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the Union, presented by Dr. Peter Allan | tals, are put down on the Estimates for to Parliament, shows that the prevalence | the following sums:—Pretoria, £12,700; of the disease is less than was formerly | Maritzburg, £3,000; Capetown, £13,900. the case. The report further shows that | Under a sane system of society these the death-rate from this cause was four institutions would no longer be necessary. times as high among the coloured and native people than among whites, and ! one of the contributory causes is clearly ! described to be the shortage of houses for, the near-white population.

Poverty, overcrowding and dirt, here as elembere, produce the ideal breeding! ground for the white scourge.

Tramwaymen's Wages.

An example of the looseness with which some public men handle facts is seen it the remarks of Councillor Murphy at the meeting of the Orange Grove Ratepayers Association. Mr. Murphy referred in strong terms to the "greed" of the tram waymen and alleged that they had put i a demand for 2s. 6d. an hour.

Mr. Hicks, the secretary of the Tran waymen's Union, points out that this entirely incorrect, as the claim is for 2s 111d. per hour for the top grade mer i.e., mon who have put in at least fiv. years' service.

The other grades will receive propor

tionally less.

extravagant demand, considering the cost mortification of witnessing he triumph of of living and the arduous and responsible I dishonesty. work the tramwaymen have to undertake.

Too long have the workers of this world waited for some Moses to lead them out of bondage. He has not come; he l never will come. I would not lead you if I could; for if you could be led out, you could be led back again.—Eugene Dels.

### Preparedness.

Among the items on the Union Estimates which were presented by the new Minister of Finance appear the following:-Police accommodation. Pretoria, £18,354. ADDITIONAL CELLS AT MARSHALL SQUARE, £5,000.

The Pact Government is evidently preparing for the next Rand strike.

### Bye-Products.

glorious civilisation, the lunatic asylums, The report on a tuberculosis survey of or as they are now called, mental hospi-

### Sypherfontein.

devoutly hoped by all concerned) some American Labour Party. other scandal may arise and beat it from | As the Conference referred to favours had been filed (enough to last for six to the right since taking office. months' hard work) the Commission opened, but immediately turned aside on a wild-goose chase after a private individual (Rufe Naylor) who had never had ny commercial transactions with the ouncil at all, and ended, after a double rial, with the triumphant acquittal of the ntended victim, but the real object of the nquiry was thereby adroitly ehelvedust in the old sweet way peculiar to the Irch-Humbug, John Bull. The "cases" vere returned to their various owners with the intimation that they were no This can by no means be termed as longer wanted, and honest men had the

### Civic.

a lie!"

'Let's fight it out in Court!" They did—but singled out a guy With whom they traded—nought!

### Memoriam.

Of merit? By no means. Most of these perfunctory services serve to remind one of the bitter gibe of Africanus: "Measured round the waist, many of our 'great men' are indubitably great.'

### Essence. Spiritual

Not much has been heard in South Africa lately of that eccentric politician Professor Fremantle, but he has once To accommodate the victims of our more come to light as an authority on South African affairs and prescribes a dose of "spiritual essence" as a cure for the ills that we suffer from.

Does the professor administer it from a bottle, or how?

### Labour and La Follette.

The British Labour Party Executive sent greetings to the Conference for Pro-The enquiry into this nice little mess of | gressive Political Action, held at Clevepottage is following the proscribed course land, U.S.A., and hopes that its proof procrastination, during which (it is ceedings will lead to the formation of an

the short-lived memory of the public. La Follette as its candidate for the Thus it was with the great "Graft" on- | Presidency, and as La Follette is a Requiry under Mr. Staten, appointed to publican, i.e., a member of one of the enquire into the alleged bribery and cor- | great capitalist parties of the U.S.A., the ruption in commercial dealings with the | blessing of the British Labour Party is Unicipality; after a multitude of cases | an indication of the distance it has gone

### Penalising the Poor.

The Transvaal Administrator in his Budget speech plumed himself on a saving on expenditure of £126.184, of which £121,927 was SAVED ON THE EDU-CATION VOTE.

Not a very creditable performance, it would seem, for one of the leading educationalists in the Transvaal.

This 'saving' means, in plain English, retrenching of teachers, bigger classes for those who remain, and of course inferior education for the unfortunate children who make up these large classes.

It may be taken for granted that this saving in education is not made at the expense of the colleges and universities, "There is no graft!" "Well—that's which seem to be springing up like mushrooms in South Africa, but that it has been accomplished by starving the elementary schools where workers' children attend.

# The "Segregation"

## Nothing in it for the Working Class.

has of late been taken up by the Nationalment policy. What do these parties supporters mean by it! For this, and not any professor's "idealistic" formulation of what they ought to mean by it, is l what we must consider when saving we rare for or against segregation. It is the controlling elements of the parties concerned that will dictate the kind of segregation.

### LANDOWNERS SEGREGATION.

The agrarian element are disquieted at an increasing "encroachment" of natives on the land. "The blacks are and should be a helot race, and cheap labourers and servants," they say, "and cannot | be allowed to blossom into landowners or to acquire the white man's land: why, we have not even got enough land for ourselves. If they must have land, let it be as little as possible, in a part of the country by themselves, and the worst rather than the best." That is the spirit of Nationalist, not to say S.A.P. segregation. It is shared not only by landowners but by landless bywoners who, wanting land, can think of getting it only at the expense of the natives and not of the white land monopolists, although these in their turn only exploit the bywoners' poverty which cheap native labour entails. It is that spirit that brought to nought the efforts of the Beaumont Commission under the Natives Land Act. It will undoubtedly inspire any legislation the Government may attempt to introduce on the subject. (The fate of the Israelites who sought to segregate themselves on land the whites did not want them to have is illuminating.)

### WHITE WORKERS SEGREGATION.

The white workers are interested in a different, in fact a contrary, sort of segregation. They are little concerned with A CONFIDENCE TRICK. landowning or cheap labour for landowners. "Down with cheap labour," is their cry: "put it out of the way, on the land, anywhere you like, but not in industries, or at least not in skilled or semiskilled occupations': and Mr. Tielman Roos has actually proposed legislation to allow natives out of their segregation areas for unskilled work only. But who really thinks that native labour can or will be penned up like that? The line between skilled and unskilled, or even living, there was concealed the naked rebetween white and black as labourers, actionary claim to the ownership and does not interest the controlling elements of the Nationalist Party, still less the ruling class as a whole. Besides, it is not just native encroachment on a few specified jobs, but the whole existence of a slave-labour caste, that is undermining the white workers: and any segregation scheme likely to be passed will only perpetuate the slave system and encourage the flooding of the market with cheap labour. If the natives are "segregated," | the real segregation in idealistic colours | the effect will only be that native labour and as a great reform. Although a neither through alliance with reaction or will be more easily "controlled," "regu- professor of history (or is it politics?), he lated," "kept in its place." bullied and says he is not an expert on the subject | forms, nor yet by the goodwill of the bombed than ever. Condemned to "live like General Hertzog, and we agree he is by taking in each other's washing," like | not, but no more is or can be General | Indians under the Class Areas Bill, it is. Hertzog or anyone else en a scheme so most likely to be more congested and intrinsically amateurish, so parochial to alone destroy the conditions that create poverty stricken, as well as more heavily | the the fag-end of a continent of 120 our "native problem." taxed, and thus cheaper, more docile million blacks whom a million whites are

than there is at present—which is very improbable under the powers that be-why, at a pinch, and other things being equal, a good deal of capital can even establish itself inside the segregation areas, just as European industries have migrated to cheap labour countries like India. There may also lurk under the segregation idea some notion of impending native labour organisation and still moreco-operation between white and black labour against the common enemy--not the least serious handicap of all.

### THE BASIS OF S.A. CAPITALISM.

White workers who look to segregation for salvation, or expect that somehow or other black labour will be relegated to the farms and industry be left as a clear field for white labour, are fooling theinselves. (Besides; the cry is to put the poor whites on the land!) Cheap native labour is the present basis of South Africa's industry, especially mining, no less than of her agriculture; and indus-, trial capital will continue, as long as it is in power (and it is in fact the chief power in the land) to employ the cheapest labour. As long as there is a labour market, capital will buy the cheapest. Merchants and storekeepers are no doubt interested in high wages for their customers, but they usually follow the Chamber of Mines bell-wether, and besides, many of them prefer Kaffir trade. In general, most of the whites are, or think they are, in South Africa as masters and exploiters and for the sake of its cheap labour, which they neither can nor want to eliminate. A segregation area occupied exclusively by whites is inconceivable in capitalist South Africa.

In short, to hold out segregation as promising salvation to white workers is a fraud, a stunt designed only to keep them guessing and to secure their support for the only form segregation is actually or ultimately likely, under capitalism, to take, viz., squeezing out natives more and more from the land; just as under the phrase "White South Africa," by which they understood a country where a white worker can earn a white worker's whites—with the blacks as their slaves. The two meanings are mutually destructive in either case, and to confuse them or present them as identical is nothing but a confidence trick.

### IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.

But now comes along Professor Brookes, A.B.C., etc., and attempts to dress up

going to 'put away,' so foreign both to history and to realist politics.

Professor Brookes adopts the Native Land Act idea, adding a minor refinement about "neutral areas," and says "we must" assign more land to the "Segregation," which has been on the | and submissive, more effectively driven | natives. But he admits that no Govern-S.A.L.P. programme for a dozen years, | into the labour market, and so a deadlier | ment dare expropriate land for the purcompetitor than ever. And if under pose, i.e., dare do anything of the sort! ists, and is now propounded as Govern- segregation there is any greater difficulty He exhorts us to welcome native "racein recruiting it (e.g., from the Transkei) | consciousness'; but meanwhile his Government, like its predecessor, "deals with" a native strike at Ermelo this very week in the usual manner, showing that native. class-consciousness at any rate is anything but welcomed by it or, we may surmise, by our professor, who ignores any class struggle. He appeals for native "selfdetermination"; but all his schemes are of what "we" must do with the blacks, "we" being "the intellectual elite," who can manipulate whole populations like chessmen up and down the map of Africa, whether they like it or no, with all the assurance of a "Peace" of Versailles (which the professor denounces)—and probably with as disastrous results. He talks of developing "native culture" in the native areas, as if there were any such thing, or at least as if what there is were preferable to European culture, the real effect being to stunt and ostracise them and cut them off from progress and civilisation—for poisoned as the latter is by capitalism, it is still better than barbarism. Finally, although he bewails the declining standards, opportunities and prospects of white labour, he carefully avoids suggesting any prohibition of black labour even in urban industries although such a suggestion is Utopian enough, one would think, to commend itself to him. No! As holding out any hope for the ... white workers, Prof. Brookes' "idealistic" segregation is no better than the common or garden variety which, as analysed above, may at least conceivably become real: and we think it is at bottom just as much dictated by race prejudice.

### IDEALISM OR REALISM?

After all, as a middle-class man, Prof. Brookes is not much interested in so concrete a thing as labour. He is far more concerned about the colour of posterity's skin (though "what has posterity done for us?"), which he fears may be chocolate. If we had no better reason for combating poverty, unemployment and degradation than that, we would leave the subject alone, only remarking that these mixtures will continue so long as an exploiting social system continues to herd workers of all sorts and conditions in unnatural and indecent conditions. But Prof. Brookes is not concerned with real issues, or with the probability or feasibility of his dollshouse, model-village figurings and imaginations. To listen to him indeed feels domination of South Africa exclusively by like being in church, what with his appeals to sentiment (not legislation, much less "direct action"), to "ideals," to "our spirit of self-sacrifice," our "conscience," to "what we ought to do," etc., etc. A group has been formed, we hear, to "digest" his ideas: but to us they seem "as easy as pap," indeed we even prefer the proverbial curate's "glass of milk and a bun."

> The workers can hope for emancipation race prejudice, nor through copy-book re-(bourgeois) community, but only by a terrisic struggle for complete workingclass supremacy, success in which can

S.P.B.

# Concealing their Differences.

### THE SPITHEAD REVIEW.

### Macdonald's Naval Threat.

In the cabled account of the progress--, or want of it—of the negotiations now threatening gesture on the part, of the in South Africa, in the University Buildproceeding between the representatives of pacifist Labour Government, and is belings, Johannesburg, Professor E. H. British, French and allied financiers, the lieved to have but one meaning, i.e., a Brookes made some interesting admissions, phrase occurs: "They have not yet found | hint that the French Government must the formula that will enable them to not be too slow in making up its mind to Conceal their differences."

This seems correctly to sum up the position reached at the numerous Confer- What the counter threat of France will capitalist apologists who pretend that the ences which have been held in various be remains to be seen, but it may be native is "civilised" by being taught the cities in Europe by the representatives of taken for granted that some counter de- "dignity of labour." capitalism during the past four years. I monstration will be organised by 'our Every Conference meets with a flourish of | faithful allies." trumpets, the public is assured that at And so the game goes on, under Tory, last a settlement of all outstanding differ- Liberal, and Labour government indifferences left over by the war is about to ently, like two schoolboys taunting one take place. Rumours and pronouncements | another until the first blow is struck, but | of the most conflicting character are with this difference, that the schoolboys cabled to the four corners of the earth, do their own fighting, whilst the old men and then the Congress fades away after | who govern the world send the youths-"a formula has been found that will en- particularly the sons of the workers—to able them to conceal their differences' until the next Congress.

concile the irreconcilable will go the way which are carefully camouflaged and hid- clearly indicated one of the snags that the of its predecessors remains to be seen, but | den beneath appeals to patriotism and | segregation policy will be up against as the attempt to prove that the Dawes other high-sounding phrases. The next soon as concrete proposals take the place Report, which departs in many fundamen- great war is being prepared, and it is a of vague generalities. "We should have tal respects from the Treaty of Versailles, | race between the war preparations of the | to provide." he said, "the necessary extra can be put into operation without running | various great capitalist combines and the | land for the natives which was the price

a rather tall order.

have been the greatest naval demonstra- | blood bath, infinitely more hideous, ruthtion since the British Fleet was mobilised less and widespread-than that which comfor war in 1914, is an ominous sign which menced ten years ago, and from the consehas not escaped the notice of our good quences of which we seem as far from allies the French.

come to the terms laid down by Britain and America.

spill their blood over quarrels which are not of their making, of which they have present Government and its policy of Whether this the latest attempt to re- no knowledge, and the sordid reasons for segregation. Proceeding, the professor counter to that infamous Treaty, seems proletarian revolution.

The Spithead review, which is said to latter can save the world from another recovery as we were on Armistice Day.

# South Africa's Future.

White, Black or Brown.

PROFESSOR BROOKES ORATES.

In the course of a lecture on the vital It is clearly seen in France to be a relationship of the white and black races

> His remark that "We want the native not because it is good for him, but because he is cheap to us," will rather set the teeth on edge of those hypocritical

> The lecturer referred rather scornfully to the war-time cant phrase about selfdetermination of small nations.

> He said: "Self-determination was an excellent thing during the Great War when we TOOK territory away from the enemy, but we did not like to GIVE territory to the native for self-determination."

This appears to be a challenge to the we should have to pay if we wanted a Nothing but the accomplishment of the white South Africa."

> There are no signs at present discernible that the Government will face any scheme of creating native reserves adequate for the reception of the big native population now living under urban conditions, which is estimated by Professor Brookes at 40 per cent, of the entire native population of the Union. But assuming that the Government were bold and powerful enough to face up to a comprehensive scheme of native reserves involving, as it must of necessity do, the transference of white farmers and others to the white zones, and also an enormous expenditure, there is another difficulty and the lecturer presented part of the problem in the following words: "Take every native from the Rand to-morrow and the mines would close down." And from the farms and agriculture will-

Realising this dilemma, refuge was a taken in a step by etep, an evolutionary as

with a few unimportant exceptions, to break up the communal or tribal system of the natives and to convert them into

The professor must have had this in his Then it follows that the segregation mind when he soit 'E' Don't let us be

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# NATIVE MINERS STRIKE.

### Batons, Fines and Imprisonmenta

ported, struck work on the Bellevue Col- making it easier for the capitalist class to which would immediately present itself, liery. Ermelo, last Monday, as a protest shoot them back to work when occasion against a new system of coal getting. We are not in possession of the details of the innovation, but the very fact that the native mine workers resented the new of us are willing to concede between the he might have added, take every native methods is sufficient proof—if proof were | denial of the elementary rights of a needed that they were not introduced for wage carner to the native worker on the shrivel to infinitesimal proportions, the benefit of the workers.

was looked upon as a lawless act, and the seature of South African history, par-sopposed to a revolutionary policy. only arguments used were the baton, the handcuff and prison.

For daring to protest against an arbitrary change in the conditions of labour, | shall have moved a good step forward | plete reversal of the policy of all South fifteen of the strikers were arrested, nine were fined £10 each or two months, and the remainder from £5 or one month downwards.

newspaper reader will be quite satisfied party has a genuinely liberal policy in frankly into a landless proletariat. that the proper steps have been taken, regard to the Bantus." and no protest is likely to be made.

Even trade unionists, many of them, | policy of the Nationalists and Labourites | hypocrites, but let us come out into the are so blinded by race prejudice that they is in the opinion of Professor Brookes not open and say we want the natives for our are unable to see that by acquiescing in liberal, i.e., not calculated to benefit the own use, not saying it is inexpedient and this brutal and unjust treatment of the native, and in short is but an election cry impolitic to give the Bantu self-determina-

Several hundred native miners, it is re- demand for the right to strike, and are arises.

There is a closer connection than most one hand, and the periodical massacres of As usual in the Transvaal, the strike white strikers which have become ticularly on the Rand. When the white But a policy even GRADUALLY trade unionist can see clearly enough to | leading to complete segregation is essentiprotest against this kind of treatment we ally revolutionary, as it would be a comtowards the overthrow of capitalist ex- African Governments, which has been, ploitation and oppression.

This settled the strike, and the average | tion." And, finally: "No political individualistic peasant cultivators, or

native worker they are stultifying their and not intended to be put into practice.

### THE INTERNATIONAL,

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A SHAMELESS RENEGADE.

African Club London South gave a luncheon to the Secretary "H," we suspect—and in his final perorafor the Colonies, Mr. J. II. Thomas, on Tuesday last.

chair, and among the company present | Conference of OUR Dominions to settle | were such friends of Labour as Lord Krisant, Mr. E. Mosenthal, Sir Pieter

Mr Thomas was, it is stated, "in excellent form and his speech was a happy combination of genial chaff, and serious consideration of the grave problems, etc."

This betrayer of the workers seems literally to glory in his infany, and had the supreme indecency to hold up to ridicule the Party which has placed him in his present position to a crowd of the biggest enemies of Labour that could be rounded up in London. Intoxicated we may hope by nothing stronger than the exhilaration which such creatures experience when in the presence of money and plenty of it, this parvenu let himself go, and greatly l amused the crowd of parasites whose wine he was drinking by contemptuously referring to an item on the forthcoming Labour Party Conference which demanded his immediate expulsion from the Cabinet.

Of course the crowd of money bugs laughed uproariously, but not WITH him, as this pitiful mountebank imagined, but AT him remembering possibly Shakespeare's scathing comment on creatures as their guest when he said, "Man vested with a little brief authority! plays such pranks as makes the angels weep."

Thomas, in replying to Sir Edgar Walton, referred to his justly criticised eulogy of General Smuts, and declared ! that he would not withdraw anything he had said, and proceeded: "They would never solve anything until they got rid of other fellow to hit back. This he calls I class feeling." This from the ex-railway bitterness. exploiting the self-sacrifice and devotion of erg, starvation and scabs are on his side. thousands of toilers who hoped that he would use his opportunities for the benefit | fight is one in which an unarmed and unof the class from which he sprung, instead of which he, like Judas, basely betrays his erstwhile comrades and associates, and in the presence of some of their most bitter enemies declared that class prejudice and class feeling was a bad thing.

Of course, according to Thomas, class feeling and class prejudice of the ruling clique is quite right and proper; it is only the workers who are wrong to be class conscious.

Referring to his approaching visit to South Africa, he declared that "he did

not want to meet any particular class or party"; which is exactly what he DOES want, but he wants to meet the members of the capitalist class, the rich, the titled, the powerful, like the toady, sycophant, and enob that he is.

When he used these words he clearly warned the workers to keep off the grass. His august presence must not be polluted, nor his nerves harrowed by deputations of unemployed or even railwaymen who have grievances to ventilate.

He does not wish to be mixed up with Labour at all, excepting in the person of an occasional Minister or M.L.A.; MEN must approach him humbly as an In Excellent Form. Eastern potentate demands that his subjects shall, and then he will of course condescendingly deign to notice them and enjoy the awe which his presence inspires.

His interest was nothing less than the Empire as a whole—pronounced with an i tion this person finds it necessary to use the Royal "We," and declares that I The High Commissioner was in the "WE are determined to bring about a" those things... and show those who are envious of OUR Empire that WE know | way possible."

> This sort of stuff reminds one of the flamboyant speeches put into the mouth of Queen Elizabeth or other Royalties by ! sycophantic historians for the edification

of schoolboys.

How long will the workers suffer such poltroons to insult them with their buffoonery and flunkeyism. Far better to have frankly capitalist rulers of the Smuts-Churchill type than such pitiful imitations of statesmen as this.

### BITTERNESS.

General Smuts, in his address to his supporters in the City Hall. Capetown, among other things complained of the bitterness with which the elections had been fought, and hoped "with his very soul" that this spirit had disappeared. "He liked to fight in a good spirit, but wherever he went he saw an unwhole- to remain unorganised, unemployed? some, unholy spirit of bitterness abroad l especially against himself."

The General pretends to be surprised at this, but the thousands who have suffered and are still suffering as a result of his policy have every reason to feel and express the strongest possible hatred and detestation of him and his friends.

The kind of fight that the ex-Premier likes is of course a light with all the weapons on his eide. He does not like the

wage slave, the ex-secretary of the Rail- In a strike the kind of fight that he waymen's Union, the man who step by likes is one in which the weapons of misstep has climbed into place and power by representation, tampering with the lead-

> If these fail, then his idea of a good organised crowd of workers are pitted against all the military machinery of the State, with the police courts of law and! prisons in reserve. To resist these formidable forces and if beaten to execrate the tyrant who put them in motion is to show a regrettable bitterness.

> The widows of the men killed in the fighting of 1922 and previous massacres ought of course to lick the hand of the assassinated their winners and made their children orphans.

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# Reward

### Y.C.L. and War.

Ten years ago the capitalists of Europe declared war against each other—a war that was to end war and make lands fit for heroes to live in, but which in reality drowned the workers in a blood bath. Workers! don't you realise that you fought and bled at the behest of your masters so that they could the more enslave you?

Workers, you have nothing in common with the capitalist class which exploits you. What have you got as a result of your heroism? To-day we see returned : soldiers, unemployed, walking the streets in despair. The reply to your war hero-

ism was the 1922 strike.

Farmers' wives and daughters clad in rags or sacks. Natives eating gum off the trees and carrion from the veld. Starvation over whole regions on the banks of the Orange River. Thousands unemployed and desperate in the towns. The Government has a remedy, however. Bam, Lord Buxton, Sir Lionel Phillips, how to do things in the most satisfactory help to waste a few thousand pounds in gorging and guzzling.

YOUNG WORKERS AND FARM-ERS OF SOUTH AFRICA! You will be called upon to fight the next war: that is the meaning of the Defence Force, the Cadets the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Navy Leagues, etc. Do not think that the Hertzog-Creswell Government is a guarantee against South Africa's participation in future wars. WE ARE STILL LIVING UNDER CAPITALISM. The Chamber of Mines and the other financial cliques are still the rulers of this country.

FELLOW-WORKERS! Once and for all you must realise that if you are to fight you must not fight your own comrades for the benefit of your masters, but fight your master class, so that you may overthrow the present system of exploitation (which necessitat warfare and bloodshed) and establish a system where you may obtain something good in this life of yours.

YOUNG WORKERS! Are you going Join the Y.C.L.: it is fighting for you. Demand work or full maintenance from the Government!

YOUNG NATIONALISTS! Are you going to cheer the Prince of Wales when he comes?

DEFENCE MEMBERS OF THE FORCE! Demaind the reorganisation of the army on a workers' and farmers' basis. Demand the dismissal of all officers concerned in shooting down the Rand workers in 1922.

DOWN WITH CAPITALIST WARS! LONG LIVE THE WORKERS' AND FARMERS' REPUBLIC!

The Y.C.L.

The men who are maimed for life, the men who were put through the slow torture of prison, the men who even now are hounded from pillar to post and are denied the right to earn a living, are blameworthy because they do not love the man who has been the dictator of South Africa for fourteen years.

This sort of flapdoodle may be good enough for the consumption of a crowd of lickspittles and toadies in the Capetown City Hall, but it will not go down with the men into whose soul the iron has been driven during years of misgovernment by. the "man of the hour."

# Historical Materialism & McCabe

Guide." Mr. Joseph McCabe unburdens evolution, which is accepted by the whole himself on the subject of Historical world of science. Mr. McCabe says: "If Materialism. He says: "There has been ideas and ideals are material things or in recent years much discussion of what is processes then obviously the materialistic called the Materialistic Conception of conception of history is sound." Well, bility is on the one side---the critical and I him to be) deny that they are? Dietzgen Universe to some remote date when the youthful and tentative science of to-day shall have grown into a sure and adequate command of the facts of life and nature. If ideas and ideals ARE material things! or processes, then obviously the materialistic conception of history is sound. If phical, not an historical issue. BUT mind his p's and q's in dealing with a THIS MUST NOT DISPOSE US TO IGNORE THE PREGNANT THAT ONE OF THE MOST VALU- He must not forget that he is addressing away the instruments of labour, to ABLE AND SUBSTANTIAL AD-VANCES OF MODERN HISTORY IS ITS APPROACH TOWARDS MATERIALISTIC CONCEPTION." It seems to us that in stigmatising the study of Mr. McCabe's halting pronouncement. of that monstrosity, an industrial reserve of economic determinism as waste of time, and the theory itself as a merc philosophic issue, Mr. McCabe is himself! superficial, and that he is merely playing to the gallery of bourgeois prejudice. To allude to the Materialistic Conception of History as a mere philosophic issue is as absurd as to talk of the theory of evolu- spectable" rationalists must have their tion in the same strain. The one is dose of materialism well coated with neither more nor less scientific than the other. The scientific test of the validity of a concept is its usefulness. Does it! work.? If it does, its value from the scientific standpoint is fully established! MASSES, and they are of the CLASSES. relatively diminished number of work-That it does work and that no other scientific conception of history holds the field to-day is unquestionable. Historical Materialism, like all science is the result of inductive reasoning applied to the facts I of experience, and there is no more "if"

In the current number of the 'Literary in the case than there is in the matter of a body of bourgeois intelligentsia, and not snatch from his hands his means of sub-

Bourgeois intelligentsia must not have army, kept in misery in order to be altheir delicate and refined sensibilities ways at the disposal of capital; in the wounded by an outspoken expression of a lincessant human sacrifices, from among truth which would damn them past all the working class; in the most reckless redemption.

and minimised past all recognition. "Re- | which turns every economic progress into idealistic sugar or perhaps Spencerian ideology. Mr. McCabe is nowise ignorant | capitalists and their dependents | become of the psychology of the majority of those more plentiful, so too do these orders of for whom he writes. They are not of the society. Their growing wealth, and the

### History. It is one of these discussions in | what else are they? Will Mr. McCabe | which nearly all the academic respecta- as a materialist (as his writings testify disdainful side—and on the other is mere- has shown to the point of demonstration ly a very wide and superficial popular | that they ARE, and it is to him we are admiration of the theory. To many of us | indebted for the key to the long-sought-for the discussion seems rather a waste of solution of the problem of knowledge. time. It involves a philosophical theory; Dietzgen expresses to the full his indebtand we may prefer to leave theories of the edness to the discoverers of the material. If modern industry, by its very nature, istic conception of history-Marx and necessitates variation of labour, fluency Engels—wrich is neither more nor less of function, universal mobility of the Chan the scientific basis upon which labourer, on the other hand, in its capimodern Socialism rests. If the bourgeoisie talistic form it reproduces the old divi-

of to-day reject historical materialism and sion of labour with its ossified specialisatreat it with disdain we know the reason; I tion. This absolute contradiction beand Engels has fully elaborated the point. I tween the technical necessities of Modern not . . . In other words, it is a philoso- Therefore, it seems that Mr. McCabe must Industry and the social character inphilosophy that is utterly subversive of fixity and security in the position of the FACT | the position which bourgeoisdom occupies. | worker; it constantly threatens by taking

> a Sunday afternoon meeting of Marxist sistence and by suppressing his detailworkers.

# A Labour Govt. Commission | Communism in the Commons

The British Labour Government is sending out at considerable expense a Commission to East Africa. It consists of a Unionist, a Liberal, a Colonial Office I official, and ONE LABOUR M.P.

In reference to the last named, Mr. Jack Jones asked why a "real" Labour the House that at Kelvingrove, one of the

man was not sent.

It is safe to say that the report of this Commission will not unduly stress the condition of the workers in the regions! visited, but will deal with those matters interesting to capitalist exploiters prospects of cotton, sugar and rubber growing, the quantity of cheap labour! available, etc.

When a CARITALIST Government appoints a Commission of any kind, it action its last chance. takes good care not to place on it

majority of Labour men. Why does a LABOUR Government were repeated in the Union House. send out a Commission three out of four of whose members are from the enemy camp and the solitary Labour man is of the TAMF. variety? The answer is that the so-called Labour Government is capi- believe the Communist leaders. The three folist in outlook and Labour only in principal officers of the Communist Party name.

In the course of the debate on the Tory motion to reduce the salary of the British Minister of Labour, Mr. James Maxton said he was not a Communist but understood their point of view. He reminded most backward of Glasgow constituencies conseuent reproduction, on a constantly I from a Labour point of view, 11,000 votes extending scale, of the ancient domestic I had been registered for a man who said: | slaves under the name of a servant class. "The House of Commons is no use to you. The House of Lords is no use to you. The existing system is no use to you. sooner you emash it up and build a new l one the better."

political the House of Commons and

These are strong words, and some of our local Labourites would gasp if they

Replying to an interjection by Lady Astor casting doubt on the honesty of the Communists, Mr. Maxton retorted as follows:—"The Noble Lady asks whether I

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## Maxims from Marx.

Machinery has executed, no doubt, the work that would demand the sinews of millions of men; but it has also prodigiously multiplied the labour of those who are governed by its fearful movements.

The automaton, or capital, and lecause it is capital, is endowed, in the person of the capitalist, with intelligence and will; it is therefore animated by the longing to reduce to a minimum the resistance offered by that repellant yet clastic barrier man.

herent in its capitalistic form dispels all function, to make him superfluous. This We think we can read between the lines | antagonism vents its rage in the creation squandering of labour power; and in the Such ugly truths must be camouflaged devastation caused by a social anarchy a social calamity.

As the substances consumed by the C.B. men required to produce the necessaries Note.—Students of the subject should of life, beget simultaneously with the read "Historical Materialism," by Engels, I rise of new and luxurious wants the and Dictzgen's "Essays" and "Positive I means of satisfying those wants. A larger Outcome of Philosophy," both obtainable portion of the produce of society is from the Communist Party. | changed into surplus produce, and a larger part of the surplus produce is supplied for consumption in a multiplicity of refined shapes. In other words, the production of luxuries increases. The extraordinary productiveness of modern industry, accompanied as it is by both a more extensive and a more intense exploitation of labour power in all other spheres of production, allows of the unproductive employment of a larger and larger part of the working class, and the

of Great Britain have been my close, intimate, personal friends for 20 years, and I have less reason to doubt the high motives. The workers, he declared, were giving the absolute unselfishness, and the great courage of these men in the service of the common people than I have to doubt the same qualities of thei Noble Lady in the service of her class."

> Mr. George I nabury, in the same debate, said that he recognised the singleminded devotion of the Communists to their creed, but did not subscribe to it.

Which is very condescending and patronising of George, and we ought toand do-feel duly grateful.

# Unemployment.

### Parsons Take a Hand.

to be quite fashionable just now. Even contest. the parsons, who are normally indifferent. The good people who are so vociferous ish Colonial Secretary, and the hero of to the fate of the workless are trying to now are the same who, when the mine Black Friday, said that he was coming as fill their churches by riding on the and other workers were fighting a desperpopular wave.

It is a suspicious circumstance that this sudden solicitude for the welfare of the unfortunate army of surplus labour only became manifest after Smuts' Gevernment had been defeated.

tion, but the possibility is there, for a similar phenomenon is observable in Great Britain, where the Liberals and Tories, who merely played with the problem when baiting the Labour Government on its tion for the profit of a few, but that a the Pact Government? failure to solve the problem.

worth noting.

Meanwhile, the reports of the Inspectors of Labour are sufficiently serious. organise production and distribution ac- decent-minded workers should raise a During June the returns show that there were 4,200 applications for employment as compared with 3,924 in May. Not a very large increase, but still an indication that the movement is in the wrong direction.

The number who were placed in jobs State in their own interest. was 328 against 375 in May. With more out of work, fewer jobs have been avail- be satisfied, and if one has to be forcibly able.

more encouraging. The June figure of and although backed by priest, politician, applicants shows a decrease of 211 as com- press and prostitutes of all kinds, it has pared with May, which is partly account- got to be destroyed, and the weapon which ed for by an increase of white men on the his being forged for that task is the organmines, which is probably due at least listed might of the oppressed workers.

To talk about unemployment appears partly to the "exigencies" of the election

ate battle to keep their jobs in 1922, did | Association, and the cost of the visit would all in their power to discredit and defeat them and howled for the blood of the men who had fallen into the hands of the authorities.

The whole agitation is nauseatig in its hypocrisy. The only remedy is well We will not go so far as to say that the known to at least the more intelligent of agitation is inspired by a desire to place the shouters, but to dare to advocate it British miners down, who has declared the new Government in an awkward posi- brings down on the head of the hardy advocate the wrath and curses of the parsons, politicians and Press.

And so things will go on until the workers realise that there is no remody for complete change must be brought about. It is to be hoped that some Labour This may be only a coincidence, but is and the control of production wrested from the hands of the capitalist class by the organised workers, who will then cording to the needs and requirements of vigorous protest. the whole working class.

> This will not be accomplished exercise of the undoubted right of the great majority of the community and the only useful class to use the resources of the

The robber and the robbed cannot both | career amply justifies that epithet. restrained it is obvicusly the robber.

# A BISHOP AND LABOUR.

Bishop of Bloemfontein the dairymaid, BLOEMFONTEIN, ALONE REMAINjudging by his letter to his flock in the ED COLDLY ALOOF, FEROCIOUSLY June issue of the "Bloemfontein Diocesan APPLAUDING THE BLOODY HAND-Magazine." The Bishop is now in Eng- ED VENGEANCE OF CAPITALIST land endeavouring to raise a small matter TYRANNY of £16,000 towards the support of his! And this the advocate of Christian diocese; as his fleck, it seems, are quite goodwill between Capital and Labour! unwilling, or altogether unable, to foot Mell! the bill. We are not, however, in the "Christian spirit of goodwill," "offer- may receive from time to time must be least concerned about this phase of ing the check to the smiter. Blessed considered as an act of grace and not a opiscopal activity, but when this right be ye poor," "Render to Caesar the recognition of any right inherent in reverend father in God goes on to say, all, the shibboleths of hypocrites and "THAT IT IS BEING WIDELY FELT | slaves! THAT IN THE DISPUTES BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOUR, THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT OF GOODWILL that the solution lies along the line that likely to result in peace and harmony in IS THE ONLY SOLUTION," we can you would fain have us believe. There is the future. only say, "Tell us another!" And one solution and one solution only—the That General Hertzog by a slip of the where, pray, was this all-potent spirit of solution of Marx and Engels and Lenin- tongue should allow it to appear that he · Christian goodwill on the 'part of the the Communistic State—the Dictatorship considers that Parliament does not re-Bishop himself when he refused to join in of the proletariat—The utter overthrow of present the whole of the inhabitants of a plea for clemency to the Smuts Govern-I the existing rotten social system, and its I the country is most unfortunate. ment on behalf of the condemned strikers replacement by a better. of 1922, and went out of his way to abuse a capitalist daily for doing se:

sections of the community, joined in this nothing but his chains to lose, he has a plea for mercy. BUT THE PRIEST OF world to gain.

England is the milch cow, and the GOD, DR. CAREY, THE BISHOP OF

things that are Caesar's' -shibboleths citizenship.

That is our goal—that is our solution.

Nat., Sap. and Labourite. indeed ail Communist revolution, but the worker has

# Who Will Pay?

### Thomas Keeps Mum.

Asked in the House of Commons why he was visiting South Africa, and whether the cost of the visit was coming out of the public funds, Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Brita member of the Empire Parliamentary not be a charge on the public funds.

When pressed and asked whether as the trip was arranged by the Smute Government, the South African Government was paying the expenses, no answer

was vouchsafed.

Is it possible that this man, who let the members of his own union to be scabs when they struck work in sympathy with other workers, who has been perfectly sickening in his worship of royalty and toadying to the British wealthy classes, in power, are now amusing themselves by unemployment under a system of product is to have the cost of his tour defrayed by

> member will have the courage to ask a question on this point within the next few days, and if such is the case then all

It is also to be hoped that when this renegade Labour man lands here that the mutual consent and goodwill but by the workers and their officials will give him a wide berth and refuse to recognise him as a representative of Labour.

> For what he did in 1921 he has earned the name of Judas, and his subsequent

# The Johannesburg figures are a little The capitalist class is the robber class, Hertzog and Natives.

The British House of Commons consisted of some six hundred members representing m ny millions of people, whereas here was a House numbering only one hundred and thirty odd members, the representatives of one and a half million people.

This is the statement which Premier Hertzog is reported to have made in the course of his speech in defence of the election of a Government supporter as Speaker of the House of Assembly.

In these words the head of the Government frankly lays it down that the six millions of natives and coloured inhabitants of the Union are not represented by Parliament.

They are pariahs, social and political outcasts, and any consideration that they

This is a dangerous doctrine and indicates an outlook on South African prob-No, Dr. Carey, it is neither felt nor lems which has led to much trouble in the recognised anywhere outside of Bedlam past history of the country and is not

No doubt if the matter was brought to his notice he would, as usual, explain I that he did not mean what he said, but The ruling class may tremble at a the very fact that in the heat of debate, when he was off his guard, this expression escaped him is an indication of what was in his mind.

# Lenin's First Newspaper.

"THE SPARK"

By D. Ivon Jones. (Concluded.)

"What Must We Do?" devotes much space to the question of party democracy; and the recent discussion in the Russian Communist Party can only be fully comprehended in the light of these early works of Lenin. In the days of "Iskra" it was a question of party democracy in a severely conspirative organisation, but the Lenist axioms retain their force. "A revolutionary organisation," he says, "never could and never can, with backwardness. And then, all at once, we the best of intentions, instal the broad have another Lenin, the master, unspar- A TIN OF COAL WAS FOUND democratic principle." Primitive democratic notions, such as the one that a people's newspaper should be edited directly by the people were rife among the revolutionary youth, as a revulsion from absolutism. Lenin had to fight apply it to myself. I worked in a group against these primitive notions in order to establish his organisation of 'ironsides." "The broad democratic principle is impossible without full publicity." Lenin was a sworn enemy of the principle | historic moment when it was possible to | expressed in the words "from the bottom | say, adapting a well-known phrase: 'Give | up." He demanded that the Party be organised from the top down. Not on democracy, but on the mutual faith of comrades. "Vulgar democratic tendencies in the Party reflect bourgeois democratic the more does my choler rise against party tendencies."

Lenin published a reprint of "What Must We Do?" in 1907, during the temporary spell of political freedom under the Duma. In the preface to that edition he refers to the organisation of professional revolutionaries as having well completed its work and planted the party on impregnable foundations. In the same connection, he welcomes the introduction of reading "What Must We Do?" one feels the elective principle in the party organisation owing to the greater freedom of action. But that freedom was shortlived. The party had to return underground. And it is only now that the volutions, and in innumerable contests Party, emerging from the period of civil | with the Czar's police—capable of leading | war, has been able to apply "workers' the proletariat along the inconceivably democracy" to the Party apparatus: difficult paths of the proletarian dictator-Nevertheless, Comrade Kamenev warned the Party against "vulgar democracy," Ship. And this titanic struggle of the Russian proletariat, a struggle which has which is only bourgeois democracy, excluded from all other avenues, knocking | volution, was only possible as the fruits)

at the door of the Party.

His was a versatile, many-sided genius. "What Must We Do?" like all his brochures, teems with humourous asides, a certain pawky Scotch humour which keeps | power of his revolutionary logic the future | close to the gist of the matter. He refers for example to Soubatov, the Czarist agent, who was known to be in favour of | Engels on the leading role of the German legalising trade unions and who insti- proletariat in the international movegated strikes; Lenin said in effect. "All | ment, and says:-right, we'll gain from it in spite of the tares in the wheat, we don't want to

grow wheat in flower pots."

pride in the working class, funbounded tutional country are a mere bagatelle. faith in the proletariat. He denounced | History has placed before us the immediany and every attempt to degrade its ate task, which is the most revolutionary political role. "The consciousness of the of all the immediate tasks of the proleworking class cannot be a truly political | tariat of any country. The realisation of one unless the workers respond to every this task, the destruction of the most which is a thousand times deeper and case of oppression, violence and abuse, no powerful buttress, not only of European, wider than theirs, with the same unsparmatter to what class they are applied." | but also (we may now say) of Asiatic ing devotion and energy." When the Czar's government drafted 183 | reaction, would make the Russian pro- And so it came to pass. Whatever students of Kiev University into the letariat the advance guard of the inter- Lenin set himself to do he achieved. And army in punishment for insubordination, national revolutionary proletariat. And his deathless name shall still lead us on "Iskra" called for workers' demonstrations of protest. And the workers responded, a fact which Lenin exultantly earned by our predecessors of the seven- his memory. ehows to the "economists."

This exalted view of the role of the proletariat is balanced by a sense of fremendous responsibility.

"Our backwardness," he says, "will be Tragedy of a Railway Gatekeeper. invariably taken advantage of by more agile, more energetic 'revolutionaries' outside Social Democracy; and the workers, no matter how boldly and energetically they may fight the police and the soldiers, no matter how revolutionarily they may act, will be only a force in support of these 'revolutionaries'; they will be just the rear-guard of bourgeois democracy, instead of being the Social-Democratic (read Communist) advance Thomas dead, lying between the two guard."

the "economist" defenders of party the down line, evidently where Thomas

ing above all towards himself.

"Don't be aggrieved with me for this harsh word," he saxs. "For, in so far as it is alguestion of unpreparedness. I which set before itself a very broad, allembracing task, and to all of us members of that group came the torturing feeling that weetwere nothing but tinkers, at an us an organisation of revolutionaries, and we will conquer Russia.' And, since then, the moke I recall that bitter feeling of shame, which I then experienced, those false Social-Democrats who, by them preachings, debase the revolutionary name; against those who do not understand that our task is not to condone the debasement of a revolutionist into a tinker, but to raise the tinker to be a revolutionist."

These lines were written many years before the October revolution, but, in that the critical days of the October revolution were not the days of October. It would have been too late in 1917 to form that ironclad Party-steeled in two realso cleared the path of the Western reof an equally titanic theoretical struggle Who said that Lenin had no humour? | waged by Lenin in the first years of the century. And Lenin, in "What Must We Do?" pierces into this future, as is l his wont. Marvellous prophet--in the blends with the present in one iron inevitability. He has just been quoting

"Before the Russian workers now stand immeasurably heavier trials, now stands a struggle with monsters, compared with The spirit that animated Lenin was a which the exceptional laws in a constiwe have a right to expect that we shall from strength to strength; and revolution achieve this honourable role, already after revolution shall be monuments to ties, if we can inspire our movement,

# Found Dead.

Story of a Bucket of Coal.

The body of the railway gatekeeper at Doornfontein level crossing was found on the railway line on July 11th. At the inquest, a police sergeant gave evidence to the effect that he found the body of main lines. The face was lacerated, He hurls the word "tinkers" again at there was a disturbance of the metal of had been struck by a train.

> BETWEEN THE MAIN DOWN LINE AND THE SUBURBAN TRACK.

There was no suspicion of foul play, and the witness regarded the affair as a pure accident.

Another witness said that Thomas was a steady man and a total abstainer.

"Found dead" was the verdict returned.

This is the official end of the drama, and the public are satisfied.

But were the circumstances known which led up to the sudden and violent death of this humble workman, the public might not be so easily satisfied.

The first question which might be asked is: Why was it necessary that the gatekeeper should be walking on the permanent way in the dark at two in the morning?

The answer is that it was winter time and a fire is necessary to keep circulation going during the bitter nights on the high veld.

But does not the railway administration

supply coal to men on this duty?

The answer is yes. Why, then, was it necessary for Thomas, a man 55 years of age and therefore past the period of youthful alertness and activity, to risk his life in the way he did! A casual conversation with a railway employee supplies the answer.

A minor official, either to curry favour by making petty economies, or acting on a direct general order from the higherups, had cut down the allowance of coal for gatekeepers and men similarly occupied. The curtailed allowance was quite inadequate, and to obtain enough to keep himself from freezing, poor Thomas collected bits of coal on the line.

He did it once too often, with the

above tragic result.

But his death was no accident. He was one more victim on the altar of a mean, grasping and callous capitalism.

THOMAS WAS MURDERED, not by

an individual but by a system.

Thomas is only one of thousands of workers who perish every year in order that they may obtain a crust of bread and that a few may wallow in luxury and idleness. Communism seeks to make such horrors impossible.

It is to the destruction of that system that the energies of all workers must be

directed.

(The End.)

# Do You Want a Book?

Our readers are invited to look down . the following list of books, which all have a present-day interest and deal world the with various phases of struggle between a decadent capitalism and the rising power of the proletariat.

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W. H. ANDREWS. Secy. Editor.

### Capetown Unemployed.

### LEADERS CHARGED AND ACQUITTED.

The Secretary and President of Unemployed Relief and General Workers' "Red Europe," Frank Ansty, M.P.; | Union, Capetown, who were charged on l the 15th inst. with contravening a Municipal regulation by marshalling a procession of unemployed and taking them through Adderley Street, without first obtaining the Council's permission, again! appeared before the Magistrate's Court! on the 26th, and after some argument by the Public Presecutor and the defending I attorney, Mr. Alexander, the Magistrate found them not guilty, a decision which "Satires, Lyrics and Poems," John S. | was received with applause by the public | in Court.

We congratulate Messrs. Green and Ash on the result; and trust that the unem-"Ten Years of Secret Diplomacy," E. | ployed organisation will keep going until every worker is satisfactorily occupied.

## The Frightfulness of Unemployment.

work in any branch of industry can no | no consequence. This is contra to the doubt seek for employment in some other | considered policy of the Communist Interbranch. . . Even should they find em- | national, and to common-sense. ployment, what a poor look-out is theirs! Crippled as they are by division of labour, | which will increase the influence of the these poor devils are worth so little out- Party and the growth of the movement. side their old trade that they cannot find | The Ceneral Executive therefore, calls admission into any industries except a upon men and women alike to immediately The third number of the new series has few of inferior kind that are over see whether they are registered and, if supplied with underpaid workmen. The not, to get registered AT ONCE. original victims, during the period of transition, for the most part starve and perish.--Marx.

# Anniversary Social.

Tickets for the Double Anniversary Social and Dance on the 1.0th prox. at the Selborne Hall are on sale at No. 4, Trades Hall, and of the usual sellers. Price 2s. 6d.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

The Branch will meet on WEDNES-DAY NEXT. August 6, at 8 p.m., at No. 4, Trades Hall. Business includes reports on Elections, September Anniversary, Night School, Party Conference, Press Development.

S. P. BUNTING, Secretary

### YOUNG COMMUNIST NOTES.

The Y.C.L. is holding a Social at Ginsberg's on Saturday, 2nd August, All. those wishing to attend are requested to WE NEED THEM, and they will be be present at the usual Jeppe meeting, at 8 p.m. on Saturday. On Sunday, the THE CAPITALISTS ARE ALIVE to following day, the Y.C.I.. are having an outing at Florida Lake, the whole day. All are invited: Bring your own focd.

> Notice is hereby given that the General Dairy business carried on by Fan Abraham Percy Hartman, on Stand No. 2559, and/or Stand No. 2589, Jeppes Extension, Johannesburg, has been sold as and from the 1st day of July, 1924, to Charles Solomon. The transfer of the said dairy business will be effected on the 23rd day of August, 1924. The Purchaser is taking over all the assets of the business and the Seller undertakes to pay all the liabilities.

Dated at Johannesburg this 30th day of July, 1924.

GLUCKMANN & AARONSON. Attorneys for the Parties. 28/29, Steytler's Buildings,

1/8/15.

### The Voters Roll.

Loveday Street, Johannesburg.

GET REGISTERED.

Comrades and friends are reminded that it is now possible to register their names as voters in the Transvaal Municipalities.

It is the duty of every Communist to see that his or her name is on the voters roll.

It will not be put on by professional canvassers; you must fill in the form yourself, which can be obtained at the Municipal Offices of your town.

If the Communist Party is to exercise the influence which its numbers entitle it to, all members must see to it that they are in a position to record their votes at every election that comes along. Even now there remains in the minds of some The labourers that are thrown out of of our comrades a feeling that votes are of

Communists must not refuse any weapon

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