

A Chat With Willie Gallacher

By Rob F. Hall
and Ruby Cooper

CHICAGO.—Stalin's recent interview has "turned British reactionaries upside down" Willie Gallacher, Communist member of parliament, declared in a chat with us here today.

"It has dispersed all the clouds of confusion which reactionaries here and in Britain have been trying to spread over the world," the former Clyde shipworker said. Stalin put simply and clearly "the actual situation determined by the needs and desires of the peo-

Meeting Will Honor Gallacher Monday

Willie Gallacher, British Communist Member of Parliament, now visiting this country, will be the honored guest at a meeting of Communist Party members at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Ave., Monday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m.

Invitations to the meeting have been extended through Party clubs to those members who have obtained a sub for The Worker or recruited a new member to the Party.

Also to speak are William Z. Foster, Communist Party chairman, Robert Thompson and New York Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Communist candidates for state Comptroller and Attorney General, and Peter V. Cacchione, city Councilman.

ple" he asserted and added, "It has left them with no real comeback."

The Communist MP is in Chicago to visit his sister and her family. Accompanied by his wife, he landed in New York, Sept. 21 and came directly here. His stay in this country, which is purely a vacation, will be brief, he said.

Stalin's observations raise new perspectives for those who fight for peace, both here and in Britain, Gallacher asserted, and will have a big effect on the working class and progressive forces in both countries. "Stalin's answers will assist very considerably in drawing these forces together in a common movement to release the world from the threat which reactionaries continually use for their own purposes," he said.

Although Sir Anthony Eden's recent criticism of British foreign policy reflects differences in the British ruling class, Gallacher did not believe that to be its main import.

The British Tories were shocked by the labor landslide in the elections, he said, and for the first time lost control of parliament.

"The main concern of the Tories, despite differences, is to once again get control of the government. While in general the Tories pursue a reactionary domestic and foreign policy, they are prepared to use any situation in order to try to make a division in the forces of labor.



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"Thus while Churchill advocates a four-power bloc against the Soviet Union, Anthony Eden, a very mild mannered Tory with a very attractive personality, is obviously being used in an effort to penetrate and divide labor." This is the division of labor being practiced by the Tories and Eden's remarks, he felt, reflect the Tory recognition that there is strong opposition to Bevin's policies among British workers.

"They believe they can recapture power through a new political combination or coalition which will contain even some sections of labor," Gallacher declared.

British imperialism is generally recognized by the British workers

as being on the decline, Gallacher stated.

"The big struggle of the imperialists in Britain is to hold on as long as they can to as much as they possibly can," said the MP. "But all the time they are losing ground to the rising forces of liberation that are against them in various spheres. In India they don't want to let go, no matter what they may say about independence. They will try every device to hold on there but the forces in India are reaching such a stage that no matter what the British imperialists do, they will lose."

The situation is similar in Egypt, where they are being forced out, he said, and efforts to build up new bases in Transjordan and Palestine will come to nothing in the long run. "The British imperialists are on the defensive," he stressed.

The Wallace speech was well received by English workers, who are "quite amenable" to criticism of British imperialism by progressive American leaders.

The reaction of the British people to the anti-Jewish terror in Palestine has been very mixed to date, Gallacher said. Although the more advanced workers recognize that the labor government has broken its pledges to the Jews, many Britains are confused.

"You can understand that the 'free press' of Britain is controlled by a few Tories and the people have never gotten a real understanding of the Palestine problem. When some soldiers were shot, the press worked up quite a lot of feeling." Despite the confusion, however, a "wave of resentment and disappointment" swept England following the terror against the refugees. The British

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How We Met Gallacher

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Because Willie Gallacher, one of Britain's two Communist members of parliament is in America for purely personal reasons, visiting a sister he hasn't seen for 30 years, he avoided publicity.

Here in Chicago, he dropped in at Party headquarters to pay his respects to old friends, and at the request of Ruby Cooper, Daily Worker correspondent, agreed to answer a few questions.

Cooper, Rob F. Hall, Washington editor of The Worker, who is here reporting mid-west politics, and A. B. Magil, an editor of New Masses, spent more than an hour with the Communist MP.

Gallacher was accompanied by Mrs. Gallacher, his brother-in-law, a Chicago worker, and his niece, an attractive American girl in whom he obviously took great pride.

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CP has conducted a big campaign and issued a statement in an effort to get the facts before the people, he revealed.

The British workers want the atom bomb banned for all time, Gallacher said, and believe all atomic information should be available to all nations. He recalled that Churchill had once declared that it was fortunate that the U. S. held monopoly of the bomb, because before other nations could learn its secret, "policy in Europe will have been determined."

Turning to the domestic situation in England, Gallacher observed: "There is a lot of talking about the Labor government pursuing a reactionary foreign policy and at the same time a progressive domestic policy. The two policies must harmonize or there is bound to be a crash. We are desirous of seeing the Labor government pursue a progressive policy in both foreign and domestic affairs."

"The Labor government is very hesitant and timid even in pursuing a progressive domestic policy. For instance, the nationalization of the coal mines was done in such a way that the mine owners were granted full compensation for mines they bankrupted. The most that should have been done was to give them a life annuity."

Questioned on the recent squatters movement, which the American people and especially war veterans

in need of adequate housing followed with great interest, Gallacher declared:

"There is a terrific need for houses. But instead of taking over the land and allotting some for agriculture and the rest for housing, the Labor government passed a bill to enable local authorities to acquire land. Some do and some do not. Some find that they are being held up by prices on land. But they don't face up to the big question of taking over the land completely."

"The squatters movement made this timidity of the Labor government stand out clearer than anything else. When the squatters took possession of army huts in all parts of the country the authorities cut off light and water. But the movement was so widespread that the government had to sanction it and the Minister of Health instructed local authorities to make conditions suitable for habitation. He also said that if he had offered army huts for residences he would have been condemned because they were substandard. Nevertheless, the government condoned the action of the squatters in taking over these sub-standard army huts."

"However," he continued, "when the squatters in London took over the modern super-standard houses, then we had an entirely different situation. All the power of the government was used against them. As long as homeless people were prepared to accept slum conditions, there was no objection. But as soon as they went into better class houses, then the leaders of the Labor government began to shout against the Communist Party and action was taken

against the squatters. They besieged these people. The water was cut off. Light and heat were cut off. The entire area was surrounded."

"The government representative declared the Army huts were public property, but the modern buildings in London were private property. During the war these same buildings were requisitioned by the government for use by the armed forces. The answer is that the government should re-requisition these private buildings, just as during the war."

"The government spokesmen shouted that the squatters' movement is Communist Party politics. But the real politics consists in the fact that the squatters in this case are putting the rights of the people before the rights of private property. The Labor government takes the position of defending private property against the rights and needs of the common people."

To the question, "What is the Labor government doing to solve its domestic problems, such as food shortages?" Gallacher replied:

"The only way that the food shortage can be solved is by greatly increased production in all industrial resources. The fact of the matter is that the Labor government has made no campaign among the workers to spur them to greater production."

"On the contrary. The reactionary character of its foreign policy and the timidity in the handling of domestic policy has had an adverse effect on the possibilities of increased production."

"In many cases the workers feel a sense of frustration; things are not going like they expected them to go. The trend away from Big Three unity by Byrnes and Bevin at the Paris conference, the British soldiers still in Greece, the wave of terror against the Jews in Palestine, the building of bases in Trans-Jordan, etc., is all creating a feeling of uncertainty among the masses of workers, and we are not getting the production."

"The workers listen to the Communists, accept their advice and elect them to the highest union posts. If we could get the Labor Party leaders to come to an understanding with the Communist Party, we could have a real drive for production just as during the war when we achieved the highest production in history behind the slogan of 'Arms for Joe.' The solution to the problem of increased production is unity between the Labor Party and the Communist Party."

Gallacher declared the control of prices has been quite effective in Britain. "There have been slight increases here and there, but there has not been the same drive there as in the United States for the removal of price controls."

"What is the relation of the Communist Party to the British trade unions?" Gallacher was asked.

"There are still a few unions in Britain whose leaders denounce the Communist Party as some of your American labor leaders do. But on the whole, in most unions well-known and respected Communist Party leaders have been elected to the highest posts and committees. In Bevin's own union,

the Transport and General Workers Union, there are many Communists on the General Executive Board, and one of its best executives is also an outstanding Communist Party member. Arthur Horner, another Communist leader, was sweepingly elected recently general secretary of the Miners' Union. Most of the national organizers of the Amalgamated Engineering Union are Communist Party members. And there are very good personal relations between all the high leaders of the trade union movement and the leaders of our party."

When asked about the influence of the Communist Party in Britain and whether it was growing in size, Gallacher answered quite proudly:

"The influence of the party is much wider than the actual size of its membership. The Communist Party plays a big part in the

shop-steward movement, which directs all activities in the factories. The same applies in the mining areas."

"Our membership is 60,000, which is entirely an active membership. We have several hundred thousand subscribers and supporters of the Daily Worker. The Labor Party has three to four hundred thousand members, besides the affiliated trade unions, but this is not an active membership. Our membership and subscribers are as much as the working membership of the Labor Party. We publish 15 times more literature than the Labor Party. In the past year we published \$600,000 worth of books and popular pamphlets. And when I left England, the party was preparing a new campaign to further increase its membership."

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