. "When I contemplate these gigantic Labour, we are told, is entitled to piles of superstition, when I consider, too, some "reward" for services rendered to the leisure for the exercise of mind which the labour which erected them annihilated—I set them down as so many retridations of the period when truth be- Masses," E. R. Roux. comes omnipotent. Every useless ornament—the pillars, the iron railings the juttings of wainscot, and the cleaning of grates—are all exertions of bodily labour which though trivial separately considered when united destroy a vast proportion of this invaluable leisure. How many ithings could we do without!"--Shelley.

> "Rise like lions after slumber, Shake your chains to earth like dew." subscriptions have expired Shelley.

ers will have no Party of their own left. And in that day it will be no excuse for their stewards to say: "We wanted to Printed by the I.S.L. Press, 54. Fox St., pase such-and-such measures, and if it "settles down" in Coalition Cabinets, it had been a Labour Government we could have passed them, but as it is our hands were tied, and we have done nothing."

Young Communist Notes.

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING.

The eighth Quarterly General Meeting is being held this Sunday. June 29th, in 'In those stirring pioneering days, No. 4, Trades Hall, commencing at 9.30 aspects of league programme and policy.

- 1. Secretary's Report.
- 2. Chairman's Report.
- 3. Treasurer's Report.
- 4. Report of Credentials Committee.
- 5. League Constitution. (The revised Constitution, drawn up by the N.E.C.,
- "Apart from its other hone the less A L.P., have become organised and a under the following heads:—(a) Educational work. (b) Economic work; trade "In consequence the demand for politi- unions; demands for apprentices; juvenile of placating the workers and keeping among the native and coloured youth,
 - 7. Resolutions not included under programme.
 - 8. General.
 - 9. Election of National Executive Com-

"This position in turn has imposed on In view of the defeat of the Smuts' the A.L.P. the choice of one of two Government, the Y.C.L. will be entering into a new phase in its history. The new "Either it must submit to being cap- Government must be compelled to consider tured by its enemies through pre-selection | the needs of the young workers, and it is ballots, or to having its policy "tightened | the task of the Y.C.L. to lead the latter up' more, in keeping with the fundamen- in their struggles. The decisions arrived at in the formulation of a programme "If the latter course is adopted, the will be of the utmost importance. All young comrades are urged once more to

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

The following Classes will be held at 4 Trades Hall, Johannesburg, at 8.15 p.m. on Sundays:---

June 29: "The Third International and Leninism," B. S. Sachs.

July 6: "Militarism and Anti-Militarism," M. Shall.

July 13: "The Educational Work of the Y.C.L.," C. Grootewal.

July 20: 'From Isolation to the

Y.C.L. SOCIAL.

An informal Social will be held this Saturday at 227, Fox Street (corner of End Street), at 8 p..m All the latest Y.C.L. songs. Roll up!

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The economic strength of the U.S.S.R.

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is finished as a Labour Party—the work-

for office for the few, or is it a fight for power, permanent and unchallengeable, for the whole working class? Only when it has won that final victory, and rendered the services to its own people, not to strangers, can there be talk of 'reward," and then the reward must consist, as in Russia, not of 'honours' (or pelf) for leaders but of peace and bread and prosperity and liberty for the whole of the masses equally, down to the humblest toiler. Meanwhile, the fight is still on, and grows only more intense each year. This is no time for cushy jobs. If the S.A.L.P. wishes to raise or ever maintain its prestige it will scorn all "re wards." If it rests by the wayside, or