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### Prayer and Plagues.

The two chief topics in our local Press since the elections have been broadcasting and locusts. Which will turn out to be the greater nuisance remains to be seen.

The Prime Minister has shown no great initiative in combating the plague which was old in the time of Egypt.

He has agreed to proclaim A DAY OF PRAYER AND HUMILIATION order to get rid of locasts.

We have no doubt the locusts will be duly impressed, and as they did in Egypt drown themselves in the sea.

### Shooting Baboons.

The plea that he thought it was a baboon which was made by the man who shot and killed a young girl who was one of a picnic party on a kopje is getting rather stereotyped.

There seems to be in some persons a tendency, which borders on homicidal mania, to shoot recklessly at anything seen moving.

- When it IS a baboon, or a NATIVE, little is heard of those reckless acts; but now a white girl has fallen a victim we may expect some strong expression of opinion.

### High Rents.

The campaign against high rents is becoming quite popular, and politicians and limelighters generally are getting busy.

Of course the rents are atrocious, but why not begin at the beginning and tackle the ground landlords, who ultimately reap i the lion's share of the boodle.

#### Science.

The South African Association for the Advancement of Science was informed by Dr. F. G. Cawston that South Africa would soon have a hymn-bcok of its own

Then we shall be joyful; but what has a hymn-book dealing with angels, gods and devils got to do with science?

### Our Faithful Allies.

The British 'Labour' Government has declined to sanction the Channel tunnel scheme as it would add greatly to the anxiety of those responsible for national defence.

Against whom? How the dear Allies trust one another!

### To Save His Friend.

Mr. MacDonald has/decided to hurry over to Paris. His object is to save M. Herrict from defeat, we are told.

Is it not rather to secure to the money trust a firmer grip on the surplus value created by the workers of Germany?

Oh, Ramsay! Oh. Socialism!!

### In the Blood.

The daughter of Solly Joel is threatened with a year's "hard" if she does not at once cough up her estate legacy duty.

How these uphalders of for 'n order and the Constitution love to swindle everyone, their own Governments included, if they can get away with it.

#### It Didn't Work.

The S.A. cricket teamein England has I proved a damp squib as a dope stunt for the dubbs. So the papers fill up with broadcasting soch and anti-locust prayer meetings.

#### Not Surprising.

It is reported that in addition to Bissett ! and Hearne, who are disabled another member of the South African cricket team | not at the bracing altitude of 6,000 feet. is hors de combat. D. J. Meintjes is now confined to his bed.

It would not be surprising if the whole team went sick after the handling they have received by the English cricketers.

### Civic Pride.

The campaign to capture the Municipal seats coming vacant in October has begun in dead earnest.

The old cry of the "best men" is being raised, by "best" being of course meant the property owners or their agents.

It is certainly time that many of the present crowd should be sent about their business, but as was proved during the Great War the so-called 'business men' can graft in millions where the ward heeler only captures hundreds.

Capitalism IS graft at the expense cf the toilers, and there is no known means of making public men more honest than the average member of the community which selects them.

### A Boom in Ballots.

The process of selecting a Democratic caudidate for the American Presidency should be a perfect godsend to that peculiar class of human animal which delighte in voting.

The Convention balloted 100 times before the candidate Davies emerged victorious to the accompaniment of praying men, hymn singing and flag waving and marching women.

Some civilisation this!

### Hardy.

A bag of locusts was plunged into water and frozen into a solid lump of ice in the Waterberg When the sun came cut and thawed the bag the locusts ate their way out and gaily flew away

It wil take sone strong praying to heat these beasties.

### A Health Resort.

We are now told that the Transvaal is the home of centenarians.

They are not very plentiful among the Rand miners, but perhaps that is because they work at or below the sea level and

Enslave the liberty of hut one human being and the liberties of the world are put in peril.—W. Lloyd Garrison.

## Anglo-Soviet Conference.

What Russia Will Not Do.

(From 'Information and Review.'')

to permit both sides to study more adequately the propositions advanced by the British Delegation and the requirements! of a practical settlement. Without in any way wishing to prejudice the labours of either eide, an attempt may profitably be made to dissipate some misunderstandings and dangerous illusions which are judge from recent pronouncements in the Press. Amongst these misconceptions the most unfortunate is the one, persistently advanced, that the Soviet Delegation has as its main purpose the procuring of a loan from the British Government or British financial houses, for the object, it is Soviet regime.

#### A LOAN NOT ESSENTIAL.

Without any equivocation, this idea than false, it is dangerous, because the opinions expressed and policy, advocated in various quarters, leading inevitably, if adopted, to a complete breakdown of the conference, are so obviously based upon just this idea. The Soviet Government has succeeded in reorganising national economic life upon a sane basis, perbrought agriculture, industry and foreign commerce up to a level of fifty to seventyfive per cent. of 1913 volume, to all intents and purposes without a trace of external assistance. This process is conthis process, and shorten the period by orror.

#### THE TSARIST DEBTS.

Why has the question of a loan arisen at all? Because the Soviet Delegation has been presented with a demand for the repayment of the debts contracted before the war by the former Russian Government and by Russian municipalities. The moral aspect of this obligation which it is proposed to place upon the Government of the Union has been stressed again and again eince the November Revolution. It has been repeatedly pointed out that after the suppression of the 1905 Revolution, by the aid of foreign capital proffered to Teardom at an opportune mement the Liberal and Socialist, members of Duma warned the West that the Russian people would not accept responsibility for these debts, contracted in order to extinguish the first sparks of Russian liberty. In this declaration they were surported by the Petrograd Soviet, representing those organised workers upon

The public sessions of the Anglo-Soviet | whom the main burden of the Revolution, | Conference have been interrupted in order in that year as in 1917, reposed. It was on account of these well-known declarations that the Soviet Government selt it. had every justification from even a formal point of view in repudiating the debits at the commencement of the new Revolution 61% years ago.

#### SOVIET REALISM.

Nevertheless, and in spite of fantastic still harboured in some quarters, if we can | Press stories, those to whom the interests | bond. Let any of the concessionaires who of the Soviet Union have been com- have been working steadily in the mitted by the workers and peasants are U.S.S.R. during the last three years, obanimated primarily by concern for the serving the Soviet laws and dealing with practical needs of the people they repre | Soviet authorities, be asked whether they sent. They know that the Soviet Union | have not been able to make their stipuis not in a position to secure what it lated profits. Finally, let any concrete views as absolute justice. And, consectinstance be quoted, on the basis of fact alleged, of bolstering up the tottering quently, they have declared themselves and not of unsupported Press campaigns, prepared to meet the claims on account of | in which the promise of the Soviet Govthese debts in so far as these claims are a lernment has been broken. Only then will barrier to the establishment of neighbour I there be any ground for making what we must be described as utterly false. More ly relations with Great Britain, and unhesitatingly declare are slanderous therefore to the promotion of the more lattacks on the Soviet Union and for rapid economic reconstruction of the putting forward proposals which would world. They have declared, however, that have the effect of transforming the the U.S.S.R. cannot assume a burden U.S.S.R. into a colony of foreign capital. which would thwart the very purpose of [ recognition, from whatsoever standpoint. it is viewed. But, with these reservations the Soviet Delegation has declared mitting of real progress in the interests of its readiness to give satisfaction to the manner.

#### NO FOREIGN CONTROL.

It is here that the question of a loan tinuing, and will continue, and it is clear | arises. Only a loan, as was shown last that from five to ten years will be suffi- | week, flowing into the channels of induscient to bring the economic conditions of try and agriculture, can pour new life the U.S.S.R. up to the level of pre-war | into the paths of commerce, and thereby days. A foreign loan, devoted to pro- provide sufficient revenue, not only for the ductive purposes, would and must hasten | service of the loan itself, but also for the gradual repayment of the sum agreed possibly three or four years. But to speak | upon. But it must be absolutely clear as if without that loan the Soviet Union | that the loan is being asked for specifically is docmed, is to betray gross and inex- on account of the existence of the debt ousable ignorance of actual conditions. claims, and, further, that there is no Those who are familiar with the reports | question, as some hostile critics assert of | and statistics quoted week by week in borrowing money from claimants in order "Russian Information and Review" dur- to repay a portion of their claim. The ing the last three years will not make this | money if lent will be devoted to such purposes as must expand Anglo-Soviet trade, send down the cost of living, and provide increased employment for the workers of both countries. It is not proposed to several newspapers have actually suggest- dare not reason is a slave.—Drummond. ed that the Soviet Union should fall into the position of Turkey before the war. and permit a commission of Foreign Bondholders to have jurisdiction over its internal affairs. This again is one of the dangerous suggestions which were referred to at the beginning of these notes. No Delegation of the Soviet Government, even were the internal conditions of the U.S.S.R. infinitely worse than at present, the would for a moment entertain any even informal conversation on such a theme.

#### SOVIET INTEGRITY.

strous proposal, that the foreigner is not ! Soviet Constitution, that contracts coucluded by the Soviet Government have no

sanctity, that concessions granted to foreign enterprise have proved worthless. that no reliance can be placed in the word of the Soviet Union. All these are empty assertions, and this or that interpretation (or interpolation in) the Soviet Constitution cannot conceal their emptiness. Let any foreigner who has come to Russia since the new economic policy, legitimately and with a legitimate business purpose, be asked whether his rights of property or civil liberty have been denied him. Let any of the hundreds of firms, in this country or any other, which have had dealings with Trade Delegations of the U.S.S.R. or with Arcos, point to any occasion on which the word of the Soviet merchants has not been as good as their

#### PRACTICAL CONCLUSIONS.

To sum up. The Soviet Union can continue to exist and develop without a loan. A loan is only a matter of urgency if the the whole working population, and has claimants for pre-war debts-providing question of placing new financial burdens the Soviet Government is placed in the on the already overstrained Soviet budget position to make repayment in an effective arises. No obligation to make payments, still less any immediate payments, are possible unless a loan is granted. If a loan is realised, it will be devoted to productive purposes only, of direct interest to both sides. It is to be hoped that the goodwill already abundantly displayed on. both side of the Conference table, and the concrete results already achieved, will be sufficient to overcome the deliberate or unconscious hostility which neglects these patent facts.

> No human being can arbitrarily dominate over another without grievous damage to his own nature. . No slavery can be abolished without a double emancipation, and the master will benefit more than the freed man.—Huxley.

He that will not reason is a bigot; he devote it to cash payments. Moreover, that cannot reason is a fool; and he that

> Society is composed of two classes -those who have more appetite than dinner, and those who have more dinner than appetite.-G. B. Shaw

I believe such words as "fashionable." "exclusive," "aristocratic," and the like to be wicked, unchristian epithets that ought to be banished from honest vocabularies. You who despise your neighbours, you who forget your friends, meanly to It is asserted, to justify such a mon- follow after those of higher degree; you who are ashamed of your poverty and guaranteed elementary rights under the blush at your calling, are a snob, as are you who boast of your wealth or are proud of your pedigree.—Thackeray.

## Class Principles and Graft.

serves and laxness in adhering to prin-I the real position was that the MIDDLE were reduced to mere formula, and when Labour movement. it came to the supreme test of 1914 they were thrown to the winds in favour of Chauviniam and Imperialism; or, in other tion of Capitalism and Labour," but a words the working-class was sacrificed to fight between them to a finish-of Capithe bourgeois class.

It is not a mere question of "honesty." Ordinary honesty on the part of a clerk ence. It is the only principle of the or book-keeper, for instance, has no great Communist Parties of the world. it is a social value except to the boss concerned. clear-cut principle, and therefore they It is usually "the best policy," anyway. honestly stick to it and never sell it. Honesty in a good cause is far more valu- While the school of the Second remain able; and the only really good cause in silent and inarticulate, ashamed to avow the present stage of society is the working-class cause. Conversely, the worst motives, those of the Third will always the cause of the working-class.

Laxness in political. principle carries the working class. with it laxness in business morality. Sale of principles and corruption on public bodies, seat-hunting and boodle-hunting, IST PARTY HAS EVER ENTERED of hand in hand. The S.A. Labour Party INTO' A COALITION GOVERNMENT reached a comparatively high level of with the bourgeoisie—there is no coalition class consciousness, and was at the same in Russia, unlike other countries—and, "protesting too much" attitude, it is to be time comparatively free from graft, up to secondly, IN NO COUNTRY IN THE the outbreak of war in 1914. After that, WORLD HAS A BREATH OF SUSone after another abandoned class war principles for Jingo Social patriotism-and simultaneously the tale of Labour MUNIST PARTY. graft began to be told on all sides. The Not much longer now will the working sc often let down by apparent chamresult of the class betrayal was that class continue to support Parties of the pions that they will be singularly fortunmany got positions and many got bribes. Second International. When they realise ate if they escape the same fate again Labour.

8.A.I..P. independence for a mess of bargain—they will at last find out with ment. Our new Government is anything Cabinet pottage coincides with the Syfer-I which Party their true interests lie. fontein scandal. And when we were told

Blackness or laxness in principles—I that "the political side" were for Coaliwhich includes principles lax in them- tion and "the industrialists" against it, ciples—has been the characteristic of the CLASS Labourites were for and the parties of the Second International. Its WORKING CLASS against—a distincprinciples indeed were once correct but tion that explains all the divisions in the I.C.U., published on June 13 in antici-

The only principle of a true workers' party is, not J. H. Thomas's "Co-operatalism. That should have been the only principle at the Berkeley Rooms Conferor even unable to define their actual form of dishonesty is dishonesty towards appeal to this principle above all—the principle of conformity to the interest of

> And that is why, first, NO COMMUN-PICION OF CORRUPTION EVER BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST A COM-

S.P.B.

## Australian Labour Party Conference.

COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION DISCUSSED.

At the A.L.P. Conference, Mr. J. M. IVIEW TO ACHIEVING UNITY, Baddeley, M.L.A., moved for the appoint- that to any committee of its own memment of a committee of sive, charged bers which it appoints, it shall be em- at the Capetown City Hall recently: "If with the duty of endeavouring to find a powered to add Messrs. Beasley and the Pact is our enemy let us rather supsolution of the difficulties that had arisen. Kilburn." Four members were appointed to this A minority report (signed by John like Smuts.) committee, Mr .Sumner being elected by Beasley and John Kilburn) read as fol- The nearest to a commen-sense view 151 to 122 as chairman. The majority lows:—This committee affirms the decision is that put forward in the "Workers' of the Affiliation Committee (Messrs. of Conference that the Communist Party | Herald" leading article: "We should al-Richard Sumner, Arthur Blakeley, and cannot affiliate as a party to the A.L.P. | ways lie in opposition with our votes, E. C. Magrath) reported as follows: We believe the A.L.P. is wide enough to and whenever we find a Government not

between the Communist Party and the membership: A.L.P., is of the opinion that THE A.L.P. IS BROAD ENOUGH TO EM- to faithfully uphold to the best of my ade for "One Big Union" to embrace all BRACE ALL PHASES OF WORKING- ability its constitution and platform, and skilled and unskilled African labour in CLASS THOUHT, and that in view of to work and vote for the selected Labour | the sub-continent and beyond" (note the the probability of early elections, both candidates. Also affirm that I am not a last two words). The most far-reaching State and Federal, and the urgent neces- member of any other organisation which results come into view if this campaign sity for all working-class parties co- pledges its members to support candi- and crusade, especially on the Rand, sucoperating with the A.L.P. to ensure that dates for any public office." ceeds in producing a genuine organised Labour Governments are elected in order After a lengthy debate Conference union of thousands and tens of thousands that the serious problem of unemploy- divided on these two reports, with the of the non-European workers. ment, the chaotic financial position of following results: the Commonwealth, and the extremely For Majoroty Report ..... 135 grave attacks which are beinb made upon For Minority Report ..... 108 the Unions should be effectively met, In view of Conference decision, the parties and groups with the A.L.P., with appeals to all the workers to support the position is that further consideration of A.L.P. in the coming fights, not as the situation by the Executive in connecseveral parties, but as one. FURTHER, I tion with "all working-class parties" is WE RECOMMEND THAT THE IN to take place as detailed. The All Aus. COMING EXECUTIVE MEET ALL tralia Trades Union Congress favoured WORKING-CLASS PARTIES WITH A

"Your committee, having examined embrace all working-class thought, and playing the game with us, it is up to us to several witnesses, both State and Federal, and having deliberated on the position as sign the following pledge be admitted to In any case, the I.C.U.'s election poli-

(Continued at foot of next column.).

### Native Views on Coalition.

Quite a remarkable reaction of non-European feeling against the S.A.P., and particularly against Dr. Abdurahman, who is called a "traitor to his race," and in favour of General Hertzog, is reflected in the "Workers' Herald," organ of the pation of the change of masters on June 17. A National Party organ itself could hardly be more loyal to the new Government; and incidentally, the Transvaal is lauded as being twice as eolicitous for coloured education as the Cape.

The African National Congress for its part had already passed a vote of no confidence in Smuts as Minister of Native Assairs a year ago last May, with a unanimous resolution urging the non-European voters to vote solidly for a

change of Government.

This week we find a meeting convened by the 'Cape African National Congress' at Capetown actually welcoming Hertzog's segregation policy though how the same people can support "segregation" and also claim the franchise, direct representation in Parliament, equal pay for equal work, etc., is not easy to follow.

Whatever pledges from the new Government may have occasioned this rather feared that the non-Europeans are destined to be disappointed once more, no matter how some of their leaders or editors may have secured themselves.

The natives of South Africa have been Labour in place meant place before that these Parties must by their nature this time. Let them take warning from be corrupt—and when they get a few the treatment of Egypt, India and Ire-It is no accident that the sale of bullets from their Labour leaders into the land by even the British Labour Governbut a Socialist one; but even the various (Yellow). "Socialist" Governmente, let alone Nationalist Governments, which have come into power in recent years in Europe have shown a complete absence of practical sympathy with the aspirations of subject nationalities, and only the Communist Government of Russeia has acted as a real liberator.

A rather more sensible view was expressed at a big meeting of coloured voters port an open enemy than a hidden one"

ties should not be allowed to interfere "I hereby pledge myself to the A.L.P. with its organising campaign or its crus-

> affiliation of all genuine working-class the right of propaganda and organisation, whilst still requiring a loyal acceptance of the decision of the representative conferences.

(We commend this decision to the South African Labour Party members.—

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### The New Government.

NOT TO FIND JOBS FOR THE PEOPLE.

TIELMAN ROOS COUNSELS PATIENCE.

. We referred last week to the cynical remarks of Colonel Creswell in reference to the constitution and objective of the 8.A.L.P., which were referred to by him as "fads and fancies."

. At the Nationalist reception to General Hertzog and his colleagues, in the Town Hall, Johannesburg, on July 4th, some more illusions were shattered. and the speakers were at some pains to explain to their supporters that election and proelection promises must not be taken seriously

could not say whether we had done right | them. or wrong in our latest political step," and almost in the same breath said he had not the least doubt that we had done right, which is quite in keeping with General Hertzog's reputation for obscurity.

The Minister for Justice (Mr. Tielman Roos) was however much more explicit.

He quite bluntly declared that "It must be clearly understood that THE NOT GOVERNMENT NEW FOR THERE PEOPLE, indeed it would be quite impossible."

Now if the Minister meant that the Government has set its face against political "jobs," and that only men with suitable qualifications would be considered when appointments were made, and that wire-pulling, log-rolling, etc., for services would cease, then the statement would be an admirable one. We fear, however, that it was intended to have a far wider application, and was a warning to the thousands of workers in the towns and country who voted Pact in the firm! belief that if returned to power the new Government would set itself to improve the condition of those in work, and to provide work for the unemployed that they must not expect anything very heroic or dressic in this direction.

Of course these who have but an elementary ecquintance with the laws governing in list production know that side. It is not constructed nor intended even if the present Government honestly as an instrument for radical changes in tried to solve the problem of unemployment it must of necessity fail.

society, is as inevitable as the creation out their wishes, or if it refuses, remove of millionaires, and it is more than a lit as a hindrance to progress and as ? ] result IT IS A NECESSITY. The un-stumbling block in the way of the speken by the great, nor rejected because employed and under-employed workers proletariat.

are the whip held over the heads of those in work to keep them docide and to compel them, under threat of dismissal, to accept the terms the master class offer.

Lord Balfour some years ago made the statement that in order to allow the always be at least 5 per cent. of people out of work.

There from the lips of one of the most able capitalist statesmen in Europe wel have the brutal truth:

capitalism.

truly than he realises when he blurts out the statement that the Government is not there to find jobs for people.

Whether he fully realises it or not, he and his colleagues, both Creswellites and Nationalists, are there to keep the machinery of the capitalist order of society running.

They are not revolutionary and therefore they believe in the present system, and it follows then that Hertzog, Creswell, Roos, Boydell, and the rest, will have to act in the interest, not of ALL THE PEOPLE, as they are so foud of asserting, but in the interest and at the dictation of the small group of men who own and control all the means of wealth production in South Africa.

They cannot get away from this fact. For a timo the workers may remain patient buoyed up with the hope that with the disappearance of Smuts there The Prime Minister said that "We will be a period at least of prosperity for

> But sooner or later it will be discovered that behind all the fine talk and lavish promises lies no understanding of the real the boss class, and if the experiment were persisted in the present Government would I founded. be hurled from office and one more subservient to mining and financial interests put in its place.

The immediate necessity, therefore, as we have so often said before, is for the workers to lose no time in building up their unions so as to embrace every per son employed in the various industries

At the same time as organisation proceeds, taking as its base the point of production, the inine, factory, workshop, store, otc., the education of the workers on class lines must be speeded up.

National, religious and craft divisions must not be allowed to blind the workers to their class interest nor to weaken their class loyalty and solidarity.

The roal fight takes place OU'SIDF Parliament.

The House of Assembly at the hest is only a sounding board and a registering machine for the dominant interests outsociety.

The industrially organised workers can. Unemployment is a result of capitalist | if they will, force Parliament to carry

### 1913 and After.

(By J. P. Anderson.)

Standing last Sunday by the graveside at Brixton of those who were sisuabtered capitalist system to function there must in the interests of dividends on July 5th. 1913, one's mind wandered back to the immediate cause of that diabolical debd and the events that followed. To me, the most of the comrades that stood around were new faces, younger men, who have taken up the cross where others This festering mass of human misery have laid it down, some to play at being and degradation embraced by the words statesmen and strut about the world "the unemployed" is part of the plant of stage calling to the workers to admire their pretty peacock feathers. Others, Tielman Roos, therefore, speaks more alas! rest not far from where we held the ceremony by the graves of those martyrs. Imagination could picture the snow-white head of Jimmy Bain, and the stalwart Tom Matthews, who had it been possible would have been there to roll forth the bitter invective against the gang of comopolitan financiere who were responsible for the deaths of the men whose memory we were there to honour.

> It is sad to reflect that none of Tom's successors were present, and as far as I know only one comrade belonging to the. premier organisation, the S.A.M.W.U. More so is it the case when we remember that that fight which ended so disastrously started primarily to defend the rights of mine workers and prevent encroachment upon those rights. It was left to the Communists here, as everywhere else, to remember our martyrs.

### Our Domestic Arrangements.

As the delegates and Labour M.L.A.'s. were entering the S.A.L.P. Conference, at which the question whether the Labour problems of society; and even if some Party should allow two of its number to glimmering of light and honesty is pos- enter a Nationalist Cabinet was to be sessed by some, the first genuine attempt settled, leaflets were handed to them by to seriously deal with the unemployed Communits in which the delegates were would be met with a warning growl from | urged not to depart from the principle of independence on which the Party was

> Mr. R. Waterston, M.L.A. for Brakpan, accosted one of the comrades and demanded to know what right the Communist Party had to meddle in their (the S.A.L.P.) domestic affairs.

> It was pointed out that any question that affects the interest of the working class was the business of the Communist Party, and the proposal to scrap the last vostige of independence of the Labour Party concerned the workers and therefore the C.P. very deeply.

The incident is typical of the arrogance und ignorance of those who have pushed innselves into office on the backs of the vorkers.

ne of the claims of the Labour Leaders whee, as in Britain, is that they are not a "ty cf a class but concerned with the welf re of the whole community.

Of course the claim is absurd and unut as it is made, what possible objection can Mr. Waterston have to the ornists, as members of the comtwing to influence the decision en a important public question of the men who make this claim?

Words should not be accepted because uttered by the lowly.—Chinese proverb.

## UNEMPLOYMENT.

The capitalist Press has suddenly dis- | Commissioner, but their protests were uncovered that there is an unemployed availing. They are now asking the Govquestion in South Africa.

ranging between twenty and thirty ment is not willing to consent.

thousand.

It is strange that when the S.A.P. was in power that so little was said on this mibject, which has become more accentuated since the brutal crushing of the strike in 1922.

However, the Pact Government cannot complain that it is now called upon to tackle one of the problems which the

capitalist system produces.

The "Rand Daily Mail" in discussing the question holds up as an example 'a firm in Johannesburg which has sacked four natives and started four white men. If such a policy is generally adopted we may be sure that the white men will only be paid native wages, which does not open up a very brilliant prospect, as it is simply robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Realising the puerility of such suggestions, the same paper then talks of the establishment of Labour Colonies, which it asserts "has been done with such suc-

cess in other countries."

BUCCEBBB.

has spent £7,000,000 on the Murrum- | capitalism and landlordism must first be | The increasing numbers of the Dutch bidgee irrigation works, and have placed broken, otherwise a few will get rich by soldiers and others as settlers on the the sale of land at huge figures, others mining and other urban occupations is in land so irrigated.

With what result?

cording to the London "Daily Mail," | charges of various kinds that he will be "claim that they are so over-burdened unable to extractea living in spite of hard | Nationalist, but that is largely because with capital debt that they are unable to and unremitting toil. continue. It is declared that the farms It is not necessary to go to Australia must return 241 per cent. before the for examples. South Africa can produce settler gets an income equivalent to £5 | a long record of failures in the same line Weekly.

marched to the offices of the Resident couragement of the genuine workers.

ernment to appoint a tribunal of inquiry Figures for whites alone are given into the circumstances, but the Govern-

> "The prospects are that many farms will be abandoned in the near future, and it is believed that the Government proposes to utilise these for immigrants.

> "A number of evictions of defaulting settlers has already been effected, and soldiers threaten to resist forcibly further evictions unless an inguiry is

granted.

"That the New South Wales Government proposes to instal 'immigrants' in the homes of the evicted soldier-settlers it is an attempt to put back the clock in provides the cause why State-aided immigration is unpopular in Australia. The British immigrant is shipped off to an unknown destiny with the blessing of Mr. Clynes, and once he is settled on the land with the chains of debt round his neck, he is a slave who has no alternative but to submit and wear his life out in slavery."

That it is possible to successfully settle tens of thousands on the land in South Africa through a carefully thought out ish had then not only a political and Let us examine one of these so-called and well administered Government racial basis but also an economic exscheme is not denied.

In New South Wales the Government But the prerequisite is that the power of will do well with contracts for irrigation works and machinery, whilst the ultimate obvious divisions on national lines. The settlers are up in arms and, ac- settler will find himself so burdened with

owing to corruption, mismanagement and "One hundred and fifty soldier settlers | consequent impoverishment and dis-

## Crying for the Moon.

. The unity of the old South African Party must be restored even if to-day this can only be done within the Nationalist Party." In resigning from the editorship of "De Burger," Dr. D. F. Malan, Minister of Education, made these rather

cryptic remarks.

Coupled with the more outspoken invitation of Mr., Tielman Roos, the Minister for Justice, to his fellow Africanders, to leave the S.A. Party and link up with the Nationalists the impression conveyed is that these two Ministers desire to build up a purely Dutch party strong enough to dominate Parliament and rule the country irrespective of all other considerations.

If this is the idea of these politicians,

South African politics:

Many things have happened since the Anglo-Boer War, and among them is a complete change in the method of life of tens of thousands of Dutch South Africans

Up to and for some time after 1902 the Dutch stood broadly for agricultural and the British and others from oversea for

urban pursuits.

The cleavage between Dutch and Brit-

planation.

To-day the position is entirely different. population who have since 1907 adopted creasingly modifying the old simple and

It is still true that the Dutch town and mine workers almost to a man vote the Nationalist Party has hitherto been in opposition to the Government and because they have believed that a material improvement in their conditions of life and labour would be brought about on the advent of that Party to power.

At the same time they have passed through some highly educative ex-

periences.

The events of 1913-14 and more particularly 1921-22, when Dutch and British workers met together marched to gether, starved, fought and died together, not for a national ideal, but for a class principle, have added something to the psychology of all concerned that cannot easily be removed.

In short, to a certain extent the wageearning Nationalists have become conscious of their class interests, which are not always parallel to their national pre-

iudices.

Tielman Roos and Dr. Malan are not on such sure ground as they apparently think they are when appealing for unity between the S.A P. and the Nationalist Dutchmen.

If they succeeded in what appears to be their purpose, i.e., dispensing with a Coalition Cabinet and forming one entirely of Dutch extraction, their triumph

might be short lived.

It is an axiom that in the long run men respond to and act in harmony with their economic interests and the interest of the Dutch and British miner, railwayman and workers generally will be more clearly seen to be identical as industrial experience and habits accumulate.

On the other hand, buth Dutch and British worker will be increasingly comnelled by experience to recognise that the (Continued on page 8.)

### Pluvial.

(In Memoriam D. Ivon Jones.)

See how the veld is blood-red; full! the spruit, Furrow and donga as with sanguine

(Even as a floodmark of our strife and

Bitter, yet sweet)—o'erfull in sluit on

That what we sowed be harvested—

ripe fruit, Honey of bees and yellow growth of grain.

vain,

Comrade, your life's endeavour pursuit?

So too our Ivon one with those that fell, Bre has whose blood has stained the ve in fight-

Chow are their names still hallowed in our cars!}-

Boor or Briton, Bantu-black white:

Thus shall be quenched the smouldering fires of hell,

Thus shall be harvested the golden years.

L. A. MOTLER.

### A Touch of the Whip.

WEEKERS BEING DISCHARGED.

There is good reason to believe that! having failed to persuade the workers of the Reef to put the S.A.P. once more into power, the Chamber of Mines is using another weapon, the industrial one, to bring the workers to what the capitalist Press would call their senses.

There are ugly reports of men being discharged in batches all along the Rand, Thus Nature's cycle: how can be in | both on the surface and underground, and there is more than a suspicion that a policy is being deliberately adopted by the mines, and the employers unler their control or influence, to accentuate the unemployment problem in order o embarass and render unpopular the nev Government.

> We shall watch these tactics carefull, I and we hope the new Minister of Minister of Minister and also of Labour when that Dep ment comes into being will prevent ar worsening of the present position as first step towards a resolute attempt ! seriously deal with the evil of unemplo ment and the almost equally grave scand of the so-called relief works.

# Lenin's First Book.

By David Ivon Jones.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

their socialism on peasant economy, on exposition of Guesde, Marx's "Capital," of genius, constituting an epic which the the mir or village commune. They be- etc.), but these publications penetrated youth of the future will value more than lieved in the mission of Russia to contri- into Russia, of course, only in the form of all the epics of romance. bute something wholly new to the world. and not merely receive from the West its aculture. The narodniki continued on manded. . And when Comrade Lenin's this line of thought and derided the idea brochure appearer, 'Who are these Friends Russia is a country in which the crass of a proletarian movement; how could a of the People,' directed against the struggle has been fought out not only to million proletarians emancipate a country narodniki, and containing illuminating the finish but from the very beginning of over a hundred millions, they demanded. They pleaded that Russia so far was as a "tubula rasa" (a clean slate), on ] which it was the duty of the classless intelligentsia to write their own will, and learning it almost by heart." instead of importing Western European | Especially interesting now is the re- Marxists with Lenin at their head saying civilisation as a whole, with its capitalism | miniscence of Martov, the Menshevik | it is already here long ago. true, but it was not too late to "return to ly published in Berlin, also quoted in the the true path." Their duty was to "find | introduction to the present edition:a way to the fatherland." One narodniki, l was better than the line of development through capitalism. All this, of course, was clothed in a mass of learned philosophy and abundant eloquence.

"these Friends of the People," in order to Oulianov." win over the youth to revolutionary Marxism.

### Lenin's Evangel of Marxism.

Plekhanov and others had for several years constituted a group in Genoa, and his writings as a "populariser" of Marx in spite of his Social-Demogratic veneer. are even referred to in Lenin's book. But Lenin early defined Strouve's tendency not until six months after the appearance | Leninism as the only safe entry. of Lenin's "Friends of the People" that Plekhanov first published a book in Russia: it was "The Monistic View of History," and was published legally.

the present edition:--

1893 began his celebrated campaign Minsk, in 1898.

The revolutionary narodovoltzi based hanov's 'Our Differences,' the popular here squeezed into the lifetime of a man great rarities, and besides that, did not l give definite answers to those concrete) questions which the Russian situation destatistical material, it was for us a veristatistical material, it was for us a veri-table evangel. We reprinted it on the able portion, "Who are these Friends of hectograph, in spite of its size, through the People" is devoted to the controversy whole nights, hiding it in places most raging as to whether or not capitalism was inaccessible to the police in case of search, inevitable in Russia; the Narodniki cry-

and its "plague of the proletariat." The leader and Lenin's principal political bourgeoisie were already in Russia, it was opponent, writing in his "Memoirs," late-

there emanated a real revolutionary passion, and a plebeian roughness. The bro-Russia was in a period of transition. chure showed both literary gift and the faith of the young Marxists. The student youth played a far more de- ripened political judgment of a man cisive role in the revolutionary movement | woven of a fibre from which party leaders | in Russia than in the West owing to the lare made. I was interested in the person general illiterácy of the labouring masses. Fof the author, but the level of conspiracy tical faiths, and it was imperative, as able to learn that it came from the group Lenin elsewhere expressed it, to stop the known as the 'elders.' It was a year later confusion of advanced public opinion by that I heard that name of V. I.

> The reference to Strouve serves to remind us how long ago it is since this book. was written, and Lenin had formed a literary alliance with the Left wing of the Liberal beurgeoisie, for such Strouve was

Lenin himself burst upon the political as one "towards bourgeois democracy, for plains the new weapon, Marxism, as the lifed their conversion from petty bourwritten at high pressure. They are sparks was a Minister in the Governments of from the struggle, not abstract studies, Wrangel and Denikin. MANY USES whatever he may have LEARNT in subse- MAY BE MADE OF MARX, BESIDES Michaelovski had said that "sociology

in the literary trenches together, firing at necessarily to grow a self dependent civilithe narodniki, and in his second brochure, sation from our own national soil, but "Marxism Reflected in Bourgeois Litera-| neither is it to transplant into our soil Semashko, the present Commissar of ture," we see Lenin giving Strouve an Western civilisation en bloc, with all its Health in the Soviet Government, says in occasional pat on the back for a good shot, frictions and contradictions. We must his "Dawn of the Workers' Movement in but more often a box on the ears for bad take the best from everywhere, from Moscow, and quoted in the introduction to aim. Strouve is said to have stiffened up wherever we can, whether our own or a little towards the end of the century, foreign, this is not a question of principal. "Our Marxian equipment at that time for he attended the first Congress of the but practical convenience." was pretty weak. When Michaelovski in Russian Social Democratic Party, at

to be very much under fire. We had only | volutionary history; the whole process, that institution, a simple mechanical linka few foreign publications (chiefly Plek- which in England has taken centuries, is ling together of this, that or the other

### Was Capitalism Inevitable?

If, as Engels averred, France was a country in which all class struggles had a tendency to be fought out to the finish, ing that it was not inevitable, and the

It is a long time, indeed a century squeezed into thirty years, since the chief defender of the capitalist line of development were the revolutionary Marxists. "Unlike the academic polemics of Lunatcharsky has described how he and a Yoshakov, even declared that stagnation Strouve, from this brochure full of caustic few other young students at that time characteristics of the theoretical and poli- heard that a certain nail factory, which tical tendencies of the narodniki leaders, was to replace handicraft production, had been forced to close down, and what a cloud of doubt this news cast over the

This is not the place, nor perhaps is it necessary to enter into explanation of this historical fact of revolutionary Marxists-These students were looking for new poli- at that time was so high that I was only who were later without changing front to kill capitalism—here fighting "a reactionary social-political theory," as Lenin described "populism." That is they were defending capitalism in its progressive stage, fighting "the enemies of our 'enemy.''

Here one would like to use a word one often meets in Socialist theory, the word "dialectic," and the "dialectic method," but that hitherto these words have had an extremely abstract meaning for the averlage reader. Lenin himself, however, devotes much space to the "subjective" and arena, a master Marxist. Plekhanov ex- whom the break with the narodniki signi- "dialectical" methods here in this controversy with Michaelovsky, the leader of the fencing-master teaches the youth. Lenin | geois (or peasant) socialism, not to prole- narodniki, and we need not fear anything is no "populariser" of Marx. His is tarian Socialism as with us, but to abstract for with Lenin everything is Marxian in action; he takes up the weapon to go forth to combat. All his brochures bear the stamp of having been Cadet Party after the 1905 revolution, and methods is cleared up as with a magic

quent years, this work shows that he had PROLETARIAN USE, OF WHICH must begin with some utopias." and he is nothing to UNLEARN. It contains FACT MARXIAN COLLEGES AND agitated as to why Russia should go allusions in some form or other to every | CLASSES SHOULD TAKE NOTE. | through the capitalist stage of developstrategy of the revolution later developed | Trotsky recently advised the youth to | ment, and Lenin quotes him, giving us a and associated with Lenin's name. It was enter the study of Marxism through cameo of the petty bourgeois ideologue's political habit of thought:--

At that time, Lenin and Strouve were "Our task," says Michaelovsksi, "is not

"This pure metaphorical philosopher," says Lenin, "looks upon social relations as against the Marxists, our position seemed. This is the fascination of Russian re- a simple mechanical aggregate of this and

### LENIN'S FIRST BOOK.—continued from page 6.

social forms, like bricks taken from one building to form another. To this type of mind," continues Lenin, "the dialectical method of thought, speaking the language of Marx, is utterly foreign material on handicraft and peasant prowhich looks upon society as a live organism in its functioning and in its development."

#### Lenin and Historical Materialism.

Historical necessity" and the "dialectical method" are not mere words between scholars; Lenin desires to show the la revolutionary youth where the course of land-plot, which Lenin denounces as a the struggle is set; there where historical development has decreed in the "new stepping backward is indeed the universal the overthrow of these pillars of reaction. social power: the class of the factory petty bourgeois trait. Lenin, in his worker, the city proletariat." Subjected satire, "Pearls of a Populist Utopia," for them to carry on a successful struggle to the same bourgeois exploitation that in 1897, says:-substance is the exploitation of the whole of the labouring population of Russia, this class is placed however, in especially favourable conditions for its emancipation: it is altogether divorced from the old! society, a society wholly based on exploitation; the very surroundings of its life! organise it, compel it to think, and give ib a means to enter into political conflict." | all classes, consists the substance of every Lenin calls upon the revolutionary Intelligentsia to join this class in its struggle.

In another brochure against the narodniki. "What is the Heritage that we Reject?" (the narodniki had accused the Markists of breaking with the revolutionary heritage of the seventies), Lenin makes old recipe for catching rabbits (capitalthe following striking distinctions:—

"The bourgeois philanthropists of the seventies BELIEVED in the present line of progress (through capitalist democracy), this book. it:herent in it.

"The narodniki FEARS the present line of social development because he sees the contradictions inherent in it.

"The Marxist BELIEVES in the present line of social development because he l secs that the only guarantee for a better i future lies in the fullest development of these contradictions."

But the doctrine of historical necessity l with Lenin is not a cover for academism, no encouragement to leave things to the "elements," to sit at home by the fire and read Karl Marx until the next strike, brings along something interesting. Indeed, the isolated strike, while filling him with pride of the workers, rends him with impatience at the absence of a directing proletarian Party.

Michaelovski accuses Marxism of turning men into marionettes and is concerned about the "conflict between historical necessity and the role of individuals." Lenin shows the futility of opposing historical necessity to personal effort. Hisconditions are personal activities assured is a corrective against the tendency to letariat "clamb the hill togither," from of success, "in what consists the guarantee | base party tactics on the naked opposition | the very foot; and it is not in a spirit of that personal effort does not remain an of two classes, capital and labour, irre- empty laudation, but from a sense of perisolated act drowned in the sea of oppos- spective of survivals and intermediates, fect mutual understanding with their ing acts." For Lenin, enemy of the which Lenin elsewhere describes as a leader, that the Moscow workers have Great Man Theory, history nevertheless | "vulgarisation of Marx." But on the inscribed upon one of their tramcars the is made by living men. For his dialectical other hand, the spirit of this book, which materialism does not replace, but guides cannot be conveyed in any description, is "Ilytch, the brain of the Proletariat!"\* personal efforts. He, least of all, be- the foremost antidote to any degeneration lieves in the "elements" clearing up the of the United Front tactics into wholemess. He calls on men to act or the occa- sale promiscuity. sion will pass. His is the grand im- It was written in the most difficult patience of the revolutionary who believes environment imaginable, with every exthat the revolution is inevitable "only if cuse for alliances, and every Marxian premen will be men and not puppets." And cedent to put forward the bourgeois this is the new life that Marxism, especi- parties as a screen, against 'absolutism. No pretence can be so ridiculous as that ally Marxism as previousy understod in Capitalist Imperialism tends to repeat the laws were designed as a protection for England and America, imbibes from these conditions in part, the political the poor and weak against the rich and Lenin.

The controversy with the narodniki is of far more than historical interest, it is a guide to petty bourgeois ideology. In his work Lenin brings much statistical duction to show the "narodniki," who decried capitalism as a foreign interloper, that their so-called 'peoples industry' was none other than capitalist production, exploiting the village masses all the more intensely by their partial dependence on the land. The 'narodniki' stood for the non-alienability of the peasant from his relic of feudalism. Looking forward and

"On the one hand, verbiose declamations on the dangers and folly of class division, and on the other hand—unmitigated class utopias. In these eternal i waverings between the old and the new, in these curious attempts to jump through with its own head, that is, to stand above petty bourgeois system of thought."

Lenin raps out the words, 'struggle, struggle, struggle," in reply to a particularly pretty "narodniki" scheme for dircumventing exploitation, which he compares (in Russian equivalent) to the good ism), namely, to put salt on their own tails. "Struggle, struggle, struggle," of the exploited against their exploiters, and how to struggle, that is the keynote of

### Formulates the United Front.

The "narodniki" passed into history, I nor did they survive as such into the new boiler!" But Lenin never lost the occasion to emphasise that, though combating lists, sharpen them and make them more profound.

And Lenin here foreshadows the principle of the United Front; he calls upon of an alliance of all parties in the fight! for political freedom, Lenin replies that munist revolution!" such en allance can only occur on conunion there could not be.

part; and this no doubt has influenced powerful.—Burke.

some American comrades to speak of a "La Follette revolution" ("Liberator," 1923). Lonin points out the duty of the proletariat to join in the struggle for the overthrow of absolutism, not only as a struggle for representative institutions, but mainly for the abolition of the social oppression hampering the village labouring masses in order that these allies of the proletariat may enter the struggle. It may not be superfluous to mark this distinction. The passage is worth quoting as it also contains the first reference to the Workers' and Peasants' Alliance which was more definitely formulated in 1905:---

"The workers should know that without (feudal institutions) it will not be possible against the bourgeoisie, because so long as they prevail, the village proletariat, whose support is essential to the victory of the working class, will not be able to emerge from the condition of a flogged and downtrodden people, capable only of dumb despair instead of national and persistent struggle."

The distinction, however, is vital only so far as it serves to point to the moral still more sharply. For neither to the Liberal bourgeoisie nor to the small bourgeoisie does Lenin entrust any revolutionary task. The words "bourgeois revolution" or "democratic revolution," as applied to Russia, are not mentioned once in this book. In a country of feudal despotism, economically the most backward in Europe, where the most elementary democratic rights had yet to be won, this "voice from the underground" declares that the conquest of democracy is the task of the working class. Hear the great brave words with which he concludes:--

century. They left the field pathetically, I "It is to the class of the workers that complaining that the Marxists wanted to the Social Democrats devote the whole of "squeeze every moujik through a factory | their attention and the whole of their activity. When the advanced representatives of this class imbibe the idea of populist errors, the cause of the petty pro- | scientific socialism, the idea of the historic ducers would be safe in the hands of the role of the Russian worker, and when this revolutionary Marxists. They would take | idea receives the widest dissemination, up the democratic demands of the popul and a firm organisation of the workers is formed, transforming the present isolated economic conflicts of the workers into a conscious class struggle—then the Russian worker, placing himself at the head of all the democratic elements to form their own the democratic elements, will overthrow party and at the same time calls upon all absolutism, and will lead the Russian pro-Socialists to break with the populists and letariat (along with the proletariat of all form their own party. To the suggestion | countries), by the direct read of open political struggle to a triumphant com-

One is at a loss which to marvel at crete issues, but a general movement of most: Lenin's great faith in the proletariat, or the proletariat that vindicated This book, like all Lenin's teachings, that faith. Lenin and the Russian pro-

\* Short for "Vladimir Hytch" (Vladimir, gon of Ilya).

### Com. D. Ivon Jones.

#### APPRECIATIONS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The European mail has brought letters from various comrades expressing their regret at the death of our comrade and appreciation of his work in the movement. as follows:---

TOM MANN (Moscow, June 4th).--"I regret to inform you that Ivon Jones passed away on Saturday last, May 31st. I learned it on Sunday. I believe it was quite understood that he was near the end weeks ago. I should like to have seen him, and if I could have made the trip I would gladly have done so, but it was not possible. He did a good share of work and had a big share of suffering."

W. EARSMAN, Moscow, writes that it our fellow-workers in Britain? has been decided to bring the body to Moscow, and that he (Com. Earsman) has been given the task of writing a short hicgraphy of Com. Jones' life.

of our comrade Ivon Jones, and I know | reductions, one of 4d. and another of 2d., | you will be keenly feeling the loss of the demand does not appear to be exsuch a good comrade, and such a diligent | travagant. worker for the cause. Indeed the work In reply to the demand of 2d. an hour he did whilst still suffering from consumption must give shame to those of us who are still capable of doing what our offer of 3d. per hour. movement is crying for-steadfast; and diligent work, in which, if the results are nowise apparent at first, there is ever MENDED THE MEMBERS TO ACpromise of the ultimate harvest."

### RED'INTERNATIONAL OF LABOUR UNIONS

Jones, and I am to convey to the Com- Liverpool of bricklayers and plasterers, sincerest sympathy in the loss the party country. released. We send to them and to the masters and union officials in their efforts up to that position. movement our very heartiest greetings. We take it for granted that the demonstration was a great success. Will you send us a report of it!

From the meagre réports we get here, it looks as though the election will end the reign of Smute, for a time at any rate. He is likely to go the way of all the other war adventurers. When the new crowd comes in many opportunities will arise for the Party. We feel sure you will make the most of them.

With all good wishes,

WM. GALLACHER,

Secretary British Bureau R.I.L.U.

### Crying for the Moon.—continued.

landowner, mine magnate and the exploiters of labour generally have interests antagonistic to theirs, no matter how much akin they may be in language and nationality.

This is where the professional politician falls in, and the attempt—if it is an preferable to a system which confines edu attempt—to keep the politics of South cational facilities to a small number of Africa running on purely racial or members annually. national lines, although it may temporarily succeed in enlisting the sentimental adherence of considerable numbers, must break down and fail when confronted with the stern facts of the every-day life of the workers and the antagonism between the economic interest of the ex- desire it for others.— A braham Lincoln. ploiters and the exploited.

### WHERE LABOUR RULES.

STRIKE SUCCEEDS STRIKE.

Once more the British Labour Govern- | to compel the men to return to ment is faced with a strike of first-class dimensions. The building workers to the number of at least 200,000 have downed tools.

The local Press is very chary at giving ! more than the most scrappy information, carrying out its policy, of course, of keeping the workers in ignorance of events vitally affecting their interests, whilst giving columns of details of rubbish about cricket matches, Wembley Shows, sensational murders, Royal processions, broadcasting, gossip, etc.

What is behind this latest movement of

Nearly eight months ago the unions connected with the British building trades put in an application for an advance of

wages of 2d. per hour.

L. S. MOTLER, London, June 18th, When it is remembered that they have \says:--"I have just heard of the sad death | suffered during the past three years two

> increase, the master builders, after interminable delays and negotiations, made an

But the worst has yet to come.

THE UNION OFFICIALS RECOM-1 CEPT THIS MONSTROUS PROPOSAL 1 and used all the machinery at their disverdict posal secure This acceptance they succeeded in doing, but the men's of employer, union officialdom, and Labour Bureau has learned with deepest resentment at the cowardly climb down of politician, but all have been beaten by regret of the passing of Comrade Ivon | these officials showed, itself in a strike at | this disgraceful combination.

slavery.

This was its attitude in the case of the miners' demands, and the London transport workers, and is in keeping with its avowed policy of maintaining what -is called an IMPARTIAL policy in industrial disputes.

We on the Rand know what the impartial policy of a Govarnment-Labour or other—means. It means trying all means to browbeat the men to accept. something less than they ask for, and if this policy fails and a strike breaks out, the forces of the Government are brought out to intimidate the strikers, break up meetings, protect scabe, and if as a result of these provocative measures disorder arises, then to club ad shoot the workers down, arrest their leaders, destroy their means of communication, and drive them back beaten and disoragnised into the hands of the master class. The more active workers are then weeded out and prevented from working for an indefinite time in order to break their spirit, and as a warning and example to others not to be foolish enough to challenge the divine right of the master class to do what it likes with the earth and everyone who is graciously permitted by the capitalists to live on it.

Section after section of the British workers have during the past year struggled to throw off the triple shackles

The building workers are renewing the rades of the South African party our which has now spread throughout the attempt, and we hope they may succeed, but an all-in movement of all wage has sustained. The British Bureau | The tone of the official Labour organs | workers is needed to be really successful. notes with great satisfaction that the last | point to the probability of the Labour | and the various sectional and unofficial of the "class-war" prisoners have been Government using its position to back the strikes are, we believe, rapidly leading

### Trade Union Notes.

The June report of the A.E.U. shows that during the month under review there was an increase of 772 members. a decrease in the unemployed list of 2,446 compared with the previous month.

WORKERS' EDUCATION.

The A.E.U. has decided to 'enter intel conclusive negotiations with the National heir respect to the dead was small. Union of Labour Colleges with a view tc Comrades W. H. Andrews, J. P. Anderarranging an educational scheme for ou members in the districts."

This means that the A. J. will no longer confine its support to Ruskin Col lege, Oxford, as hisherto li e been the cas. and resulted often in turning an able young man from a good trade union and Labour fighter into a b.d imitation of a University snob. 'As the Editor of the "A.E. Union Journal" remarks, the nev system, it will be generally admit ed, i:

I have always thought that all me: should be free, but if any should be slaves it should be first those who desire it for themselves and secondly ose who

Will the anti-native fanatics take note.

### July Martyrs.

MEMORIAL MEETING.

On Sunday last, in response to an invitation from the Johannesburg Branch of the Communist Party, a gathering round the graves of the martyrs of July 5th. 1913, tock place Compared with provious years, the number who showed and C. F. Glass gave addresses on the events of 1913-4 and subsequent man-32cres, and urged those present to renew their vows to work unceasingly to bring about a change in seciety which would make such happenings impossible in the uture. The "Red Flag" was sung at the beginning and end of the meeting.

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