

OUR AIMS

"To secure for the producers by hand and by brain the full fruits of their industry, and the most equitable distribution thereof that may be possible upon the basis of the common ownership of the means of production and distribution . . ."

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TORY TERROR IN KENYA

MEN and women of the Labour Movement! The Tory Government, claiming to represent the people of Britain, pursues a policy of brutality and murder in Kenya which appals the civilised world. Even its Fleet Street friends stand aghast at the foul and cynical deeds of the "Christian white gentlemen".

Defenceless men, women and children are being jackbooted into slave labour for the whiskey-swilling white settlers. Hitlerism rides again . . .

This is not the occasion for smug "sympathy" for the colonial people. The Kikuyu people are our brothers. What the Tories do in their country today, they will not hesitate, if the occasion arises, to do here tomorrow. To imagine that the bankers and businessmen of the City of London will permit British labour to have socialism, and thereby submit to voluntary dispossession is dangerous nonsense.

On the contrary, Britain is the home of the terror machine let loose in Kenya. Governor Baring, Sir Percy Sillitoe, and Lytton live here. The officers who do their dirty work come from here. The armoured cars, machine guns, rifles, revolvers, bullets, whips and barbed wire are made here.

The Tory rulers will not hesitate to be a hundred times more savage against Labour here should our movement seriously threaten its privileges in the future.

If we do not act now to end this tyranny, then we shall surely pay a bitter price. For every Kikuyu mother who weeps for her children and loved one now, tens of British mothers will weep tomorrow. For every bare body exposed to police

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bullets in Kenya, now, tens of British bodies will be exposed tomorrow. British Labour must go into action immediately. Time wasted here means more time for murder in Kenya.

We call on all readers of the "Socialist Outlook" to mobilise the Labour, Trades Union and Co-operative movement for a campaign to end the Kenya terror.

Get your local Labour Parties and Trade Union bodies to organise demonstrations, meetings and conferences.

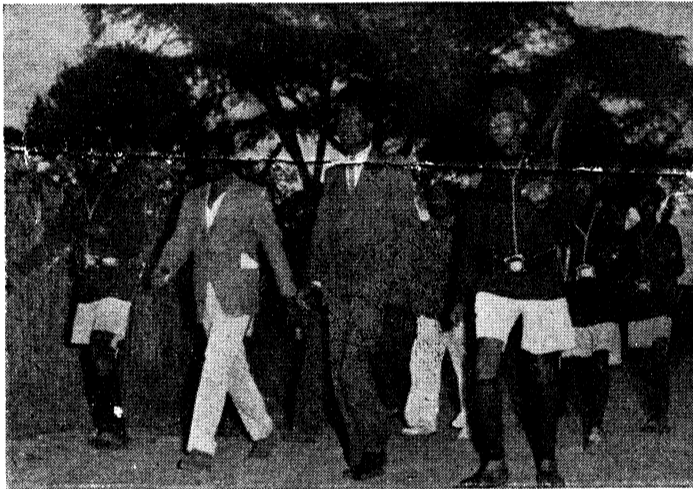
Organise deputations to Parliament. Bring the factories and industrial workers into action.

Demand that Jomo Kenyatta be immediately released

Recall Governor Baring and bring the troops back immediately.

Rule by the Gun

Jomo Kenyatta and his comrades being marched under escort to the court at Kapenguria.



Dockers First To Feel The Churchill Whip Sack Yourselves! - Is Tory Answer To Unemployment

IT is officially admitted that 16,000 dockers are permanently unemployed. It is also officially admitted by the National Dock Labour Board that "a careful survey of the future trends of imports and exports makes it obvious that for some time to come no great improvement in the present level of dock work can be expected."

This is an admission of complete political bankruptcy by the Tory Government. They cannot provide work. They have no solution to the unemployment which they them-

selves have created—except to ask the dockers to . . . sack themselves!

On December 4th—after consultations between the National Joint Council for the Port Industry, the Ministry of Labour, and the Dock Labour Board—a scheme for solving unemployment was produced. It calmly suggests that the way out is for thousands of dockers to . . . **LEAVE THE INDUSTRY!** And the tops of the T. & G.W.U. have apparently agreed to this "solution".

What a solution! Just as well ask dockers to cut their own throats or jump in the dock with a weight round their necks—both would be equally as effective as this cynical scheme of the N.D.L.B. for "solving" unemployment.

For years the Employers and the Union have claimed that it was a deadly crime for dockers to withdraw their labour—now, it seems, pressure will be brought to bear if they don't! But dockers will not accept this Tory "solution". They have no intention of starving to get this rotten Government out

of the mess of its own creating.

Why should thousands of skilled men (and, contrary to popular belief, dockers ARE skilled men) leave their trade to flood the already overcrowded market for unskilled labour? Why indeed! **This is something which concerns every worker in the country.** What happens in dockland today will happen in the rest of industry tomorrow.

All this is the result of the Tory

policy of deliberately restricting international trade and cutting imports. There is only one answer to these political bankrupts. The dockers have given that answer in the letter which you can read on page 4. It is a letter which should have been written by the leaders of the Unions if they were doing their job properly. In brief the dockers say—and every worker will agree wholeheartedly—**SACK THIS GOVERNMENT — NOT THE DOCKERS!**

What Dockers think

about it . . .

Interviews given to
"Socialist Outlook" Reporter

Tory Government."

Mr. Jim Benbow, Secretary of the Merseyside Port Workers' Committee, said: "Part of the Dock Board's comments are to me a clear indication of the Tory Government's political bankruptcy, and show beyond doubt that they are unable to solve our problems."

Mr. Hank Moore, a Liverpool militant, said, "Sacking ourselves is not the remedy. Only socialist planning of the Docks Industry will bring about better working and living conditions for port workers."

Mr. Bill Turner, another well known Liverpool docker, said: "The Tories have almost brought shipping to a standstill, put over 20 per cent. of the British port workers out of work, and then ask us to sack ourselves. If anybody should sack themselves it is this

Mr. Dan Brandon, Birkenhead, Editor of the well known "Port Workers' Clarion" said: "Such a scheme is doomed to failure from the off. It is unrealistic. The Dock Board was warned over a year ago not to increase the register. The only solution is the Dockers' Charter, and the sacking of the Tories once and for all."

All these workers are members and supporters of the Labour Party.

Transport Workers Will Fight On

ROAD Haulage workers have been placed in the front line of the battle for progress. That position has been forced upon them by the actions of Churchill and his "privateers" in forcing through Parliament the Bill to denationalise the Road Haulage industry.

In taking this decision the Tories are gambling heavily with the country's economy. They are fully aware of the expressed hostility of transport workers. They are fully aware that this hostility could easily flame into strike action.

Patient Not Passive

True, the workers have so far been patient in the hope that the Bill which will ruin the industry could be stopped by Parliamentary debate. But let no one mistake patience for passivity or cowardice! Now that the Parliamentary efforts have failed, the workers themselves are preparing to enter the game.

A national Conference organised by the London Area Transport Shop Stewards will take place on December 13th in London's Memorial Hall. It will decide the next steps in the struggle.

On page three of this paper, you can read the workers' reply to those who are trying to weaken the Conference by declaring it "unofficial".

This Bankrupt Government Must Be Removed

First Step - Stop all Collaboration

Editorial

Toryism.

Now look at Kenya. What Toryism lacks in industrial efficiency it tries to make up in the ability to sweat the subject peoples of the colonies. At all costs they will try to hold the Kikuyu people at their present level of semi-starvation so that the City of London can continue to filch cheap raw materials to earn dollars and compete more profitably on the world market.

For this reason Sillitoe has been unloosed on the African people. For this reason the police and troops are shooting down unarmed demonstrations. Unemployed dockers in London and Liverpool are experiencing blows from the self-same bludgeon which is today descending on the heads of the colonial people. It is all part of the Tory plan.

But all this show of force will not stop the dockers resisting unemployment—nor will it stop the Kikuyu from demanding freedom from the white man's exploitation. So British capitalism is cornered, and, as is well known, rats when cornered bite!

Toryism knows only one answer to this sort of situation—and indeed if the preservation of capitalism is considered worth while, only one answer is possible . . . lower the costs of production. This the Government is engaged in doing right now—by lowering the wages and living standards of the British working class.

Reducing the food and other subsidies is one way of doing it, but as soon as the Tories feel that the unions have been sufficiently weakened by unemployment, they will not hesitate to impose direct wage cuts.

Meanwhile the State continues to support all the expensive paraphernalia of a war machine—so the Government is busy reducing the cost of "unessential" things like the Health and Education services and latterly . . . the Decasualisation of the Docks.

THEY DON'T CARE

Does all this lead to unemployment and poverty for the workers? Of course it does. Do the Tories care? Of course they don't. Unemployment means a lowered demand for food which in turn permits the Tory Chancellor to reduce imports. Foreign trade is balanced . . . by depriving the children of a decent education, the sick of proper treatment and the unemployed of . . . food! Such is

An example to follow

THE following resolution has been received from the Cities of London and Westminster Labour Party.

"This Party calls on the Labour Party to dissociate itself clearly from the Tory Government's oppressive policy in Kenya, and to give the support of the Labour movement to the political and economic demands of the African peoples."

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Answer to
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London Fascists Stir Up

Race Hatred

Brixton's Colour Bar—the Facts

SOUTH AFRICA and the Southern States of the U.S.A. are not the only places where negroes are discriminated against. It happens here in London.

COLOUR BAR IN PUBS

The Manager of the "Atlantic Bar" in Coldharbour Lane, Brixton, has barred all negroes from the Saloon Bar. (Other pubs in the area are taking similar action.) His ostensible reason is that a fight took place in which negroes were involved. The Negro Community replied: "all right! Bar them, but why victimize the rest of us? You don't exclude all the whites when one or more of their number get involved in a brawl."

RACK-RENTING

The rents charged for a single furnished room worth about 10/- a week vary from £2 per week to £2 10s.

For example, the Rent Tribunal fixed the rents of the rooms at 28 Somerleyton Road at 9/6d. and 10/6d. for single rooms, and £1 for double rooms. Subsequently the house was sold and the tenants—all white—put out. The rooms were then let to coloured men at £2 10s. each (usually two persons to a room). Two small rooms used as kitchens by all the tenants have also been let—at 25/- a week each!

In short, the rent roll for the building has increased from £4 per week (or £208 per annum) to £23 15s. per week (or £1,345 per annum!) As we understand that the purchase price of the property was less than £1,000, this means that the annual rental equals 134½ per cent. of the value of the

property. Quite an investment! Mr. Scharschmidt, who does not consider these rents to be unreasonable, admitted that £2 10s. per week was the usual rent of a room.

RELATIONS WITH THE CHURCH

Several years ago a number of the negroes joined St. Johns Church, Brixton. As their numbers in the area increased, more and more joined this Church. Later they formed a social club. But, with the development of the "Keep Brixton White" campaign, the white section of the congregation began to leave the Church.

To stop this drift away, the parson made it clear that the negroes were unwelcome. The club is now dead and none of the negroes attend this or any other church.

DISCRIMINATION BY EMPLOYERS

Large numbers of employers, when applying to the Labour Exchange for workers of various kinds state on the application "not coloured".

Negroes at the Labour Exchange when applying for jobs that are advertised as being available are told by the clerks that they cannot be considered because the employers will not engage coloured men.

Mr. Scharschmidt reports that he applied for a job at Fords, Dagenham, as a Moulder. The clerk handed him the usual card to take to the employer, but on his (Scharschmidt's) request, phoned Ford's to find out if a negro would be taken, and being told that he would not, tore up the card and informed Mr. Scharschmidt that he would not be wasting his time and his money if he went out to Dagenham.

Again, on seeing a notice "Vacancies for Conductors" outside Chiswick Bus Garage, Mr. Scharschmidt applied for a job as a conductor. He was blandly told that there were no vacancies. On drawing attention to the notice, he was told again "no vacancies" that was all.

Mr. Scharschmidt pointed out that although there were very many experienced drivers among the negroes, and others would be glad to take jobs as conductors, that there are no negro drivers or

conductors employed by the London Transport Executive. The only jobs they are permitted to take in the Bus Section are washing down the buses at the garages.

The L.T.E. and other employers say that the men will not work beside negroes, but Mr. Scharschmidt says this is nonsense. There are negroes employed in almost similar factories to those from which they are barred and there has been no trouble at all with their workmates. A conclusive argument!

A CHALLENGE TO LABOUR

The miserable negro baiting picture outlined—and only outlined, remember—has to be faced up to and dealt with by the movement.

Regarding pubs, Lambeth is a Labour Council and they must



insist upon a licence-holder observing the terms of his licence no matter what the police may have to say. And the Lambeth Council has got to be compelled to act in this matter.

Regarding rents, it is useless to expect the negroes to use the rent tribunals. They won't do so and no one can blame them. In fact, Mr. Scharschmidt told our reporter bluntly that he knew of several cases where rents had been reduced by an appeal to a Tribunal, but the negro tenants continued to pay the old rent. That in itself exposes the terrible housing problems facing these people.

Local Authorities must be empowered to fix fair rents by assessing the actual premises. The cost to the ratepayers will be less than that which many authorities propose to waste on Coronation expenses.

Job discrimination, is something that the Labour movement must take up. Many socialists have in the past been discriminated against in this way, and the movement collectively knows only

too well what hardship it can cause.

For a start, we can insist upon a change of policy by the L.T.E. Local Authorities with Labour majorities can refuse to give out contracts to firms engaging in such practices. The Parliamentary Party too can play its part.

But above all else what the Labour movement must do is combat this racialism. We must fight all such movements as the "Keep Brixton White" movement.

These fascist animals are not concerned with the housing difficulties of the white workers in Brixton, but with exploiting that instinct in us which is hostile to those seemingly different to ourselves, to foreigners, to Jews, to people with a black skin instead of white.

It is a weakness of the working class that differences in languages, religion and colour can be used in this way, because such differences are superficial. The fundamental interests of the black workers and the white workers are identical. Neither has anything of any importance in common with a capitalist or with the capitalist's fascist jackals.

Fascism is not really concerned with attacking either Jews or negroes as such, but with dividing worker from worker in order finally to destroy our movement entirely. We, the Labour Movement, the socialist working class, we are the real enemy that fascism is out to destroy, and don't ever forget it.

Every negro in the country is anti-Tory, anti-Fascist, and pro-Labour. Many are members of the Party. We must encourage them to become active in Party work at all levels, Ward Associations, Management Committees, Local Councils and Parliament.

In Lambeth, for example, there ought to be negro comrades on the Management Committees of all three Parties, Norwood, Brixton, and Vauxhall, and—there should be negro Labour Councillors on the Lambeth Borough Council.

Tories Dodge The Press Council

MR. JAMES SIMMONS, M.P., is a member of the N.U.J. and a journalist of long standing. His Private Members Bill on the Press Council was rejected by the Tories.

Mr. Simmons did not seem either astonished or despondent about the defeat of his bill. He thought that the discussion in Parliament had shown that with the exception of Mr. Beverley Baxter, the star performer of the "Evening Standard", all members on both sides of the House had shown that they were in favour of a Press Council, and he hoped that the debate would help to expedite its establishment.

"Personally," he said, "I am not concerned whether we get a voluntary or a statutory Press Council, so long as we get a press council. I am afraid that the power of the newspaper lords may induce the N.U.J., in their anxiety to have a press council of some kind established, to give away too much and thus render it ineffective."

PRESS LORDS PRESSURE

According to Mr. Simmons, the purpose of his bill was simply to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission of 1949 which recommended the voluntary establishment of a Press Council. This was three-and-a-half years ago, and he had a grave suspicion that the press lords by their unreasonable demands on journalists had intentionally held up and frustrated all efforts which had been made towards the setting up of the Council.

He scorned the Tory criticism that a statutory council would destroy the liberty of the press. It would function without government interference from the moment it is set up, on exactly the same lines as was originally planned for the voluntary council. "But it does occur to me," he said, "that a statutory council would give its members greater

security in law in carrying out their jobs than would be enjoyed by an ordinary body and it would therefore be more effective."

PRESS CLEAN UP

I asked him whether he thought a press council could be effective without getting too much power as the Tories seem to fear. He explained that its real power would lie in its publicity and in the ex-

JIM SIMMONS, M.P., explains his Press Council Bill in an interview with Evi Underhill

posing of all journalists of responsible newspapers which would act as a more powerful deterrent than any control.

The aim of the Council was to counteract the suppression of news, the slanting of news for political purposes (of which Harold Lever, M.P., gave an admirable illustration in the debate when he quoted the headlines of the Tory papers on the two Labour by-elections), and thirdly to get less sordid and vile Sunday press.

But Mr. Simmons' Bill was defeated because the Tories insisted that a voluntary press council would be better, although they have up to now made every effort to delay its establishment.

Mr. Deeds, M.P. better known as "Peterborough of the Daily Telegraph" was one of the chief mourners of the "freedom of the press" which he considers entirely free whilst he can give any misrepresentation of events in accordance with the great tradition of "Daily Telegraph" impartiality.

It is generally regretted, by Liberals and Labour alike, that Mr. Simmons' Bill has been defeated, but it is to be hoped, that his purpose has been achieved, and that the publicity it got through the debate in the House of Commons, will encourage those who are responsible for the setting up of a voluntary Press Council, to go ahead as enough time has been wasted.

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JOHN LAWRENCE

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Arms and that Man again!

by HAROLD DAVIES, M.P.

NO, this is nothing to do with Nye Bevan! It's Mr. Churchill speaking. Britain's Arms Bill must be cut again. Because of our financial, economic and balance of payments situation we now hear Mr. Churchill saying: "In the light of these considerations, the Government has come to the conclusion that we must prevent any substantial rise above this year's high level of expenditure on defence production."

During the General Election the Tories charged us with muddle, incompetence and inconsistency in our arms programme, yet when Harold Wilson wanted to know

and bulky, cheap and nasty," said one buyer, to a would-be book-traveller.

Even a good, well-written and well-produced book can paint a completely false word picture of values and events. Take villains for instance. The 'Red Indian', treated as an outlaw in his own country! The 'Dirty Jap'—why must all Japanese be dirty? The 'Yellow Chink' who always slinks around with sinister expression, ready to do harm to all nice-minded Europeans and Americans. The 'Black Nigger', especially in American fiction, is always an inferior type, and the Arabs and Jews have about equal claim to villainy.

This philosophy forms the bed rock upon which unscrupulous capitalist politicians can so easily exploit racial differences as the children grow into adults.

There is not much we can do about it as long as profit is the only motive for making and selling entertainment to our young folks. The most we can do is to choose wisely, and to boycott the shops which so blatantly display these dangerous toys.

Florence Edwards

talist system has ever known."

But I am not so sure whether Uncle Sam will play with this planning idea. As for Uncle Joe and the Coronation... Who Knows? Who knows?

Cast Off All Fooling

"AS the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of a fool." Thus said Ecclesiastes.

Night after night we sit on the Benches and listen to Tory guffaws as Labour makes its case against unfair use of the Commons time. So it was good to see the Party batting as one man on the Motion of Censure. Attlee swung into action against Churchill with a skilful and discriminating attack on Tory bungling, ruthlessly exposing their lack of interest in the Steel Bill. We had had a week with all this business of unparliamentary language such as "Boo!" and "Goose!"

Sitting in the gangways and huddled behind the Bar of the House, Members listened to Nye Bevan winding up. Nye made it clear, in a powerful denunciation of the Tories, that what we were examining was the manner in which the Constitution was being manipulated by the Government. His incisiveness had its effect upon the Tory 'Clamour' Boys, and kinks, giggles and groans emanated from the elegant voices on the Tory Benches, bringing Mr. Speaker to his feet a number of times to restore order.

Captain Harry Comfort Crookshank entered into battle with an engaging impish innocence that we have all come to know and distrust. Into the Lobbies we divided. It was over, but the winds of reality will be blowing cold in the Docklands this Christmas.

We find that now 20.7 per cent. of the dockers are 'proving attendance', that is 16,153 men.

This is the season for giving presents but . . .

WHETHER we look upon Xmas as a pagan custom or a celebration of the birth of Christ, we like to buy presents for each other. And every year, Big Business provides us with more expensive and glamorous presents, which seem to put our own creative efforts to shame.

But what is most deplorable is the way Big Business cashes in on presents for children: supplying the demand which they themselves have created.

First came the toy soldiers, painted bright red in peace time, khaki and grey in war time. Then came the toy guns and warships, aeroplanes and tanks, all pretty harmless, except that they established the idea that warfare is glamorous.

Then during the last war, children's creative energies were directed towards the building of model aeroplanes: all war planes, of course—the only variation being fighter v. bomber, twin-engined v. four-engine. Boys collected these much in the same way as they collected stamps.

At the end of the war, this craze

died out, and instead of replacing it with constructive toys, the shops were soon flooded with more and more diabolical fighting apparatus. Now, added to the tanks that spit real sparks, and the planes carrying A or H bombs, we have the really dangerous pistol, cosh, and what have you.

ARE THEY HARMFUL

Photos and descriptions have been published in most papers and magazines, and many protests have

How can children grow up with a proper sense of values if they are conditioned to think that these deadly weapons are amusing, and that fighting is fun? These terrible toys are the product of a society founded on violence, and socialists are trying to alter these conditions.

WHAT DO CHILDREN LIKE?

Children—especially boys—like noise, speed, and colour, but the

Santa Claus Will Carry a Cosh!

been registered. In spite of this, we still have a devastating display of military junk and dangerous weapons offered for sale, all designed for the entertainment of our youngsters.

Did I say youngsters? Soon, we shall be saying "our young gangsters!"

"Oh come off it," says my friend Bill, who is father of two bouncing boys. "They don't really do any harm. They're only a passing phase, and after all, boys are naturally aggressive. They need some outlet."

All right, Bill. I know there's a theory that our mental development goes through all the primitive stages. But there's another, more important, factor.

Children are not born with a social outlook. This is only acquired through training and experience, and their toys and books are part of their experience.

robust child likes to make the noise for himself, he likes to use his own energy, and to apply his own colour.

Discerning parents have long ago discovered that a child gets far more lasting joy from something he can manipulate for himself. The joy of an expensive ready-made toy is short-lived, compared to the gift he can "do something with".

For the more studious, there are, amongst other things, books to suit all tastes. The modern trend in books is towards more pictures and less actual reading, which wouldn't really matter if the illustrations were good. But all too often, they are crude in colour and line, to say nothing of subject matter.

Even in children's books, Big Business comes c(r)ashing in. Sad to relate, books are bought for their quantitative value. "Big

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Road Grab: The Case For Action NOW

By
Sonny Read

Road Haulage Workers' Shop Steward, Member of the T. & G.W.U.

THE Bill to Denationalise Road Transport is the Bill the country does not want. The Government are secretly ashamed of it and have used the guillotine to cut short debate on it in Parliament.

The workers in the industry are disgusted with the Bill—and we felt from the first that one of the best methods of organising this disgust would be by joint meetings of all the seven Unions looking after the interests of the workers in the industry. The object being to get a strong and unified programme of opposition.

The official T. & G.W.U. Road Haulage Executive Committee (of which I am a member) submitted such a proposal for joint meetings but it was flatly rejected.

However, the elected representatives from many transport depots in London, after much discussion, took steps to organise closer liaison between the seven Unions

concerned in the industry—the T. & G.W.U., U.R.T.W.A.E., E.T.U., A.E.U., T.S.S.A., N.U.V.B., and S.H. & M.A. It was therefore decided to organise a Conference at the Memorial Hall on **December 13th.**

Every member of the organising committee for the Conference holds an official position in the Union and all are Shop Stewards—three are elected delegates to the T. & G.W.U.'s official Road Haulage Executive Committee. We claimed that the Conference would be a peaceful assembly of workers who are vitally concerned, whose livelihood is imperilled by the Tory Government's intention to give the loot to their own class as quickly as possible.

THAT MAN AGAIN!

On December 5th, an official circular was sent to all workers in nationalised road transport and signed by Arthur Deakin. It attacks our conference, warns the members "not to be misled", says it is unofficial and that its object is to prepare industrial action. (Was Chuter Ede's statement also unofficial when he recently said that "No longer can responsible trade unionists withhold the right of industrial action"?)

Mr. Deakin claims it is wrong for workers' representatives to meet and discuss the Denationalisation proposals while the Bill is still before Parliament. His statement says "the passage of the Government Bill through Parliament is being closely watched, but no one is yet in a position to foresee what may be the actual content of the Act if and when the Bill is passed by Parliament."

The statement continues "... until that stage is reached we are not in a position to place the facts squarely before our members ... **IT IS ONLY AT THAT STAGE** that consideration can sensibly be given by the General Executive Council to the desirability of holding a Delegate Conference."

In other words, only after the Bill is passed—when it is too late!—will we have a Conference. This is an admission that, if and when the Bill is passed, it will be accepted by our General Secretary.

Mr. Deakin says that any action taken now can be disastrous to our members and their families. As an experienced transport worker—and a family man with two fine sons—I can state that the battle we are prepared to wage against this Tory Bill is a battle for us and our families. This retrograde step will put us back from better to worse. And we know, because we've had private enterprise before!

Our intention at the Memorial Hall Conference is to look after our interests—because it is now

clear from this official document that those interests are not going to be looked after by our official organisation.

I write this article as a militant trade unionist with a clear mind. It is my privilege to say these things which need saying—even if not everyone is pleased. I draw the same conclusion as those drawn in Rule (2) of our organisation's objects, namely, "to endeavour by all means in their power to control the industries in

which our members work."

A state-controlled Road Transport was the first stage in our controlling industry. To get this far has taken so long, and many active pioneers of our movement have been victimised, suffered and given their all to achieve it. I am fully convinced that the struggle to keep our nationalised industry away from the grabbing hands of the Tories is well worth while for our future and for the benefit of those who are to take our place.

'This is a stick-up, bud'



WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BOREHAMWOOD?

THE London County Council has again threatened to close down the £7,000,000 Boreham Wood housing site unless the workers toe the line.

The first L.C.C. threat to stop the job was made last September on the grounds that unofficial stoppages had made it too costly. The men on the job at that time denied the allegations, said it was a lock out, and threatened to "black" the work unless an enquiry was instituted into the management, which they claimed would really show who was to blame for the high building costs.

The Committee of Enquiry was set up but has refused to make its findings public, alleging that it "would be against the public interest" to do so.

This action has undoubtedly strengthened the employers and provides the background to the events which have led to the Federation steward, Jeff Mild-

water, having his credentials withdrawn by Ernie Jones, Regional Secretary of the N.F.B.T.O. and, subsequently, Mildwater and eight section stewards being discharged on Saturday morning, November 29th.

ROLE OF THE L.C.C.

The building contractors and the L.C.C. objected to the stewards on the site holding, during November, two meetings in working hours for which they lost wages—

By **REG. BROWN**,
Member of London Divisional Council A.U.B.T.W.

although the management raised no objection at the time! The firm and the L.C.C. claimed that the Working Rule had been broken, and asked for the steward's

*Speaking
my mind*

On...
PARSONS

by **TOM BRADDOCK**

**Oh God our help in ages past,
Our hope in years to come,
Send us a good supply of mugs
To make church business hum.**
(Old Song).

ALL right, Mr. Editor, no more of that one. I quite agree it is most undignified; let us look at the parson business seriously. We have in practically every town and village in the country representatives of the class. They are of many types and ranks, they wear a distinctive uniform, a black suit, varied as a soldier's in cut and style, but always black. Just a very few, like Lord Montgomery, sport grey flannel trousers and pullovers, but these are careful to wear a black waistcoat and white collar, both done up down the back.

Also in every town and village there will be found special buildings erected for the use of these black ones. They are practically always the largest, the best built, and they occupy the very best positions; they pay no rates, they are the churches and chapels. The really high-up are provided with cathedrals, and although most of these were erected many hundreds of years ago they are still the largest and the finest buildings we have.

The head men wear aprons, buttoned gaiters, and strings and rosettes on their top-hats. Generally speaking, there is attached to each of these buildings one or

more houses, especially provided for the occupation of our black clad brethren. These are known variously as rectories, parsonages, vicarages, manse, etc.

The building regulations which govern the construction of these buildings differ from those which control the dwellings of ordinary people. Among other items, their walls must be thicker and the floor joists stronger. The black-coated brethren must be kept warm and oft-times they weigh heavy.

In the great majority of cases they are provided with a very adequate income. Certainly the foundations are very wealthy; much land, property, stock and share capital are available, but there is no nonsense about equal shares. Certain lesser brethren are kept on very short commons; these are exhibited from time to time as examples of self-denial and are most useful when appeals for assistance are made.

DON'T TAKE SIDES

The fraternity are held in great respect; they occupy always front place positions at all public ceremonies; meetings, dinners, coronations, marriages, deaths, appeals for victory when peoples of other nations have to be slaughtered, and thanksgiving when the killings are suspended for a time. But they do not take sides. They are an international organisation and find no difficulty, each in his own country, in asking God to assist in the slaughter of people in the enemy country.

They are always united in blaming, not their all powerful and omnipotent God for the sorrows that beset mankind, it is always mankind that is to blame. They are also quite clear in their view that all these sorrows can be prevented, not by unity and co-operation among men but by demanding that each man shall himself, as a piece of individual self-help, cure himself of all wicked desires. What is wicked and what is not depends largely on the day of the week.

PERFECTLY PROPER

The vicar is always pleased to assist each individual but he will take no side in any public discussion. This being the case, they are very rarely found having anything to do with men and women who believe in co-operation and mutual aid, either nationally or internationally. Very occasionally there will be one who recognises that a man can't lift himself by his own shoe-strings. Of such was a well-known Victorian novelist, **Charles Kingsley.**

But men like Kingsley are rare birds among the black coats and their influence among them naturally is absolutely nil. Charles Kingsley, by writing a children's book called the "Water Babies" did as much as anybody to stop small children being forced up chimneys to sweep them down. His fellow blacks regarded such practices as perfectly proper.

A SPARE-TIME JOB

Probably most of my readers think that all this is leading up to a demand for the abolition of parsons. Not at all; all I ask is that their parsoning should be carried on in their spare time.

Let them keep their uniforms, the respect they demand, their vicarages, etc., but they shall be required, each man of them, to do a productive job of work. After all, those of us who have worked and organised for political and social reforms, those of us who agitate for revolution, find the time and energy to take our place in the ordinary work-a-day world, and we are all the better for it. Let the parsons do the same.

As with the parsons, so with their buildings; let our churches and chapels be ready and available for all and for all purposes, religious meetings, politics, concerts, games, and, when occasion arises, as places of rest and refuge for those without proper home accommodation. I know that this suggestion will be resisted by many, but I say that only in this way will parsons become as one with all of us, only in this way will it be possible to make the church an integral part with the whole community.



The Monthly Target is £70.

Only three weeks are left in December to hit this target. To date we have received £27 11s. 8d. We still need £42 8s. 4d.

Last month we were nearly £35 under the target. If you remember the extra expenses involved in producing the Weekly and the fact that going over to wholesale and retail distribution has left a gap in our revenue, you can see that this failure to hit the £70 is extremely dangerous for the paper.

Make up for it this week, comrades. Send in your donation NOW. Get your regular readers to put a copper or two on the Fighting Fund card. Every penny is badly needed.

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A little over half the amount needed has so far come in—but we still need nearly £50. Until we get it, willing supporters must each week trudge to the stations and the wholesalers' depots to deliver the papers. Why not make a donation to the Van Fund as a Christmas present for the "Outlook"?

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EISENHOWER'S TOP THREE

THE three top posts in the U.S. administration are the State, Defence and Treasury Departments. Eisenhower has appointed the following men for these Cabinet jobs.

Secretary of State, **John Foster Dulles.** An international Wall Street lawyer who has specialised in work for giant monopolies from General Electric to I. G. Farben. Dulles was in Korea on the 38th Parallel, inspecting American military installations and advising Syngman Rhee a few days before war broke out there. He engineered the Japanese Peace Treaty which provided for unrestricted rearmament of Japan and heavy concessions to American military forces.

During the Presidential campaign he condemned the policy of "containing" Communism as



"futile" and was the principal advocate of the more aggressive line of "liberation". For the Far East that would mean extending the war and encouraging Chiang Kai-shek to invade the Chinese mainland. In the West, that would mean inciting revolts in the Eastern European countries as steps toward the envisaged "liberation" of the Soviet Union from Communist rule.

Secretary of Defence, **Charles E. Wilson.** President of General Motors, the largest industrial corporation in the U.S.A. which is controlled by the DuPont "merchants of Death". During the Second World War General Motors made twelve billion dollars worth of armaments—and hundreds of million in profits. Wilson will have complete charge of all arms contracts, which now not only play a decisive role in American economy but vitally affect all countries in the Atlantic Alliance, including Britain.

Secretary of the Treasury, **George M. Humphrey.** Chairman of the M. A. Hanna Company of Cleveland, Ohio. He heads a vast investment and operating company, having interests in steel,

coal, shipping, chemicals and banking. A Taft supporter, he was sponsored by General Clay, the ex-military governor of Germany who helped save the Ruhr coal and steel barons from confiscation of their property.

This Big Business trio will advise the President, implement U.S. policies and be the bosses of the Capitalist "free world" for the next four years.

ECONOMIC DECLINE IN WESTERN EUROPE

THE severe decline in economic activity which began in Western Europe during the first quarter of 1952 continued into the second quarter, reported the United Nations Economic Commission on November 30. The textile industry suffered most in this slump.

Top-heavy arms programmes have led to the unusual spectacle of unemployment, business losses and reduced output existing side by side with raw material shortages and engineering bottle-necks.

Western Europe's imports from

Eastern Europe are only a fourth of what they were in 1938; exports to Eastern Europe are less than two-thirds the pre-war figure. While East-West trade has shrunk, there has been a tenfold increase in the volume of trade between the Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union.

Despite some signs of improvement the E.C.E. warns that "export sales will probably remain at a reduced level and there is little hope that the record levels of production in 1951 will be reached again in the near future."

On the other hand in Eastern Europe, remarked the U.N. Bulletin, "industrial production has continued to increase at about the same high rate as in recent quarters, although in several countries, notably in Poland and Czechoslovakia, consumption standards show no tendency to rise."

NATIONALISE BUILDING

TOM BRADDOCK will write an important series of articles to show the urgent need for the N.E.C. to include Building in the list of industries to be nationalised by the next Labour Government. The first of this series will appear next week.

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SACK MR. LYTTLETON!

May I make the strongest possible protest against the retention of Mr. Lytton as Colonial Secretary!

His broadcast to the world that no Economic factor is at the back of Kenya's troubles is directly contrary to the facts!

The lack of any sympathetic understanding or enquiry, is in line with Tory action in Ireland and inaction to get at the facts, and settle serious troubles amicably! The Mau Mau is Kenya's reflection of Toryism's "Black and Tans"!

When Lord Delamere bought 100,000 acres of Kenya's best native grazing land for 1/- per acre, followed by another 50,000 later and warned off Kenya's tribesmen, Kenya's White Government planted the seed of the present trouble.

No consideration by these Tory landowners to native feelings, any more than Tory landowners considered the Irish people! Kenya's ruthless "process of law" must be ended by the voice of Britain's people in the House of Commons! Southport. H. Feilden.

Dumb Dogs

The reminder of Keir Hardie's contempt for the "Dumb Dogs" of Parliament and for those who lacked the courage of their convictions, should penetrate even the case-hardened hides of our present day Lords and Leaders in the House of Commons, the House of Lords, and Transport House.

Many of these "knee-benders" will no doubt be busily engaged getting ready for the Coronation, but I expect they will also apply for the £14,280 per annum tax free vacancy as Secretary-General of UNO, created by Trygve Lie's resignation.

I understand, however, that there is no truth in the rumour that they are rehearsing for the religious ceremonial of the "Canonisation of the Dollar" to take place in Westminster Abbey after the Coronation Service. Wimbledon. P. Allott.

Free Speech

Two public meetings were recently advertised by the Communist Party, one at Cheltenham Town Hall and the other at Gloucester.

BIRMINGHAM SHARE-HOLDERS and "Socialist Outlook" supporters. Please note next meeting Sunday, December 21st at 7.30 p.m. Upstairs room in "Tamworth Arms", Moor Street, Birmingham.

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According to the "Cheltenham Echo", a number of students from Cirencester attended for the purpose of disrupting the meetings. At the Cheltenham meeting they were stopped in time, but at Gloucester they succeeded in breaking up the meeting. The speaker could not get a hearing, and the meeting had to be closed.

There have been several letters in the "Cheltenham Echo" referring to the disgraceful behaviour of these students. Most of the letters called for freedom of speech, whether or not we agree with the Communist Party. Cheltenham. J. Jennings.

Right Wing Menace

We, the rank and file, have the power to remove the Tories, but we are all aware that their stay in power is prolonged by right-wing Union Officials. For example, just reflect on the wage increase application made by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions.

I am firmly convinced that the rank and file were fully prepared to fight their claim with strike action, but the right-wing once again made the Confederation the laughing stock of the country by their acceptance of the paltry 7/4d. increase.

Any militant trade unionist is aware that the struggle against the employers is hard enough. Now it seems we have also to fight the

"Peace at any Price" Officials.

The McCarthy witch-hunt is also spreading fast through our great trade union movement. Any militant trade unionist, according to some officials, receives his orders from Moscow.

There is only one answer to this right-wing menace. Fight back, brothers, through your trade union branches; flood them with resolutions, and remember, when the re-election of officials comes; **Out with the Right-Wing Menace!** Thundersley, Essex. J. R. Glen.

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"Across the Oceans"

In order to delay and defeat the war plans of the PENTAGON, it is necessary for Englishmen to convince Americans that other, more peaceful, negotiated solutions are possible. Letters to the Editors of conservative, large-circulation newspapers in the U.S.A. are one of the few avenues by which to reach the public at large.

Readers of "Socialist Outlook" who are ready to participate in such an across-the-oceans campaign are invited to contact and give some personal information about themselves and the newspapers they read to—**Albert Bofman, U.S. Committee Against Militarisation, 6329 S. May St., Chicago 21, Illinois.**

PORTWORKERS ANSWER TO UNEMPLOYMENT

Following the announcement of the Tory "solution" to unemployment in dockland, this letter was delivered to Transport House by deputations of dockers elected from the following London docks—Victoria, Albert, King George, West India, Millwall, London, and Surrey.

Messrs. Deakin, Bird and Brandon, National and Area Offices of the T. & G.W.U., Transport House, London.

Dear Brothers,

Yesterday the Minister of Labour announced changes in the Dockworkers Regulation of Employment Scheme 1947.

As we have not been consulted about this we take this opportunity to present our views on the Scheme for temporary release from the Register:

1. The changes in the scheme do nothing to alter this hardship experienced by us as a result of unemployment.

Where are the jobs to be found and at what wages? It must be known to you and the Government that unemployment and short time already exists in many other industries.

2. It assists the Government and the employers in avoiding facing the real problem of providing full employment for us within the port. It is a delaying action which aims at putting us in the position of sacking ourselves.

3. The policy of closing the register last April so as to reduce the numbers by normal wastage

has failed, as the official figures show. 81,768 on the register at the end of the first quarter of 1952 . . . of which 9,038 were daily without work.

By the 22nd November 1952, although 3,901 had gone from the industry leaving only 77,868 on the register . . . 16,153 are now daily without work (20.7 per cent.).

4. It is clear to us that the Government and the employers have no intention of tackling the problem of raising our living standards and providing full employment. This tinkering with the issue will leave us much as we are. It will be aggravated unless the Government which brought the unemployment about, is changed.

5. We face more months of unemployment. Our cupboards and our homes become bare. The deliberate action of the Government in cutting imports by £600,000,000, in raising prices, and holding wages behind the rise in the cost of living caused the unemployment to grow. Its persistent refusal to take steps that would lead to an expansion of trade between us and the growing export market of Eastern Europe and China ignores some of the best opportunities of increasing trade.

The Government knows but is not concerned with the human misery, the poverty and the debts and near starvation their policy brings to our homes. A Government which does this is not a good Government.

We who have not been consulted about this problem have a policy which we believe would solve it. We set it out below and we ask that a National Docks Delegate Conference be called to discuss it. Our proposals are:—

(1) No acceptance of sackings from the industry. Jobs for portworkers in the ports.

(2) For all branches of the Union and the E.C. to pass resolutions offering its readiness to cooperate with all other working class organisations in a campaign to sack the Government—NOT THE PORTWORKERS. And a return of a Labour Government with a policy for raising our living stan-

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After all, who knows better than the men and women who spend their lives in them what is going on in the factories, pits, depots and docks; or in the Labour Party and trade unions?

Workers whose letters to the capitalist press may have been rejected for policy reasons should rejoice that in this paper they have a vehicle for news and views of interest to socialists. Not only in the form of letters but also as reports or short articles.

What is wanted is a network of worker-correspondents in every town and industry of the land. The editor depends on you. He cannot possibly know it all.

Don't hold back because you

aren't a literary bloke. "Fine writing" is not required. Spelling, punctuation and grammar don't matter much. Your material can always be polished up, provided you have something to say. Sincerity counts a lot. So, if you are willing to "have a go", the following tips may help.

(1) What NOT to submit. I can imagine the expression on the editor's face when he opens a bulky package containing a 5,000-word article on some remote subject of which the author has little

By FRANK ALLAUN (Author of "THE TORY PRESS")

personal knowledge. You can work out for yourself how much space 5,000 words would occupy. (About a page and a half!—[Ed.])

And the subject may be of equally little interest to readers of this paper. It is THEY who must receive first consideration.

(2) So keep it short. You can drive home a point as effectively in a snappy paragraph as in a long and dreary missive. When you have written your letter go through it again and again, cutting out every unnecessary word and sentence until it is not more than 150 words.

(3) Write on matters of which you have intimate experience, such as your own union, factory, shopping problems or housing conditions, which are also important to other readers.

(4) Write promptly while the subject is still "hot news". An article on municipal election issues, for instance, loses its topicality if received too late to appear before polling day. Editors have to plan their papers well ahead. So if you have the urge to write something, sit down and do it there and then.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

(5) Keep your words, sentences and paragraphs short and simple. Don't attempt "literary style" and never use a word unless you are certain of its meaning. The kind of thing to avoid is the language of the philosophers, such as the following. Hegel once wrote:

"Love is the ideality of the relativity of the reality of an infinitesimal portion of the absolute totality of the Infinite Being." (Sort that out, brothers!)

(6) If you write "Press matter only" on the envelope and tuck the flap in without sticking it up you need only use a 1½d. stamp.

(7) Get your letter typed if possible. You can appreciate how an editor reading through masses of reading matter will prefer type-script which is so much more legible than even the best of handwriting.

(8) Keep on trying even if your contributions are not at first accepted. They will certainly be carefully read.

(9) You don't have to bother about headlines. They are the sub-editor's headache.

(10) Workers love a bit of humour, particularly if it has a workshop flavour about it. (That's one of the things years in the factory have taught me.) Some of Bill Murphy's tales in the "Outlook" have by themselves been sufficient justification for taking the paper. Surely you have some stories worthy of a wider audience?

(11) In writing reports tell the outstanding point in the opening sentence. For example, you should not begin with "A meeting of the Blank Union was held in the Co-operative Hall last Monday." It's too dull. It doesn't tell the story. Something like this would be livelier.

"A resolution demanding the ending of the war in Korea was sent to Winston Churchill by the Blank Union on Monday."

"This is the most unpopular war in history", said Mr. John Johnson, the general secretary

Shorthand is seldom necessary. Your object is to give the decision of the meeting or the kernel of the speaker's argument. The speaker's words are not generally needed except for an occasional short sentence of a striking character.

A recent Civil Service guide to clear writing sums it all up: "Be Simple. Be Brief. Be Human. And above all, Be Accurate."

Remember Ramsay Mac!

"Looking back it is easy to put most of the blame for what was done, or not done, on three men who occupied key positions in the Cabinet in relation to Home Policy and who crossed over when the crisis came. But all of us, I feel, must take some share of the responsibility . . . we should have kicked up more row, been less loyal to leaders and more loyal to principles!"

Hugh Dalton on the "MacDonald" crisis, quoted by Reg Groves in "Sharpen the Sickle", page 218.

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