

MALAYAN STRIKERS APPEAL TO BRITISH ARMY

By Ajit Roy

The workers of Malaya humbly request you to give us every possible help in the present 'Strike' to raise our standard of living. You shall perform your duty in saving humanity from the imperialist yoke.

Your Brothers who are struggling for better living and New Democracy.

The above appeal was printed and circulated among the British and Indian troops by the Singapore workers during the General Strike which started on the 29th of January and lasted for several days.

The strike had been called because of the continued refusal on the part of the British authorities to release 14 trade union leaders and militants who had been imprisoned for their participation in a previous strike in December.

The capitalist class, wrangling over the price of rubber has not said a word about the conditions of extreme poverty and hardship in which the workers and peasants of Malaya and Singapore have to live in order to produce the sumptuous dividends of the British rubber and tin magnates.

"Always Hungry"

Even a Public Works Department employee and earn one dollar a day. As the black market price of rice is 1 dollar and 40 cents a katty, we can only afford to have two meals of porridge instead of rice a day.

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remember occasionally of responsibilities of citizenship while fighting for privileges. If there is no free education in this country, where do the labourers learn all these fine things.

Before I end, I shall say something concerning the procession which I took part in on the 27th December. As we strikers were marching in orderly fashion to the Padang, some 300 policemen made a baton charge.

Release the Prisoners! It is time for the workers to make it quite clear to the Government that they were not put into power so as to do the dirty work for the capitalist class in the colonies, but to support and encourage the struggle of the colonial workers for freedom and independence.

The appeal of the Singapore workers to the British troops shows that the workers of Malaya clearly understand that the interests of the workers of all countries require that they support each other in their struggles, irrespective of the colour of their skin.

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FOOD SHORTAGE

Cut the Bosses' Luxuries Not the Workers' Necessities!

Food cuts are threatened in Britain. This is the stark fact which faces the working class. The capitalists, in their war, have ruined and reduced to destitution and famine, great areas of Europe, Asia and Africa.

Now that their wars over, they threaten new catastrophes to the peoples of the world.

The British workers would be quite prepared to make sacrifices if these were necessary to save the peoples of other continents from starvation and death. The propaganda of the capitalist press and cinema is cunningly directed to utilise the instinct of solidarity of the workers together.

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Table with 2 columns: PARLIAMENTARY FOOD CRISIS MENU. LUNCH. Thick Soup and Fried Snippets, Roast Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Apple Fritters and Fruit Syrup, Three Rolls of Bacon Stuffed with Chicken Liver or Kidney.

Set Up Committees The workers should demand that committees appointed by unions, co-operatives, factories, housewives, and small shopkeepers should superintend the distribution of food in all localities.

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R.A.F. PROTESTS Concessions Promised

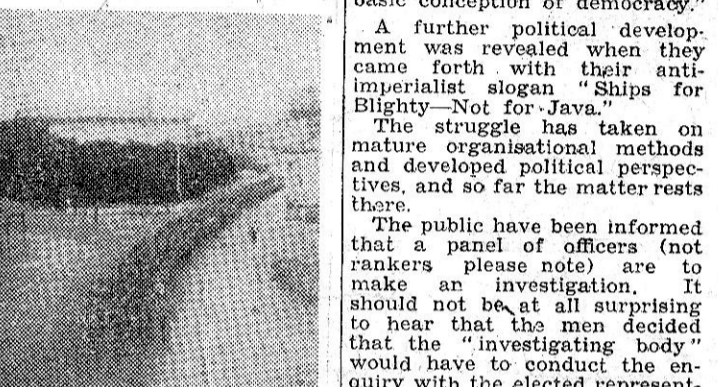
By A. MAXEY According to press reports that the Government has announced that the rate of release during the second half of the year will be increased by 250,000, but this forecast is "subject to there being no unforeseen changes in the world situation."

The strikes of protest of the R.A.F. have shown a rapid development in the methods of organisation adopted by the men.

From a loose assembly of 400 at Gibraltar last August, followed closely by an organised march of 950 at Aden, it has developed to large scale strike action involving thousands.

As every services man knows, there are two sides to the law, one which puts him at a disadvantage and the other which primarily serves to protect the "divine right" of the officer caste.

ADEN R.A.F. PROTEST MARCH



750 R.A.F. men stationed at Aden, march in formation to present a Petition to the Governor demanding speedy demobilisation and improved conditions. The demonstration was well organised.

PARIS STRIKERS

Refuse to Print Stalinist Papers

By N. BONNE For a whole week from January 26th to February 1st, Paris was without daily newspapers.

Printers Refuse to Print Stalinist Attacks The workers rightly resented these attacks and slanders. The Strike Committee published a declaration protesting against the accusations levelled against Trade Unionists by a Minister of Labour, who is himself a trade union leader.

The Communist daily paper published in Lille one day failed to appear; the printers had refused to produce it because it contained the text of the "Communist" Minister's broadcast.

In Lyons, the workers of the Communist daily refused to print a front-page caption bearing upon the printers' strike, and the management had to give in, though they published on another page a protest against this refusal.

The most spectacular incident was the appearance of the Humanité on February 2nd, with two large blanks on its pages; the printers had censured the articles relating to their strike.

C.P. Protests The Executive Bureau of the Communist Party later issued a protest against the attitude of these workers, but this only serves to stress the evolution which is taking place in the relationships between the militant class-conscious workers and their traitorous leaderships.

GERMAN WORKERS PROTEST ALLIED SUPPORT OF NAZIS BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 2.—The workers of the repair shops of the electrical construction trust have decided to hold a ten minute symbolic strike to express their solidarity with the workers in the Thyssen shops.

Stalinist Minister Attacks Workers Pressure from the rank and file compelled the trade unions to give lukewarm support to the movement.

Demands on T.U. Leaders The workers are learning a lesson as to the role of the official trade union movement, and the necessity to end their collaboration with the bosses.

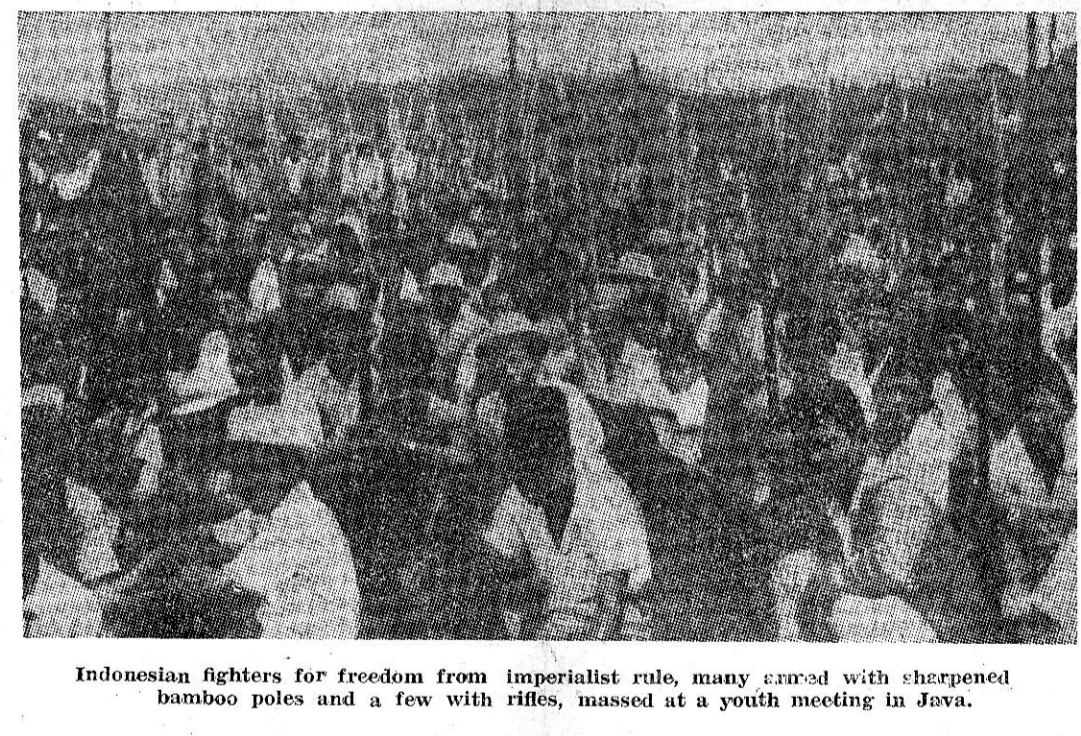
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Indonesian fighters for freedom from imperialist rule, many armed with sharpened bamboo poles and a few with rifles, massed at a youth meeting in Java.

DAIMLER WORKERS BACK

By Bill Hunter On Tuesday, 12th of February, the Daimler strikers returned to work and ended one of the most important strikes that have taken place in Coventry for some time.

The decision to return was taken by an overwhelming majority of the men, whose morale and fighting spirit was as high as when they came out on strike three weeks ago.

Solidarity in City A feeling of solidarity with the Daimler workers exists throughout the city. Advanced workers in Coventry have felt for weeks that a major clash was coming.

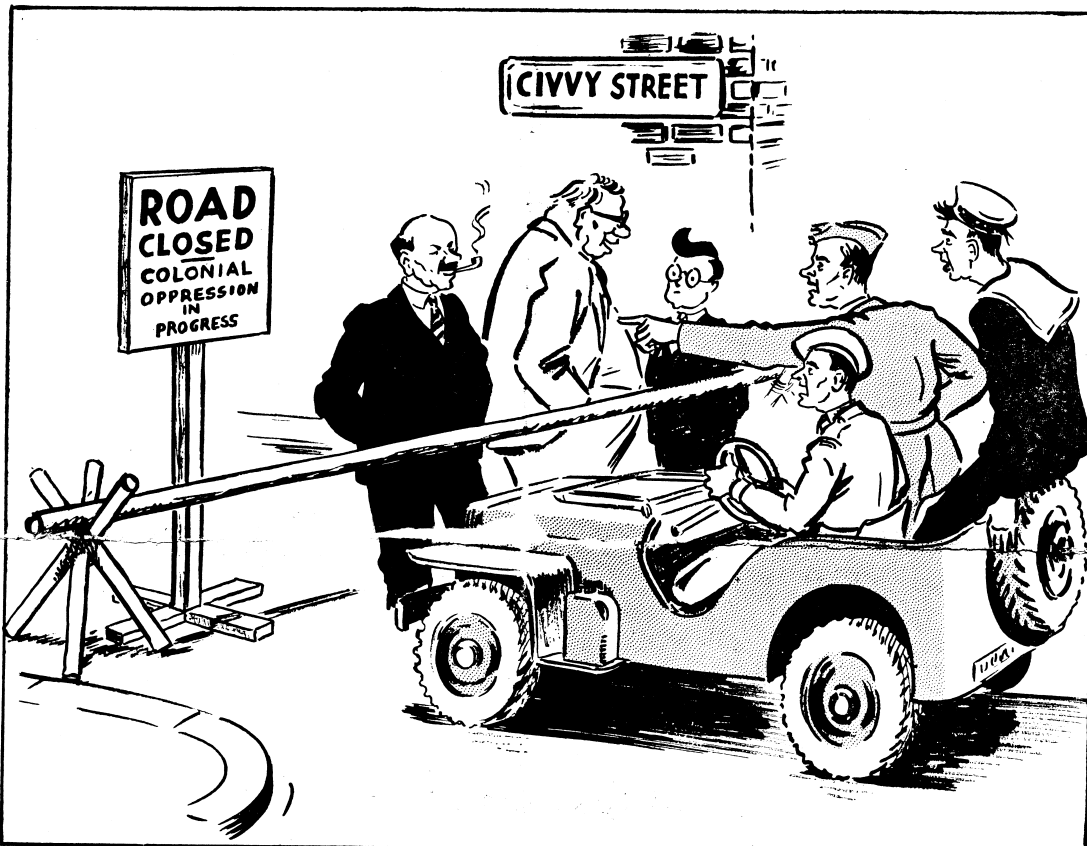
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"WE DIDN'T VOTE LABOUR FOR THAT!"



MINERS AND DEPUTIES CALCUTTA SHOOTING DAIMLER STRIKE

UNITE
BY HEATON LEE

A public meeting organised by the No. 11 panel of the Yorkshire area of the National Union of Miners jointly with the Yorkshire Deputies Association, was held in Doncaster on Sunday 27th January.

This is the first occasion in many years that Miners and Deputies representatives have held a joint meeting. Its purpose was to expose and to initiate a joint struggle against the newly-formed Yorkshire Association of Colliery Officials and Staff, a company union organised by a Mr. Hunter, the Managing Director of the Doncaster Amalgamated Collieries. Some 800 miners and colliery officials attended the meeting.

Intimidation Alleged
Speaking at the invitation of the organisers of the meeting, Mr. Smart, District Organiser of the Clerical and Administrative Workers Union alleged that Hunter had intimidated clerks preventing them from joining the C. & A.W.U. and urging them to join the Y.A.C.O.S. The C. & A.W.U. was not recognised by the Employers Federation and that at this moment they were conducting a campaign for recognition. In Barnsley colliery clerks, members of the C. & A.W.U. had given strike notice to the employers to enforce recognition of the union. The strike had been temporarily averted but would come off shortly unless recognition was granted.

The General Secretary of the Yorkshire Deputies Association was the next speaker. He related how, after the defeat of the Miners strikes in 1921 the employers had almost smashed the Y.D.A. by buying over large sections of the deputies. This was done by introducing the Colliery Officials Mutual Benefit Society. The members of the society contributed 2/6 weekly and the employers contributed 3/6 weekly in return for certain benefits. One of the rules of the C.O.M.B.S. was that no member of the C.O.M.B.S. could be a member of a union.

Itself this was an indication of the movement of the deputies away from the bosses and in the direction of the miners. Deputies were demanding that they should be freed of the responsibility for discipline and production and be made responsible for safety only. This action would in itself increase production by cutting down the accident rate which is the highest in British industry. He appealed to the younger deputies who were not caught up in the meshes of the C.O.M.B.C. to join their own union, the Y.D.A.

A representative of the Colliery Officials and Staffs Association (C.O.S.A.), a Union affiliated to the T.U.C., which was the recognised union catering for technical staff, also addressed the meeting at the invitation of the Panel.

Resolution Adopted
A resolution adopted by the No. 11 Panel which is to be circulated throughout the branches under their jurisdiction was read to the meeting as follows:
"The Doncaster Panel of the N.U.M. representing over 30,000 miners, urge the deputies and clerks in the Doncaster coalfields to join the Yorkshire Deputies Association, the Clerical and Administrative Workers Union, or other appropriate unions."
"We promise full support to any person or group of persons who are interfered with by any person or group of persons from joining their appropriate Trade Union."

An attempt by Hunter and an organised group of his hoodlums to discredit the platform failed miserably. The demand for democratic consideration and the privilege to speak by Hunter who refuses the elementary democratic rights to members of C.O.M.B.S. was correctly rejected by the chair.
The meeting ended with workers singing the Red Flag and the members of Y.A.C.O.S. singing God Save the King, which demonstrated sharply the class character of the struggle against the Y.A.C.O.S.

ELECTION PROGRAMME Of Our Belgian Comrades

Our comrades of the International Communist Party (Trotskyists) alone, offer the workers a consistent programme of transitional measures whose application would open up the road for a truly Socialist government. In spite of its present numerical weakness, the Belgian section of the Fourth International is presenting its list of candidates in the forthcoming elections and calling upon the workers to indicate their determination to sweep away reformism and Stalinism and apply revolutionary measures for the solution of their problems.

Although all parties are allowed use of the radio during the election campaign, only our Belgian section has been refused. Our party has sent a cable to the Director General of the I.N.R., asking that democratic rights be granted to our comrades during the election.

We reproduce below a translation of the International Communist Party's election manifesto:

"The Trotskyist voice must be heard in Parliament!"

Workers,
Not a single voice was raised in Parliament against the wage-freeze Regulation. Not a single voice denounced the Civil Mobilisation. Not a single voice denounced the Monarchy, this centuries-old bulwark of anti-working-class reaction. Not a single voice has protested against the Massacre of Colonial Peoples. Why?

Because there were no longer any true workers' representatives. Because the Communist Party which courageously defended the workers' cause after the last war, has now also become a governmental party.

But outside Parliament, the voice of the Trotskyists was heard, clamouring against all anti-working-class policies.

The Trotskyist papers have protested against the freezing of wages, against civil mobilisation. They have shown the way for a struggle against the monarchy. The employers compelled Van Acker (The "Socialist" Prime Minister, Ed.) to smother their voice by forbidding the publication of their organs.

The Trotskyist leaders, our comrades Davister in Charleroi, Malengreau in the Borinage, Bougard in the Centre, Dorremans in Antwerp, were the only ones to defend with all their might the workers on strike, whilst reformists and Stalinists were helping the employers to strangle the strikes with the slogan "Production first".

The Trotskyist Party alone has called upon the workers to demonstrate their solidarity with the colonial peoples, with our German class-brothers in the mines. Whereas it had valiantly fought Nazi imperialism during the four years of occupation and lost more than 20 of its militants and leaders at the hands of the Gestapo, it now suffers from the blows of "democratic" repression, because it has remained true to the communist slogan: "Workers Of All Lands, Unite!"

The Trotskyist Voice

which is the voice of unreconcilable class struggle, has become the voice of the striking miners and metal workers, in opposition to the bureaucrats, the voice of all the class-conscious workers throughout the country.

This Voice must be heard in Parliament!

You will send a Trotskyist Deputy to Parliament on February 17th, in order that a true communist voice may once more be heard there.

Your vote will give the International Communist Party the most brilliant revenge. Persecuted by the Gestapo and the Belgian "Security", more slandered than any working-class militants ever have been, having remained for years isolated as the vanguard of their class, the Trotskyists have paid dearly for their unshakable loyalty to the workers' cause.

On February 17th, your vote will demonstrate to the whole country that you are in complete solidarity with their struggle against capitalism, for the Communist Revolution!

Your vote will demonstrate that you are gathering behind the banner of the Fourth International, the banner of the only existing International.

The Fourth

Workers,
On February 17th, you will vote for the candidates of the International Communist Party, in order that the workers' voice may once more be heard in Parliament and, over the heads of the bourgeois representatives and their accomplices, call upon the toiling masses in the whole country to fight:

- For the sliding scale of wages and uniform old-age pensions!
- For workers' control over production and prices!
- For nationalisation without indemnities or purchase!
- For the immediate abolition of the monarchy!
- For a government of the working-class parties and trade unions!

FOR THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION!
Trotskyist Candidates

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The Calcutta workers have staged demonstrations against the sentence of seven years imprisonment on Captain Abdul Rashid, who served in the "Indian National Army".
 The hatred of British imperialism—the resentment of the Indian masses against the regime of famine, exploitation and repression it has imposed on the Indian people for centuries, is manifested in these demonstrations. So great is their hatred of British rule that they regard Abdul Rashid as a traitor who tried to strike a blow for Indian freedom.

As always in India, the police resorted to armed force and brutal repression. They opened fire 14 times on unarmed demonstrators, killing 14 persons and injuring about 200. But so great is the anger that even these brutal methods did not suffice to control the enraged workers.

The indiscriminate firing of the police had the opposite effect to what was intended. It did not intimidate the masses, but made them more determined to demonstrate their strength against the crimes of British imperialism.

Hindus and Moslem workers demonstrated in solidarity side by side. So unanimous was the feeling in Calcutta that the Governor of Bengal was forced to withdraw the ban on processions in the heart of the city. Over 200,000 people marched through the area calling out the

ELECTRICAL WORKERS Demand Shorter Hours

The great Strip Mill of Richard Thomas and Baldwins at Ebbw Vale is again the scene of a fight between the electrical maintenance men and the employers. The electrical workers are demanding a maximum of 48 hours in any seven days instead of the 56 hours in 7 continuous shifts as at present. The dispute has now reached the stage where the men have placed an embargo on all overtime.

Some history of the Ebbw Vale plant is necessary to a proper understanding of this dispute. Building began in 1936 on the site of the old Ebbw Vale Steelworks whose collapse had brought great misery to the workers in the Ebbw Vale District. During the building of the new Strip Mill and associated plant many electrical workers were needed. Modern strip mill methods of steel production being highly electrified. At this time, war preparations were getting into their stride, electrical workers became scarce, and much overtime was worked during the building period.

Intolerable Overtime

Toward the end of 1938 production began. Many of the men employed in constructing the plant went over to maintenance, but others found work elsewhere. Those who remained were faced with the task of maintaining the most advanced and complicated, electrically driven and controlled, steel plant in the country. And this meant frequent overtime. By the middle of 1939, production was in full swing and regular overtime—particularly during week-ends, the only real chance for overhauling hard worked machinery—became a feature of the maintenance man's job. This overtime became intolerable and a movement grew up for changing the situation. Then war broke out.

The war, of course, made matters worse. Men went to the front and were transferred to jobs of greater priority, and those left had to maintain plant which was getting older and showing the tremendous pace at which it was being operated. The men (mistakenly in our view) put up with these worsened conditions and looked forward to the end of the war and a general easing of the burden of overtime. The war weariness and work weariness of the overworked maintenance men was all the time aggravated by the fact that large numbers of production workers in the same plant were all this time working a 40 hour week.

Management Contemptuous

With the end of the war, a demand for an all round let-up again came to the fore. The men requested the management to meet them to discuss the situation. Six weeks elapsed before the Company replied to this request, during which time the men had drawn up a scheme they felt would ease matters and which could be operated even with the present greatly reduced staff.

The men's suggestions were placed before the Electrical Chiefs and the Personnel Manager and a blunt rejection was the outcome. No alternative scheme was offered, the Company stating that until they had more electricians the existing conditions must continue. The men did not agree, and at a subsequent Union meeting decided to revert to their basic agreement of 47 hours—which meant no week-end working and no overtime during the normal working week.

Various manoeuvres by the Company followed, and attempts were made to deal with the E.T.U. Area Committee over the

office workers along the route to join them.
 In a panic, realising that the armed police could not cope with the situation, the Governor called out troops. Tanks, armoured cars, planes and troops are patrolling Calcutta. British troops are thus maintained in Asia by the Labour Government for the brutal purposes of imperialist domination.

Press Silent

The national press, of course, has commented very little on the strike. However, if it extends the workers can prepare to face a barrage of slander and lies from this weapon of the employers. The "Daily Worker" published several small reports of the strike, but without comment. The wondering Communist Party member would look in vain for guidance as to whether his party supported the strike or not. It is true that there were a relatively small number of workers involved, but the nature of the dispute, its background of a general tendency to lower rates in Coventry, the possibilities flowing from it of a general stoppage throughout the city, make it of prime importance to engineering workers.

No Aid From C.P.

"Communist" Party members would do well to consider certain points which are made clear in this struggle. Again it is demonstrated that the "Daily Worker" is no longer in the forefront of the workers' struggles, publicising them and stressing the important aspects in an effort to rouse the maximum pressure on the employers. In Coventry the Stalinists have given no lead. Were the Communist Party seriously eager to aid the workers it would be going all out helping Coventry workers in this advance guard struggle, to deal a decisive blow at the employers in preparation for the greater battles which inevitably must arise in the future.

The National Shop Stewards Council, which is under the control of the Stalinists could with its national factory contact and its organ the *New Propeller*, give invaluable aid and publicity to this struggle.
 As pointed out in the last issue of "Socialist Appeal", the relatively high rates in the Coventry area which were won in struggle, are an aim and a lever for workers elsewhere. In Coventry, in general, the national minimums, particularly the minimum of 27½% of the base rate, which is guaranteed to workers of average ability working on bonus, have never been accepted by the workers. If the employers succeed in tying areas such as Coventry to the national minimum, then the stage is set for a general drive against the national minimum itself.

NUREMBERG

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But it is significant that not only the Stalinist press remains silent. The capitalist press throughout the world is shielding Stalin and the bureaucratic assassins from exposure to the world working class.
 To add further shame to the Labour Movement, the Labour Government and the Labour Party have become partners in this conspiracy of silence. Despite the fact that they condemned the Moscow Trials as a frame-up, for reasons of agreement with the Stalinist bureaucracy, they too are silent.

Truth Will Prevail

Thus we see all the forces of the old world lined up against the revolutionaries. In this new conspiracy of silence is mirrored the mockery of the phrases about "truth, honour, justice," etc. But history will pass its verdict. Nuremberg is making an unanswerable indictment against the Stalinists: Traitors, Murderers, Fratricides!
 In the words of Trotsky:
 "In the time of reaction it is more convenient to lean on the bureaucracy than on the truth. But all those for whom the word socialism is not a hollow sound but the content of their moral life—forward, Neither threats nor persecutions, nor violations can stop us. Be it even over our bleaching bones, the truth will triumph! We will blaze the trail for it. It will conquer."

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CLASS APPEAL To British Troops

Copy of Leaflet sent by a Soldier

NOTICE
 To protest against the British imperialist policy in the arrests without reasons of the following people in Malaya and in Singapore.
 Singapore (3 Indian labourers arrested on 27/2/45, and were sentenced to six months rigorous imprisonment): S. V. Muthiah, Peckirissamy and Archinman.
 Johore Ex-Servicemen Malayan People Anti-Japs Army: Chu Kow.
 Johore General Labour Union: Ho Liang and Wong Keng Kwang.
 Perak General Labour Union: Chin Yang Min (Chairman) and Leong Sin Chok (Vice-Chairman).
 Selangor Anti-Japs Union: Soong Kwong.
 In addition to all these happenings the properties of the peoples have been confiscated by the B.M.A.
 Actually, all these arrests and confiscations in Malaya were

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 Demonstrate your International solidarity with us by refusing to fire on unarmed people.
 Support our General Strike for elementary human rights.
 In your struggle for speedier demobilisation we give you our support.
 With fraternal greetings,
 COMMITTEE OF SINGAPORE ALL LABOURERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES.
 28th January, 1946

- PROPOSALS TO THE B.M.A.**
1. The immediate release of the above-named persons.
 2. The seizure of the People's properties by the Police and the Government to be returned immediately.
 3. The assurance of the B.M.A. that similar happenings will not occur again in the future.

Party Activity

LONDON. The London "Ban the Fascists" demonstration called by the Communist Party was covered by the London comrades with literature and leaflets. 2,000 leaflets "Smash the Fascists" were distributed.
 At the India League meeting held at Trafalgar Square on Sunday, 27th January, 95 copies of Ajit Roy's "In Defence of the Colonial Revolution" were sold as well as the current issue of the *Socialist Appeal*.
COVENTRY. THE reception of the Coventry workers to the article on the Daimler strike in the last issue of the *Socialist Appeal* was excellent. Our paper was the only paper to give a comprehensive and favourable report of the Daimler workers' case. The Coventry comrades, assisted by Comrade Bill Hunter, the Midlands Organiser, sold 550 copies over the week-end.

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