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FIGHT TORYISM IN LABOUR'S RANKS

*Defend the Health Service!
Build the Left Wing!*

WHATEVER the leaders may say, the resignation of Aneurin Bevan is only a further demonstration of the deep-going conflict which is developing within the Labour Movement. Externally united, the Party is internally, and rapidly, dividing into Right and Left.

The Right Wing—headed by Attlee, Morrison, and Gaitskell—have now openly and shamelessly declared their intention of sacrificing still further the living standards of the workers, in order to transform the movement into a mere machine for the furthering of America's war preparations. Even the prospect of seeing the whole British economy collapse under the strain of their staggering arms programme—a prospect which completely un-nerved Harold Wilson—has not deflected them from their reckless course.

If they are aware of the growing resistance to their policies among the organised workers—with all the dangers that this implies for the continued unity of the Party—they have, so far, paid it scant respect. Arrogance combines with ignorance to make them impervious to reasoned argument and objective criticism.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The Left Wing which, until Bevan's resignation, was neither as well-organised nor as conscious of its role as the Right, is now beginning to combat at least the more obvious evils of Right Wing policy. The stage is being set for a conflict which must be fought out to the end, quickly and with the minimum of disruption of Party life, if we are to survive the next electoral onslaught which the Tories are preparing to launch against us.

The responsibility for this dangerous situation rests entirely with the Right Wing. If these "grandees" of Labour had listened to

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the voice of the rank-and-file, there would be no danger of disunity and no sharp conflicts to resolve. But, in embarking on their monstrous "defence" programme, they have ignored not only the desires of the ordinary members of the Party but even the expressed declarations of the National Conference. They had no authority from the Party to bring in a Budget which attacked the Health Service and, had they consulted almost any Ward Party or Trade Union Branch, they would have learned that such an attack was bound to be resisted by the great mass of Labour Party members.

Were they in the slightest bit interested in the living standards of the workers who loyally elected them to office, they would have understood that a Budget which took not a single step to check the rising cost of living could cause only anger and dismay in working-class homes. Even the most elementary necessities of life are now beginning to soar out of reach of even the better-paid workers, while the old people, the sick, and the war-disabled are being steadily reduced to a level of stark poverty by this plague of rising prices.

But the Right Wing haughtily ignored the workers and the workers' interests, introducing a Budget which places all the burdens of re-armament on the shoulders of those least able to bear them—a Budget which, in Bevan's words, has "united the City, satisfied the Tory Opposition, and disunited the Labour Party". If now the workers of Ebbw Vale regard Aneurin Bevan as a veritable hero for having resigned—and, indeed, his action must be applauded—let not the "grandees" complain. It is they who have generated this mood of revolt in the movement. It is they who are the splitters.

HIS MASTER'S VOICE

But if the Right Wing turned a deaf ear to the demands of the workers, they listened most attentively to the united voice of the City and Wall Street. We have seldom read anything quite so nauseating as Morrison's speech delivered before a meeting of American businessmen a few days after the Budget.

The Place for Cuts

The Ministry of Health last annual report shows 2,609 whole-time, 15,578 part-time specialists employed in the Health Service.

With the special awards the income of 5-7% of the specialists is £5,000 a year.

The average dentist now has net earnings of over £2,000. Pre-war only 30 per cent. of the dentists had incomes over £1,000. Now a quarter earn £2,800—£6,600 net.

fed audience, the arms programme will not suffer. Any cuts that have to be made in production, owing to shortage of raw materials, will be cuts in working-class living standards.

Now compare this abject servility before the American capitalists with the truculent attitude habitually displayed by our leaders towards the common peoples of the world.

The Malaysians want to possess their own country? Send flame-throwers to teach them the "British way of life"! The Koreans want to re-unite their artificially dismembered land? Send young working-class conscripts to die horribly in resisting this impertinent "aggression"! The Persians want to nationalise the oil that has for so long been stolen from them by the City of London sharks? Send gun-boats to remind them of the sanctity of commercial "agreements"! The British dockers want to strike for better pay and conditions? Haul them before the judges and prosecute them for "conspiracy"!

Comrades! We cannot come to grips with our enemies—the owners of wealth and privilege—because they are shielded by men who hold high positions in our own Party. This Right Wing, which gets so tough with the workers and the oppressed peoples, will not fight OUR enemies because too often they dine with them, wine with them, and frequently marry their daughters. They are as unfitted to lead this great Labour Movement as their imperialist policies are unfitted to serve it.

The day that working-class people—with working-class policies—replace the present middle-class gentry who are wrecking the Party and bringing it into such wide disrepute, that day will Labour re-commence its march forward to the building of a socialist Britain.

Defend Working-Class Interests.
Build the Left Wing.
Demand an Emergency Conference.

Socialist Fellowship Leads Fight Against War

THE anti-war conferences organised by the Socialist Fellowship in London, Manchester, and Birmingham have been a great success.

The number of delegates at these three Labour gatherings totalled 450, representing:—

32 Constituency Labour Parties.
12 Trades Councils.
7 District Committees of T.U.'s.
94 Trade Union Branches.

The resolution which was, after serious debate, but to the vote at the three Conferences, called for the withdrawal of all British troops from Korea—the immediate freedom to the colonies—and a break from capitalism at home and abroad.

It was opposed by only 10 out of the 450 delegates!



Socialist Fellowship is BANNED!

THE witch-hunt has now commenced right inside the Labour Party itself. The same National Executive Committee meeting which gave approval to Mr. Gaitskell's £4,700 million Arms Budget, also approved an edict placing the Socialist Fellowship on the list of proscribed organisations. Was there any connection between these two decisions? Of course there was, comrades. The Socialist Fellowship has consistently opposed war and war-preparations. The Socialist Fellowship has been banned. What other reason could there be for proscribing an association of Labour Party members whose aims were strictly in accordance with the declared objects of the Party?

The Fellowship was composed entirely of loyal and hard-working Labour Party members. Its Chairman, Tom Braddock, has 40 years' membership of the Labour Party and has represented Mitcham as a Labour M.P. On its National Committee were prospective Labour candidates, Labour councillors, and many officials of local Labour organisations.

The Fellowship had no aims separate and apart from the Labour Party, and its only purpose—an admirable purpose—was to conduct socialist propaganda WITHIN THE MOVEMENT. It was a loyal body of Labour people exercising its democratic right to associate together for the more efficient furthering of its socialist ideals. If that be a crime then lots of other Labour people will soon be dragged into court—the Fabian Society being the most obvious example. But, in fact, it was not the organisation as such which found disfavour at Transport House. It was the policy of the organisation. And that is very easily proved.

GROWING SUPPORT

For two years the Socialist Fellowship's activities have never at any time been challenged or criticised by the

N.E.C. Therefore if it is now proscribed it is because its policy now meets with a growing response from the rank-and-file of the Party who are sick to death of the present compromiser ideas of the N.E.C.

Is it not significant that the Fellowship is banned immediately following the three highly successful anti-war rallies which it organised in London, Manchester, and Birmingham. In all these three conferences—as you can read above—only 10 delegates, out of a total of 450, could be found to oppose the principled anti-war stand of the Socialist Fellowship!

WAR ON THE LEFT

Shame on those who abuse their high office to victimise socialists who hold firm to the principles which the leaders have deserted! Shame on them! Mr. Herbert Morrison is allowed to address a meeting of American business men and there pledge away the living standards of the working class—but down comes the administrative chopper when a group of Labour men and women address other Labour people and pledge themselves to fight for socialist aims and principles!

In the other Editorial on this page—written before we knew of the attack on the Socialist Fellowship—we have stated that the Right Wing is determined to make war on the Left so as to silence any criticism of their non-socialist policies. After this shameful attempt to stop up the mouths of those who have remained faithful to the principles which Morrison, Attlee, Shinwell, and Strachey have deserted, what further proof is needed.

But the Labour Party is bigger—much bigger—than the witch-hunters at Transport House. We are confident that the great majority of Labour people will see this ban for what it really is—a further attack on the socialist wing of the Party. We are sure there will be protests against this latest piece of unwarranted interference with the democratic rights of Labour Party members. For that reason we warmly approve the decision of the Socialist Fellowship to accept—under protest—this proscription of their organisation. They have very wisely decided not to be driven out of the ranks of the Labour Party but to stay inside and fight it out.

The Socialist Fellowship no longer exists—but the ideas for which it fought will, we are sure, become the official policy of the

MAY DAY GREETINGS



TO ALL OUR READERS
AND TO ALL WORKERS

especially to those now engaged in active struggle for the New Society against the guns, tanks and police of the Old Regimes—the Chinese and Korean peoples, the armies of Ho Chi Minh in Indo-China, the "bandits" of Malaya, and the Spanish workers now arisen against the bloody dictatorship of General Franco.

DOCKERS DEFEND OUR RIGHT TO STRIKE

The Docker's Case.

stated by

DAN BRANDON

Secretary, Merseyside Port Workers' Defence Committee

THE National Dock Labour Board is, in collaboration, with the Transport and General Workers' Union, twisting a commendable decasualisation scheme into a system reminiscent of the Labour Front in Hitler's Germany. Harsh and inconsistent disciplinary measures are employed against militants who are removed from the industry on the slightest pretext—and frequently for offences outside the Board's jurisdiction.

We have so far looked in vain to the officials of our Union for help. That is why there is bitterness in our hearts. We all of us remember how our General Secretary—Arthur Deakin—expelled from the Union three of the best trade-unionists in dockland following on the London dockers' strike in support of the Canadian seamen.

Here in Liverpool, dockers are convinced that a "black-list" exists on which are the names of all the militants in the industry. And such a feeling is not easy to dispel—especially after the arrest and trial of our seven brothers who were charged with offences against Order 1305.

Against this anti-working class legislation the dockers of Merseyside are determined to fight. We were the first to feel its full impact and we very much appreciate its full significance. Our seven brothers have won their case against Sir Hartley Shawcross, but conditions on the docks will continue to make disputes inevitable—unless our grievances are rapidly remedied. These conditions have been well put by the Birkenhead Dock Workers' Committee and it will make a suitable ending to this brief article if I quote from their leaflet—"The Case for the Docker."

"In 1945 the 'Evershed Award' gave the dock worker an increase of wages from 16/- to 19/- per day, with proviso that should the cost of living rise, the union, representing the workers could go forward with a further demand for an increase.

"Who can deny that since 1945 the cost of living has not only risen, but simply rocketed. Can the T.G.W.U. say that they have ever considered taking advantage of the proviso?"

"It is a fact that after the 'St. George's Hall' inquiry into 1945 trouble, the national press were unanimous in saying that the machinery for negotiations was ponderous and slow to function."

NO FABULOUS WAGES

"The same position obtains to-day. In

MAY DAY is Labour Day. The day set apart by organised Labour to re-affirm its solidarity in the struggle against the employers for decent wages and living conditions, the day to celebrate the victories gained in this fight during the past year.

British Labour can celebrate a number of such victories this May Day—the successful fight of engineers against the fraudulent wage "increase" which deprived piece-workers of their rights; the real increase secured by railworkers solely as a result of the threat to take strike action; and the repudiation by the Trades Union Congress of the wage freeze policy that had for so long acted to depress the actual living standards of the workers. **But of all these things none is more deserving of celebration than the magnificent victory of the dockers who recently stood trial at the Old Bailey.**

For many months dockland had been under fire from all quarters—Transport House especially—as a breeding ground of "red plots". Each time dockers struck work in defence of trade union rights their action let loose a flood of hysterical press propaganda designed to sow disunity between the dockers and the rest of organised Labour. Then finally—after a dramatic police raid on an East London pub—seven dockers were arrested and charged, under the infamous Order 1305, with "conspiracy to organise an illegal strike".

If Sir Hartley Shawcross—now known in dockland as "Pretty Boy Shawcross"—could have made this charge stick then the British working class had virtually lost the right to strike.

That was the issue involved—and every docker understood it. On each day of the trial—nine times in all—some ten thousand dockers demonstrated their solidarity with the arrested men. They struck work in protest.

Whether the Jury was influenced by these wonderful acts of solidarity we cannot tell. At any rate they found the seven dockers "Not Guilty" on the main charge brought under Order 1305. Although found guilty under other laws, Sir Hartley did not proceed with the trial. The seven dockers were freed.

This was a victory for working class solidarity. 1305 was not operated because the dockers had shown Sir Hartley that they would not tolerate it.

That is a great victory to celebrate. Let us make the victory absolute. Let the whole Labour Movement follow the magnificent example set us by the dockers and demand—the total abolition of the infamous Order 1305!

subsequent disputes this tardiness in meeting union members' demands has been emphasised by the amount of time lost in unofficial strikes.

"The men in desperation have turned to workmates they felt they could really trust, not with the intention of prolonging a dispute but with the idea of a speedy settlement.

"Wages of a dock worker are not, as many people imagine, fabulous. For a 44-hour week they receive after deductions, 98/5d. Despite ever increasing pressure from Branch, District, Area, and national Dock Workers' delegates the executive committee of the T.G.W.U. have refused even to consider claims from the Docks Group for increased wages and shorter working hours, as contained in the 1945 Dockers Charter.

executions which British troops could not stand.

(6) To-day the U.S.A. insists upon Fascist Dictator Franco being accorded membership of the United Nations as an ally in a mad escapade.

The crucifixion of the Korean people, with the destruction of their homes in the depth of winter, is not the action of a League of Peoples. It is a policy reminiscent of Mr. Churchill's Archangel Expedition to replace Czarism in Soviet Russia.

The following facts which cannot be disputed—show clearly that its present structure tends to make the policy of U.N.O. and the policy of the United States synonymous, and thus the will "of a minority" of the Peoples' represented on the Security Council of U.N.O. must always prevail—and peace or war the prerogative of great business and dictator interests.

The U.S.S.R., India and China, which together embrace half the world's population, cast only 10% of the total votes. On the other hand, the 20 Latin-American Republics, representing a mere 7% of the world's population, control no fewer than 40% of the total votes. As the States of Southern America are satellites of the U.S.A., it is clear that the U.S.A. almost has a majority before any debate begins.

In the General Assembly, which chooses the all-important members of the Security Council, Luxembourg and India each have one vote. Yet Luxembourg has a population of 300,000 as compared with India's 300 millions.

Is it not obvious that there is need for a radical overhaul of the U.N.O. constitution at once?

Coppers at play

An eyewitness account by
Ted Jaye

I WAS waiting outside the Old Bailey today, as I work quite near. My! what a crowd was assembled! The papers say over 1,000. They were all singing "Rule Britannia" and "Land of Hope and Glory"—emphasising about Britons "never, never shall be slaves". They were told by the police to stop, but of course it was useless, so the police used the fascist method of force.

Two Senior Officers told the crowd to stop, and then afterwards ordered the mounted police to charge in—which they did with great relish. There were about a dozen mounted police and about 50 ordinary coppers.

After that, the main crowd went a few yards away and were on the railings where the police had a job to get at them. One man was arrested—6 policemen carried him (frog marched him really) into the main doors of the Old Bailey. He struggled furiously. Then of course the "van" came along from the nearby station.

One incident was really good. The scaffolding is up at the Old Bailey and three workmen on the top were operating a big bucket arrangement from a crane and written in large letters, on the bucket was—"1305."

As soon as the Dockers below saw this they gave a terrific cheer. The photographers took a photo of the bucket dangling high up with "1305" written on it in chalk. The workmen above were waving their caps in response to the cheers. Did they get their cards in the morning? I wonder?

Shall A Million Die?

H. E. CASTENS—

IN India 357 million people face a far worse famine than that of 1943, when five million died. This year six million tons of food imports are needed to stave off famine, and many millions more for good health. LESS THAN FOUR MILLION CAN BE BOUGHT.

In 1943 India starved that war might live, but today men say she starves because the weather has been bad . . . She would not admit soon enough that she must buy food . . . She could not raise enough foreign money to buy food . . . They say so, but they say wrong. India's soil and climate, and the wisdom of her people, could have supplied more than enough food for good health in spite of the weather. But between them and this achievement there is a series of obstacles that are largely the legacy of British rule.

Few farmer's families in India can hope for much beyond great poverty. Anything more they can make must go to the landlord, the trader, and the moneylender. This unholy trinity (whose standing Britain protected and developed during the years of her power), leave the farmer little chance of learning new skills, and less strength and incentive to apply them.

THE HAND OF THE PAST

Much land that could grow more food if it had more water, lies parched and unproductive, because India cannot earn enough foreign money to buy the needed irrigation equipment and engineering skill. Yet great profits are paid without fail in foreign money to the foreign owners of much of India's industry and commerce, and of the shipping that serves her.

In spite of these handicaps and the weather much food has been grown, but between it and the bellies already swelling with starvation there are yet other obstacles. Speculative traders, whose rapacious enterprise Britain always encouraged both as being private and as being complementary to her own, are withholding supplies from such authorities as try to enforce fair shares. They are forcing up prices so as to reap the largest profits possible from the famine.

The administration, designed by the British to serve profits rather than to control them, has not yet been reshaped to control the people. It is weak in comparison with the traders; and it is controlled by bankers, business men and industrialists to whom we handed over such internal power in India as we actually resigned.

FOOD POLITICS

There is food in the world to save every one of those lives. The organisation that Lord Boyd Orr tried to force on the United Nations and its Food and Agriculture

Organisation would have saved them without fuss or flurry.

But as the food that this organisation was to handle came mostly from America, and as America wanted it to play food politics with, the proposed organisation was rejected.

Today India is the victim of American Food Politics. When her need became known Mr. Truman offered one million tons of grain at once, and another later. But in proportion as Mr. Nehru followed the un-American line dictated by his own and his nation's conscience in the Korean affair, so did the absence of any steps to turn the offer of food into reality grow more absolute. Though each week's delay was (and still is) a death sentence on some further half million men, and though horrified world opinion drew an unctious protest to Congress from the President, Congress' cynical lethargy seems undisturbed.

In India's crisis, China has offered a million tons of grain that she must find very hard to spare. Since, however, neither country has the ships to move it, the effectiveness of the offer depends upon Russia's ability or the Western Powers' willingness to supply shipping. Russia, too, has offered half a million tons in exchange for some Indian products that all, however, seem pledged to the West already.

If China or Russia manage to overcome difficulties and to get some food to India, or if in fear of this or from genuinely humane motives America sends some food before it is too late, less than ten million lives may be lost before the winter harvest.

Yet there should have been no loss at all, and for each corpse two nations share the blame. The first is the Britain of yesterday. The second is the America of today, the America that rejected Boyd Orr's plans, the America that believes that Food Politics are a legitimate weapon of diplomacy, the America that will use that weapon to force its way of life and thought on any nation that is short of food.

Postscript from the "Observer" of 22nd April: "Cooch Behar, April 21st. Police opened fire on 5,000 hunger marchers here today killing five and injuring 32 more. Twenty-four policemen were injured, 13 seriously.

U.N.O.—Reactionaries United

By **HERBERT FEILDEN**
Member of Southport Labour Party

IS the United Nations Organisation, as at present constituted, the sort of International Court of Justice in which the whole world can place its trust. Is U.N.O. likely to preserve peace, and does it represent the ordinary men and women of the world?

U.N.O. should be re-christened the "UNITED, REACTIONARIES." For we find already that:—

- (1) U.N.O. supports Herr Adenauer and his Nazi "fellow-travellers" in Western Germany as a Nazi army is slowly developed.
- (2) Japan (China's ruthless war enemy) is being re-armed.
- (3) After the U.S.A. having wasted over £1,000 million on its puppet—Chiang-Kai-Shek—it now wants U.N.O. to do its dirty work in East Asia and pull American chestnuts out of the fire.
- (4) For over a year, whilst MacArthur hobnobbed with Japanese War Lords, Truman refused recognition of the duly elected Chinese People's Government. Had the U.S.A. followed Britain's lead and recognised Mao-Tse-Tung, the Korean question might have been settled peaceably a year ago!
- (5) Syngmann Rhee has been able to pursue his policy of ruthlessness in Southern Korea (as shown by the Commission) secure in the knowledge of MacArthur's support. America made no attempt to stop the countless executions of Northern Koreans—

HYTHE
LOCAL LABOUR PARTY
sends
FRATERNAL
MAY DAY GREETINGS
to all comrades working for the
achievement of
SOCIALISM AND PEACE

MAY DAY 1951
GREETINGS
from
EAST SALFORD
LABOUR PARTY

The Socialist Fellowship
NATIONAL COMMITTEE
extends the hand of
SOLIDARITY
to all workers for Socialism
in our great
LABOUR MOVEMENT

For Unity
AGAINST WAR!

WATFORD No. 4
Branch A.E.U.
sends
MAY DAY GREETINGS
to all Trade Unionists

HOLLOWAY BRANCH
of the A.E.U.
extends **FRATERNAL GREETINGS**
to all Labour Organisations working
for **PEACE, PROSPERITY, and**
BETTER LIVING STANDARDS

C.A.W.U.
MAY DAY GREETINGS
FROM
S.E. LONDON CLERKS

CAMBERWELL BRANCH
of the A.E.U.
sends
FRATERNAL GREETINGS
to all workers and trade-unionists
FOR PEACE and SOCIALISM

MANCHESTER
SOCIALIST FELLOWSHIP
sends
MAY DAY GREETINGS
to **LABOUR** everywhere.

National Union of Mineworkers
(SOUTH WALES AREA)
WERTARW LODGE
sends
MAY DAY GREETINGS
to
Readers of the **SOCIALIST OUTLOOK** and all workers of Britain,
urging them to carry on the good work in the fight for
PEACE and UNITY
with all Peace-loving People of the world, and to fight to see
that **SOCIALISM** is achieved in our time.



The Constructional Engineering Union
The Executive Council of the Union send Friendly Greetings on this,
LABOUR'S DAY, to the World's Workers.
MAY THE FIRST
WORLD WORKERS' FESTIVAL
Be celebrated and its message broadcast to give hope of **PEACE** and
SECURITY to all workers without racial, religious,
or political discrimination.
W. F. KENT (President) **JACK STANLEY** (Secretary)

GERMAN WORKERS OPPOSE WAR

From **THEODOR BERGMAN** (A German Trade Unionist)
EXCEPT for elementary hunger demonstrations, the only large-scale
working class struggle in Germany since 1945 was that engaged in by
the workers of the Reichswerke in Salzgitter against dismantling. In this
desperate fight for work the workers demonstrated—without arms—
against English tanks which were sent to restore "law and order". After
this impressive action, in the winter of 1949-50, things again became
quiet until the early months of 1951—and then strikes and demonstrations
erupted on a grand scale.

They were started by the 9,000 workers
of the Borgwand Motor Firm in Bremen.
Once their strike had become a fact and
been joined by a further 3,000 workers of
Bremen, it received retrospective sanction
from the local trade union leadership in
order that the strikers who had remained in
the works should leave the factory.

The factory owner, Herr Borgwand, went
through the factory assuring everyone that
he had no money—but after a strike lasting
9 days, a wage increase of 16 pfennig an
hour was secured for all Bremen metal
workers. In Germany—as in England,
such action is usually effective.

Since then there have been further
strikes in Krefeld on the Rhine, in
Hagen in Westphalia, and in Wuppertal.
In Wuppertal, the 10,000 municipal workers
went on strike and brought all transport
to a standstill.

In Nuremberg, 80,000 workers—and a
further 10,000 in the neighbouring town of
Furth—demonstrated during working hours
in the largest working class demonstration
since 1920.

The cause is the same as in all other
Western European countries—the burden of
the preparations for another imperialist
war. Western Germany is becoming a tool
for assisting American war preparations.
Its industry, previously dismantled, is
rapidly being brought into action to assist
re-armament. A special regulation assures
the Occupying Powers priority in all deliv-
eries from these industries.

THE RICH GET RICHER
All this activity has brought real luxury
to the German employing class. Assisted
by the taxation laws, some of West German
industry is now better equipped than before
the war—and real luxury living is now the
lot of the capitalists.
There are more private motor cars than

before the war. The business quarters of
the large towns are stuffed with luxuries
for the rich. The evasion of taxes by the
possessing classes is officially tolerated and
considerable amounts of capital have been,
and are, being, taken abroad.

The German "free market economy" has
been revealed as freedom for profit, for
tax evasion, and for the unhindered con-
sumption of good things by the rich. The
rich can get what they like. But what of
the German workers?

WORKERS SUFFER
Civilian consumption and urgently
needed building of homes for the workers
are strictly restricted by means of taxes and
huge price increases. The German workers
are being deliberately prevented from re-
covering from the losses inflicted by the
bombing. Guns instead of butter—
Goering's words—are now adopted by the
capitalist occupying powers. Wage-earners
and, above all, the 10,000,000 on relief,
cannot buy the barest necessities of life.

The Bonn Government does nothing to
help the workers. A Commission of the
governing parties has worked out a pro-
gramme and its most important point is . . .
a wage-freeze! Nine milliards of marks in
price increases and new taxes are now to
be put on the workers. To get as large a
share as possible in the re-armament boom,
the German capitalists are going ahead for
profit increases, price increases, and intensi-
fied exploitation of the workers.

But the demonstrations in Bavaria, the
striking workers all over Germany, and
the factory councils, are beginning to
realise that capitalist re-armament means
the lowering of working class living
standards. The growth of the will to
struggle among the German working class
will soon be a mighty factor in the inter-
national fight for peace and socialism.

National Union of Mineworkers
(South Wales Area)
RHIGOS LODGE
sends
SINCERE GREETINGS
to workers all over the world
irrespective of colour or religion.
FORWARD TO
PEACE AND SOCIALISM

The 1/575 T. & C.W.U.
MERTON BUS BRANCH
sends
FRATERNAL GREETINGS
to all
TRANSPORT WORKERS
on
MAY DAY 1951

MERSEYSIDE
SOCIALIST FELLOWSHIP
confirms its **FAITH** in the
VICTORY of
International Socialism
MAY DAY 1951

NORTH WOOLWICH
BRANCH A.E.U.
GREETINGS on **MAY DAY**
to all fellow trade-unionists

London Federation
U.S.D.A.W. Branches
send
FRATERNAL GREETINGS
to all
DISTRIBUTIVE WORKERS
For **PEACE** and for
HIGHER WAGES

Seven Sisters Ward
Tottenham L.P.
sends
GREETINGS to the
WORKERS OF THE WORLD

CAMBERWELL
TRADES COUNCIL
sends
GREETINGS
to all working people for
Socialism and Peace
on
MAY DAY 1951

Labour Publishing Society - Annual Meeting
May 27th, 3 to 5 p.m., Large Hall, T.U. Club,
Gt. Newport Street, London, W.C.1
(Near Leicester Sq., Tube)

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The responsibility for this dangerous situation rests entirely with the Right Wing. If these "grandees" of Labour had listened to

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the voice of the rank-and-file, there would be no danger of disunity and no sharp conflicts to resolve. But, in embarking on their monstrous "defence" programme, they have ignored not only the desires of the ordinary members of the Party but even the expressed declarations of the National Conference. They had no authority from the Party to bring in a Budget which attacked the Health Service and, had they consulted almost any Ward Party or Trade Union Branch, they would have learned that such an attack was bound to be resisted by the great mass of Labour Party members.

Were they in the slightest bit interested in the living standards of the workers who loyally elected them to office, they would have understood that a Budget which took not a single step to check the rising cost of living could cause only anger and dismay in working-class homes. Even the most elementary necessities of life are now beginning to soar out of reach of even the better-paid workers, while the old people, the sick, and the war-disabled are being steadily reduced to a level of stark poverty by this plague of rising prices.

But the Right Wing haughtily ignored the workers and the workers' interests, introducing a Budget which places all the burdens of re-arming on the shoulders of those least able to bear them—a Budget which, in Bevan's words, has "united the City, satisfied the Tory Opposition, and disunited the Labour Party". If now the workers of Ebbw Vale regard Aneurin Bevan as a veritable hero for having resigned—and, indeed, his action must be applauded—let not the "grandees" complain. It is they who have generated this mood of revolt in the movement. It is they who are the splitters.

HIS MASTER'S VOICE

But if the Right Wing turned a deaf ear to the demands of the workers, they listened most attentively to the united voice of the City and Wall Street. We have seldom read anything quite so nauseating as Morrison's speech delivered before a meeting of American businessmen a few days after the Budget. Whatever our difficulties, he assured his well-

The Place for Cuts

The Ministry of Health last annual report shows 2,609 whole-time, 15,578 part-time specialists employed in the Health Service.

With the special awards the income of 5-7% of the specialists is £5,000 a year.

The average dentist now has net earnings of over £2,000. Pre-war only 30 per cent. of the dentists had incomes over £1,000. Now a quarter earn £2,800—£6,600 net.

fed audience, the arms programme will not suffer. Any cuts that have to be made in production, owing to shortage of raw materials, will be cuts in working-class living standards.

Now compare this abject servility before the American capitalists with the truculent attitude habitually displayed by our leaders towards the common peoples of the world.

The Malaysians want to possess their own country? Send flame-throwers to teach them the "British way of life"! The Koreans want to re-unite their artificially dismembered land? Send young working-class conscripts to die horribly in resisting this impertinent "aggression"! The Persians want to nationalise the oil that has for so long been stolen from them by the City of London sharks? Send gun-boats to remind them of the sanctity of commercial "agreements"! The British dockers want to strike for better pay and conditions? Haul them before the judges and prosecute them for "conspiracy"!

Comrades! We cannot come to grips with our enemies—the owners of wealth and privilege—because they are shielded by men who hold high positions in our own Party. This Right Wing, which gets so tough with the workers and the oppressed peoples, will not fight OUR enemies because too often they dine with them, wine with them, and frequently marry their daughters. They are as unfitted to lead this great Labour Movement as their imperialist policies are unfitted to serve it.

The day that working-class people—with working-class policies—replace the present middle-class gentry who are wrecking the Party and bringing it into such wide disrepute, that day will Labour re-commence its march forward to the building of a socialist Britain.

Defend Working-Class Interests.
Build the Left Wing.
Demand an Emergency Conference.

Socialist Fellowship Leads Fight Against War

THE anti-war conferences organised by the Socialist Fellowship in London, Manchester, and Birmingham have been a great success.

The number of delegates at these three Labour gatherings totalled 450, representing:—

32 Constituency Labour Parties.
12 Trades Councils.
7 District Committees of T.U.'s.
94 Trade Union Branches.

The resolution which was, after serious debate, but to the vote at the three Conferences, called for the withdrawal of all British troops from Korea—the immediate freedom to the colonies—and a break from capitalism at home and abroad.

It was opposed by only 10 out of the 450 delegates!



Socialist Fellowship is BANNED!

THE witch-hunt has now commenced right inside the Labour Party itself. The same National Executive Committee meeting which gave approval to Mr. Gaitskell's £4,700 million Arms Budget, also approved an edict placing the Socialist Fellowship on the list of proscribed organisations. Was there any connection between these two decisions? Of course there was, comrades. The Socialist Fellowship has consistently opposed war and war-preparations. The Socialist Fellowship has been banned. What other reason could there be for proscribing an association of Labour Party members whose aims were strictly in accordance with the declared objects of the Party?

The Fellowship was composed entirely of loyal and hard-working Labour Party members. Its Chairman, Tom Braddock, has 40 years' membership of the Labour Party and has represented Mitcham as a Labour M.P. On its National Committee were prospective Labour candidates, Labour councillors, and many officials of local Labour organisations.

The Fellowship had no aims separate and apart from the Labour Party, and its only purpose—an admirable purpose—was to conduct socialist propaganda WITHIN THE MOVEMENT. It was a loyal body of Labour people exercising its democratic right to associate together for the more efficient furthering of its socialist ideals. If that be a crime then lots of other Labour people will soon be dragged into court—the Fabian Society being the most obvious example. But, in fact, it was not the organisation as such which found disfavour at Transport House. It was the policy of the organisation. And that is very easily proved.

GROWING SUPPORT

For two years the Socialist Fellowship's activities have never at any time been challenged or criticised by the

N.E.C. Therefore if it is now proscribed it is because its policy now meets with a growing response from the rank-and-file of the Party who are sick to death of the present compromiser ideas of the N.E.C.

Is it not significant that the Fellowship is banned immediately following the three highly successful anti-war rallies which it organised in London, Manchester, and Birmingham. In all these three conferences—as you can read above—only 10 delegates, out of a total of 450, could be found to oppose the principled anti-war stand of the Socialist Fellowship!

WAR ON THE LEFT

Shame on those who abuse their high office to victimise socialists who hold firm to the principles which the leaders have deserted! Shame on them! Mr. Herbert Morrison is allowed to address a meeting of American business men and there pledge away the living standards of the working class—but down comes the administrative chopper when a group of Labour men and women address other Labour people and pledge themselves to fight for socialist aims and principles!

In the other Editorial on this page—written before we knew of the attack on the Socialist Fellowship—we have stated that the Right Wing is determined to make war on the Left so as to silence any criticism of their non-socialist policies. After this shameful attempt to stop up the mouths of those who have remained faithful to the principles which Morrison, Attlee, Shinwell, and Strachey have deserted, what further proof is needed.

But the Labour Party is bigger—much bigger—than the witch-hunters at Transport House. We are confident that the great majority of Labour people will see this ban for what it really is—a further attack on the socialist wing of the Party. We are sure there will be protests against this latest piece of unwarranted interference with the democratic rights of Labour Party members. For that reason we warmly approve the decision of the Socialist Fellowship to accept—under protest—this proscription of their organisation. They have very wisely decided not to be driven out of the ranks of the Labour Party but to stay inside and fight it out.

The Socialist Fellowship no longer exists—but the ideas for which it fought will, we are sure, become the official policy of the movement in a shorter time than the witch-

MAY DAY GREETINGS

TO ALL OUR READERS
AND TO ALL WORKERS



especially to those now engaged in active struggle for the New Society against the guns, tanks and police of the Old Regimes—the Chinese and Korean peoples, the armies of Ho Chi Minh in Indo-China, the "bandits" of Malaya, and the Spanish workers now arisen against the bloody dictatorship of General Franco.