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For a
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Knock out the
Tories . . .

Lead with
Labour's Left!

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 . . ."

Labour Party Constitution.

Denationalisation

TRANSPORT MEN ISSUE A CALL TO ACTION

IMEDIATELY after the London Conference of Road Haulage depot representatives, the London Area Road Haulage Shop Stewards' Association who organised it, issued a call for action to all B.R.S. workers. They say:

"Churchill and Co. have said—'Sit back and take it!'"

"Deakin and Co. have said—'You have had it!'"

"All that words can do in the fight against denationalisation has been done. Patiently we have all awaited the outcome of the efforts of our Unions and our Labour M.P.s. to stop the denationalisation of our industry. Their efforts have been in vain!

"Arthur Deakin has admitted this. He now says that only after the Bill is passed can he put the facts fairly and squarely before the membership—and not till then will he even consider calling a National Conference.

When the Bill is passed will be too late. The industry will be ruined. The private bosses will

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The next issue of "Socialist Outlook" will be on FRIDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1953

There will be no issue on Friday, December 26th (Boxing Day).

be back in the saddle.

"Our Officials have no plan to stop this threatening disaster to our livelihoods and the well-being of our families. It is time for the rank and file to take a hand."

They appeal to all workers in the Road Haulage industry to play their part by seeing that, in their depots, they

1. Hold a ballot vote for or against denationalisation.

2. Decide to take part with their fellow transport workers throughout the country in this struggle.

3. Send a representative to a further conference which is to be held in London on Saturday, January 10th, 1953.

They also issue a timely warning on the distortions of the capitalist press, who they say, "will no doubt be very busy during the next days and weeks, distorting the real facts. Be on guard!"

Transport Strike ? Don't Blame the Workers BLAME TORY WRECKERS !

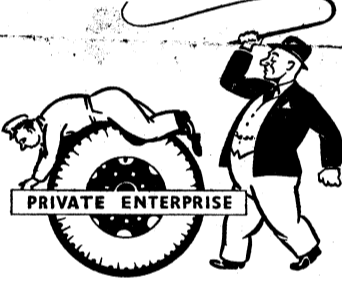
MR. Churchill's Demolition Government has been given fair warning. Unless they abandon their attempt to sell the nation's transport service to private speculators, the workers in the industry will take national strike action on January 19th.

This is no idle threat - it is the firm decision of a body of working men whose patience is exhausted and who are now quietly determined to resist, with all the means in their power, a return to the chaos, the anarchy and the sweated working conditions which was their lot under private enterprise

The responsibility for any strike action which may take place rests entirely with the Government. They have known all along that their scandalous actions would, sooner or later, bring this result.

How Workers See It

THIS OR THIS ?



THINK CAREFULLY!

The above poster was prominently displayed at the Memorial Hall meeting of Transport workers

They have refused to listen to the pleas of the Parliamentary Labour Party. They have paid no attention to the warnings of trade union leaders like Mr. Deakin who has stated that never in his life has he known transport workers to be so bitterly hostile to a Government action.

Even the voice of sanity in their own ranks has been ignored. Tories like Sir Ralph Glyn have opposed denationalisation on grounds of efficiency alone—and transport experts have been almost unanimous in decrying the disorganisation which will inevitably result from a return to the mad scramble of private ownership.

WHAT ARE THEY BREAKING UP ?

Labour brought order out of chaos to the transport industry. Three thousand seven hundred concerns, all competing madly with one another, were converted by nationalisation into one great public transport service. British Road Services made a profit of more than £3,000,000 in 1951. Under nationalisation this money can be used to improve both efficiency and working conditions. If the Tories get their way, it will be used to fatten their City friends to whom they propose to sell this public property—at a loss to the people of at least £20,000,000!

As for the workers in the industry, they know only too well what to expect. They have had it all before. Night and Day work—do your own repairs on the road—safety ignored in the competitive scramble—money saved on welfare facilities—and unemployment looming ahead.

But in resisting this shameful robbery of the public exchequer, transport workers are fighting in the interests of every man and

woman in the country. If the Tories can sell off road transport, the railways and the mines will be next on the list.

Efficiency and the public interest don't enter into Tory calculations. They see nationalisation as a threat to their power and privileges, so they are determined to break it up. They are wreckers. Their actions prove beyond all doubt that their claim to represent the "interests of the nation" is fraudulent through and through.

THE CONSTITUTION

The Tories have no constitutional rights in the matter. First of all they are a MINORITY Government. Labour has a majority of votes in the country and Labour is opposed to denationalisation.

Secondly, the Government was elected by a fraud. They promised the electors that they would not cut the social services, slash the food subsidies, or create unemployment. But they have done all these things since they came to office. They are a Government of unscrupulous defenders of the wealth and privileges of a small minority. They have no constitutional rights at all.

In resisting this economic vandalism, transport workers are acting in the best interests of the great majority of the people. They are therefore acting in accordance with the constitution.

We earnestly appeal, therefore, to the whole Labour Movement to stand by the transport workers in this fight. If the Tories see that we are serious, if they see that Labour is uniting the whole country against them, then they may pause and think again. But if there is any sign of weakness, if there is any attempt to blame the workers for a situation created solely by the Tory Government, then the resulting disunity in Labour's ranks can only encourage the Tories to stage a fight. Only the greatest solidarity behind the transport workers can force Mr. Churchill to capitulate. It can even force him to resign.

Stand by the Transport Workers!

The Decision

THE following resolution was carried unanimously by the Conference of Transport Workers held in London's Memorial Hall, on Saturday, Dec. 13.

"This conference supports:

1. Election of a National Shop Stewards Committee.

2. A direct approach to all workers in Nationalised industries for support in the action we have decided.

We demand this Government to state a case where any people have, since 1939 especially, been so placed in a position, pushed around, kicked around, as have the Transport workers of this country.

1939 Private Enterprise, then Ministry of War Transport, then back to Private Enterprise, then the period of uncertainty during the transition period to nationalisation.

Now this whole question of denationalisation has become—has developed—into a political matter, without the fair discussion justified to country, industry and the workers concerned.

This Conference informs the Government that we, B.R.S. workers' representatives, are now forced to take the one action left to protect the interests of the country and workers concerned in saving Nationalised Road Transport from complete disruption and disaster.

Unless this Government postpones, until after the next General Election, the proposed Transport Bill, or discontinues with it completely, we, the Employees of B.R.S. will be forced to adopt complete national strike action on 19th January 1953, before resumption of Parliament."

Who Was There

THE resolution calling for action was passed by elected delegates from the following Road Haulage Groups of depots:

Bolton, Bishops Stortford, Bury, Bradford-on-Avon, Boston, East Bristol, Cardiff, South Derby, Dorking, Dorset, Derby, Doncaster, Exeter, Grimsby, Halifax, Ilminster, Knottingley (Yorks), East Kent, Liss, Liverpool, East Liverpool, Luton, Melksham, Manchester, Newton Abbott, Newcastle, Northampton, Newport (Mon), Poole, Portsmouth, Parkstone, Radcliffe (Lancs), Reading, Southampton, Slough, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, and fifty depots in London.

The Way to Peace in Korea

EXACTLY two years ago the Chinese Peoples Republic proposed peace in Korea. The proposals were just and democratic—an immediate cease-fire, the withdrawal of all foreign troops, leaving the Koreans to settle their own internal affairs free from foreign interference. The "Socialist Outlook" supported those proposals when they were made and we still support them today.

But they were rejected by all the capitalist powers—including Britain which at that time had a Labour Government. The two years which have followed have been the bloodiest, the most cruel and inhuman two years in the history of modern warfare. And the responsibility rests with the leaders of America and all those who rejected China's proposals.

Korea has been laid waste. Its people bombed, burned alive by the fiendish napalm bomb, millions rendered homeless throughout two bitter winters. Now they face a third. The total casualties among civilians and soldiers of both sides is estimated by official United States sources to be . . . nearly eight millions! Eight million people either destroyed or maimed in this most terrible of wars.

For more than a year, truce negotiations have been going on at Panmunjom. They were started on the initiative of the Chinese,

Russians and Koreans—and the Americans have done everything possible to render them fruitless.

They have bombed the Yalu River, made air raids over Chinese territory and . . . killed in cold blood more than 350 Chinese prisoners of war at Koje and other prison camps.

KILLED IN KOREA



Lance Corporal Bill Tyler was a stalwart of Preston Labour Party. Before he was killed he wrote from Korea ". . . British lives are being lost to further American ambition in the Far East . . . I don't trust the Yanks who are scheming for war with China . . . Britain must adopt a socialist foreign policy. Britain must withdraw its troops from Korea . . ."

A few copies of Bill Tyler's letters are still available (Price 3d.)

But the Chinese have stuck stubbornly to their task. Now they have forced agreement on everything standing in the way of a cease-fire—everything except the return of their prisoners of war. But on this question—which is now the only obstacle to peace—the Americans stick fast.

They claim that thousands of Chinese soldiers, after fighting Chiang Kai-Shek all their lives, have chosen of their own free will to stay with this butcher rather than return to the bosoms of their own families. It is fantastic and we do not believe it for one moment.

On the contrary, we believe the Chinese when they say that their prisoners are being terrorised into making these statements. Terrorised by their South Korean fascist guards who are commanded by such creatures as General Boatner, the man who yelled 'Hot Dog' as his troops shot down the unarmed prisoners at Koje. Why, even as we write these few words, the press is reporting the shooting dead of a further 82 unarmed civilian internees at the prison camp on the island of Pongam!

The Chinese demand for the return of all prisoners—quite apart from their legitimate concern for

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It's a hard fight every week . . .

Don't forget the "Outlook" at Xmas

BY the time many of you get down to reading this issue of "Socialist Outlook" it will be Xmas. Another important year will have almost come to an end. In spite of Toryism British Labour, especially its left wing, can look forward to the future with confidence. The growth and expansion of "Socialist Outlook" is a cause for real confidence.

To achieve victory is to learn how to fight. Our paper came into existence as a result of a fight against the wrong policies of right

wing Labour. It can only be maintained if this fight is successful.

How can we fight for the "Socialist Outlook"? Without hesitation we say that the front line trench is the Fighting Fund. Are YOU in the front line? Do YOU fight for your paper, day after day, week after week?

Many comrades, we know, do this and more—but more help is needed. We have not yet received £120 for the van fund although £80 has come in so far.

The Fighting Fund is dropping

behind. To date we have raised £42 1s. 7d. We still need £37 18s. 5d. to meet our target of £70. All this is a source of anxiety for us. Let us get together without delay and fulfill the quotas.

Xmas is a great time for doing this. Get out that card and collect a few bob for the "Outlook". Set aside a small sum as a present to the paper. Take a whip round in your factory and place of work before you break for Xmas.

Come on Comrades—into action!

ZILLIACUS on the PRAGUE TRIAL

★ Blames the Cold War ★

PUBLIC opinion in all democratic countries has been shocked by the Prague Trials. This was perhaps the most appalling of the three purges of the leadership of Communist Parties in the Cominform States which have taken place since 1948.

The Rajk Trial in Hungary and the Kostov Trial in Bulgaria followed much the same course, as did that of Xoxe, the Secretary of the Albanian Party (which is not a member of the Cominform); but for sheer brutality and the mendacity of the "confessions" extracted from the accused, the Prague Trial has not been equalled since the purges of the Soviet Communist Party in the thirties.

It is, moreover, interesting to notice that the accusations made against the victims of purges of the present bear a striking resemblance to those of twenty years ago. Then the people put up for trial were charged with "Trotskyism", "nationalist deviationism," and "economic sabotage," always, of course, as "counter-revolutionaries" and "agents of the West".

Today the charges against the accused are of "plotting with Western imperialists for the restoration of capitalism and the downfall of the Socialist State," "economic sabotage," "Titoism" and "Zionism" (that is, nationalist deviationism), and "Trotskyism".

Tito has become the Trotsky of the present, the Lucifer who was cast out from the heavenly elect of the Cominform; and, likewise, those other arch-devils who would deviate one inch from the gospel according to Stalin must follow him down into the dreadful pit of hell.

WHO IS DISTURBED ?

Since the Yugoslav break with the Soviet Union in 1948, the regime in the satellite States has become increasingly harsh. This, of course, is not entirely due to internal unrest or dissension in the Communist Parties, but bears a close relation to the hotting up of the cold war. It is clearly apparent, however, that the Yugoslav refusal to be browbeaten by Rus-

sia had deep repercussions in other Communist Parties.

There is, as we all know, no real freedom of discussion or action among Communist Parties, and it is a dangerous heresy in the eyes of the Polit-bureau of the C.P.S.U. to question its views. All decisions in the Cominform States must comply with Moscow-inspired directives, by the same distortion of Marxism which makes the monolithic Communist Party, that is, the State, supreme and all-powerful in the Soviet Union.

A new feature in the Prague Trial was the emphasis laid upon Zionism as an example of "nationalist deviation". One reason for this is obviously the fact that most Jews in Czechoslovakia belong to a close-knit community, among whom few are workers and none peasants, that finds it difficult to fit into a Communist society, and, in any case, is divided in loyalty between Czechoslovakia, the country of its birth, and the State of Israel, its spiritual home. This reason is reinforced by the Soviet desire to win the support of the Arab States, especially in the context of their present quarrel with Western Germany over the reparations which that country is paying to Israel and the entry of the state of Israel into the Western camp.

'CONFESSIONS UNTRUE'

It is unnecessary to say that the confessions of the wretched victims of the trials were ludicrously untrue, and must have been obtained through a wearing-down process which consisted of imprisonment for anything up to two years and continuous questioning in physical and psychological conditions that amounted to mental torture.

It is the more tragic, then, to realise how powerful a hold the C.P.S.U. must have on the Communist Party of the country to enable such patent rubbish to be made public.

This is not by any means the last of these trials and purges. In the near future there will almost certainly be a similar eruption of lies and allegations from Rumania and Poland. It will be surprising if Eastern Germany does not follow suit. Marty and Tillon have

already been pilloried by the French C.P.

The implications of such charges against confirmed and convinced leaders of the Communist Parties of so many different countries go far deeper than the issue of personal rivalries within the Parties themselves as some people suggest. They indicate anxiety on the part of the C.P.S.U. as to the unquestioning loyalty of their stooges outside the Soviet Union: they point to real heart-searching within Cominform Parties and a desire for a little national independence.

Far from serving the purpose for which they were designed, and given a more tolerant and understanding attitude from the West, these purges by the very nature of their brutality and lies may cause

the more moderate working class elements in the satellite States and the Communist Parties of the Cominform to wonder where their policy of blind obedience to their Soviet task-masters is leading them.

It would be short-sighted, then, if we in the West were to imagine it impossible to negotiate with totalitarian regimes so foreign to our own democracies. On the contrary, it is only in the context of a negotiated settlement ending the cold war by a mutual withdrawal of the forces of both sides from territories not under their sovereignty and a revival of East-West trade and intercourse, that the East European satellite States can begin to assert their right to run their affairs themselves and develop in accordance with their own national traditions.

ROSENBERG CASE

Murder—with malice aforethought

TO any fair-minded person the history of this trial of the Rosenbergs must be nauseating.

These two people have been condemned to death mainly on the testimony of a supposed collaborator in their alleged crime of "conspiracy against the State". The alleged conspiracy was supposed to have commenced in June, 1944, when Russia and the U.S.A. were both at war, not with each

By
Jack Stanley

other, but with the common enemy, Hitler! So that, even if the alleged information was imparted, it was not to a then enemy state. One would have thought that this information would have been conveyed through official channels.

One damning feature of this case is that although the acts were presumed to have taken place

between January 14th, 1945, the trial did not take place until March, 1951—five years later.

As stated above, the Rosenbergs were convicted mainly on the evidence of David Greenglass (in England, this would be termed Queen's Evidence) obviously given in the hope that he, the "Informer", would be treated leniently if and when he came up for trial.

WHO IS DISTURBED ?

Mrs. Rosenberg is David Greenglass' sister, and he had disagreements with his brother-in-law over business matters. His own wife was also named as a party to the conspiracy, and stood in peril of being indicted at some time. He betrayed to the F.B.I. her participation in the conspiracy in which he himself admitted he took part.

The reliability of the evidence of such a creature can be imagined at least by good trade unionists, who in the main detest an informer.

The evidence itself was given five years after the event with no documentary evidence to support it, lacking in corroboration except by Greenglass' wife, and the whole consisting solely of accounts of alleged conversations with Rosenberg with no third party present.

The Judge's summing up was a tirade against communism, and even went so far as to assert that the action of the Rosenbergs had caused the Communist aggression in Korea! If ever there was a travesty of justice, it is this trial and death sentence on two young people.

I therefore appeal on behalf of the Editorial Board, to all Trade Unionists and members of the Labour Party, in fact to all lovers of justice, to use every endeavour to prevent the execution of these two people.

The Week at Westminster

Transport
Merry-go-Round

by Harold
Davies, M.P.

FIRST into the 'No' lobby then into the 'Aye' lobby—that was the formula for most of us last week as the guillotine ruthlessly fell on the Tory Transport Bill. Had the Committee stage been taken upstairs the House would have been free to examine quietly such vital issues as our economy, the Commonwealth Conference, Kenya and Korea in more detail. Instead we see an indecent haste on the part of the backwoodsmen Tories to push the Transport Bill through at the expense of more important matters.

Disraeli in his novel "Sybil", slammed away at the Whigs of his day, who were selling their land to the railway companies and driving the small tenant and the cottager off. In a swinging phrase that could be well applied to this Transport Bill, Disraeli said: "Sympathy is the solace of the Poor: but for the Rich there is compensation."

Alf Barnes the ex-Labour Minister of Transport and Dai Jones of Hartlepool protested vigorously against Clause 16 which repeals the power given under Labour to set up passenger transport by areas agreement. Herbert Morrison charged the Government with seizing public property and giving powers to the Minister to get rid of it in any circumstances and at any price.

Member after member on Labour benches deplored the economic folly of the Government and urged the co-ordination of road and rail transport but to no purpose. Down came the guillotine and the Debate finished. But you should note that in Europe the

Tories are all for integration of road and rail transport. In England sectional interests come before national. It's the same old Tory story.

Punch in the Judicature

WHAT is it we used to sing about Rule Britannia? Now Uncle Sam is saving the world from the 'Commsies' by putting U.S. interrogators on British and other vessels to "screen" the crews going to the States. This high-handed action and absurd red-hunting is ludicrous. In the Commons too we hear of examples of American ham-handedness.

We laugh at the hook-nosed wooden puppet Punch with his squeaking voice. He was a tough guy with his Judy and these Americans are getting tough with our judicature. Somebody ought to tell them we are quite proud of our code of laws, as codes go in the world. Frank Bowles through a quiet but well-informed Supplementary showed us how the American subpoena works here in England.

A civilian can, under the Visiting Forces Order 1942, be summoned to give evidence in a court-martial. Ostensibly there may be nothing wrong about that, but when, as Dr. Jeger showed, American military law seems to over-ride our civil law as in the case of the American soldier who killed two British civilians in a car accident, it is time to sit up and take notice.

Arthur Lewis, a tough and persistent questioner, also wanted to know why—in the case of the two girls who were juveniles, and who

were forced to give evidence without their parents being allowed to be with them, at Burtonwood—the American authorities refused the parents to be there.

According to the Home Secretary this will not happen again. Who was it said that he was going to "set the people free?"

A Sally at Your Alley

BEWARE brother! Beware!! The Lords threw out a feeler last week. The elegant Chamber was buoyant and for 4 hours 18 minutes they talked Rents. That's the money mother used to keep in the old brown teapot on the sideboard week by week. It was a hard job to keep it there and sometimes, even in the good old days, she failed. Now it looks as though it's up your alley the rent campaign is a-coming full speed.

Viscount Buckmaster called the attention of the noble Lords to the need for the revision of the Rent Restrictions Act. The noble Viscount rightly told the House that he had an interest in this matter. He is a past-President of the National Federation of Property Owners, the body which has been the chief organiser of the campaign to raise rents.

Lord Lloyd claimed "that many of these houses that I have mentioned—6,000,000 between 75 and 100 years old—do not come up to modern standards of construction or amenity and the sooner tenants can be moved out of them into new houses the happier we all shall be."

The truth of course is, that in many of these cases any increase in rent which could reasonably be permitted would still be insufficient to repair some of these old houses.

They have paid their original price over and over.

Letter To My Nephew

Who will be born on Xmas Day

By Jim Allen

ON December 25th or thereabouts, there will occur another "Victory for Labour". My brother's wife will have produced her first child. Before it kicks its way into the arena, I intend to jump the queue of landlord, boss, priest, and politician, who, purely for business reasons, have an interest in this event, and, as a prospective uncle, make some comment on this every day occurrence.

TO THE UNBORN

Ironically enough, you are born into a world of war, fear, and brutality, and at a time when hypocritical men, some with clerical collars and others with political slogans welcome Christ—"the Prince of Peace". Hired assassins like Van Fleet and General Templer will perhaps, on Christmas day pause amidst the ruins and death of countries they boss, and claim God as their ally.

I've also no doubt that Dr. Garbett will again justify these crimes with the same elegant oratory he used in the House of Lords to defend the action of the landlords in Kenya.

The first thing you will encounter in this democratic society will be class privilege. For example, though you'll cry as loud and as lusty as Prince Charlie, and though you'll probably wet your bed as frequently as Charlie wets his, you'll find a great difference. As a first child you'll receive no family allowance. Only when and if you obtain a brother or sister will a benevolent state reward your mother with 8/- a week.

Now with Charlie it's different. Though neither of his parents are working, he gets £10,000 a year. This, of course, is in addition to the £475,000 his mother gets, the £40,000 his father receives, and the widow's pension of £70,000 his grandmother gets.

This costly monarchic system re-

BILL MURPHY'S CORNER

I heard of a docker the other day, who had not worked for a long period, so long in fact that his hook had become rusty. His luck changed and he was sent to another port which happened to be rather busy. He was "hired," and prepared to do a "fair day's work for a lousy day's pay," descended the hatch.

Upon taking his hook out of his belt, the foreman remarked, "Hook's rather rusty, aint it, mate?" Whereupon the docker replied: "Sure it is, but you should see the state of my frying pan."

Even our Furniture They Attack!

Tory "D" Scheme hits workers

By JACK MOSS
(Chairman of the London Furniture Workers Shop Stewards' Council.)

THE Government's application of the "D" Scheme to the furniture industry will strike a grievous blow to all concerned with the manufacture, labour and purchase of articles of furniture.

It has been vehemently condemned by both employer and employee for similar reasons. Those firms that regarded the utility scheme as a code of honour forsee unscrupulous employers ignoring any semblance of responsibility to the purchasing public, in order to cash in with jerry-built furniture.

How far removed are we from furniture constructed from veneered cardboard for ends, backs, panels, tops and bottoms of wardrobes and fitted robes and drawer bottoms, upholstered furniture stuffed with old rags, floor sweep-

OVERHEARD IN THE WARD

"I've stopped buying the "Manchester Guardian". It's getting too Right Wing. If I want to read a Tory paper, I might as well buy the "Herald".

ings and other noxious and infected materials? I am not exaggerating the position. This is exactly what happened before the war and the utility scheme, and its enforcement by legal action against those who would continue these malpractices.

The effect on the consumer is obvious: dearer-priced, shoddy furniture constructed in a fashion that will not bear close examination. The British Standards Institute stamp might be used, but there is no compulsion or enforcement for maintaining any standard.

There will be the anachronism of people going into a subsidised house or flat and having to pay tax on furniture to put into that subsidised dwelling.

The workers engaged in the industry will have to face the consequences of cut-throat competition, short time and redundancy, for the timber content being reduced and the number of articles increased to meet the tax line, will throw hundreds, if not more, on the dole.

presenting heredity and privilege makes your 8/- family allowance and the miners' wage claim of 30/- look silly, doesn't it? Whatever ability you may acquire, doesn't matter a damn—it's birth that counts!

Like most of your class you'll live in a slum, and to endure this insult you will pay rent. You'll bathe, wash and cleanse yourself in the kitchen sink of a four-roomed house. To sleep in the front bedroom is not only unhealthy but positively dangerous, for the ceiling rots with age and the walls are damp and verminous. I should know, for I assisted in the useless task of cleansing these same walls. So alike are these hovels, that each one is numbered to avoid confusion.

In such conditions it is expected that you will be patriotic. Patriotism will be injected into you with as much rapidity as American dollars are injected into bankrupt European capitalism. From pulpit to press, every conceivable method will be used to "produce" your opinion. And always, the law-courts, the press, police and prisons stand ready to protect the interests of the ruling class. But you could be much worse off.

You could, for example, have been born a Malayan, African, or a Korean. The awkward necessity for periodical elections that the privileged class are compelled to submit to in Britain does not arise in any of these countries. They can use the "Iron Heel of Capitalism" with relish, and in so doing receive the support of Attlee and Morrison.

Within one hour of your birth, you could have been burnt to a cinder by the napalm bomb had you been a Korean. As a Malayan, Dyak head-hunters employed by Templer could have mutilated your parents. And as an African, your first glimpse of life could easily have been your last (with the blessings of Dr. Garbett).

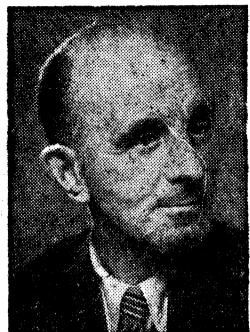
However, you also are privileged. Against these parasites the entire world is in revolt! In Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and in Europe, the toiling millions irrespective of race, colour or creed are united in their determination to destroy this system that shackles, humiliates and destroys mankind. From Spartacus to Bill Tyler, successive generations of working people have fought and suffered to achieve this noble end. The last page in this historic conflict is now being written, and it may prove the bloodiest page of all. I urge you then, not to squander, or allow others to rob you of the fruits of your labour.

Finally, to mark the occasion of your birth, I shall launch you in life in the correct and proper way, by sending, on your behalf, 10/- to the "Socialist Outlook" Fighting Fund.

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HOUSING: Homeless Amid Plenty is a Scandal

'Ration all Room Space' says TOM BRADDOCK

without serious overcrowding, be accommodated in rooms with their parents or guardians).

These figures make it quite clear that there is, as well as overcrowding at one end of the scale, a serious condition of under-occupation at the other. If the accommodation could be shared out we could give shelter, under reasonable conditions, to the whole of our population without any overcrowding or any lack of accommodation such as we are experiencing under the present system (or lack of system).

FAIR SHARES

As it will be impossible under present, or indeed any, building arrangements to abolish our waiting lists and slums in less than twenty years or more, it seems obvious that our duty is to apply fair shares of accommodation already here to hand.

In fact, it would seem that we are wasting labour and materials in building houses and blocks of flats that are not urgently necessary. Our immediate need is not to provide expensive houses for those who can afford high building prices or high rents, but to put the under-privileged so far as living accommodation is concerned into decent and sanitary dwelling places.

Remember, we have assumed the evacuation of slum and condemned property. This would be completely demolished so soon as its occupants were properly accommodated. Also we have taken no account of kitchens or one-room dwellings.

APPALLING CONDITIONS

There is a further, and almost as important, matter that we must consider. The census returns show an appalling condition of under-occupation. Today—

- 17 households in every 100 have no piped water supplies.
- 7 have no cooking stoves.
- 13 have no kitchen sinks.
- 21 have no water closets.
- 45 have no fixed baths.

These shortages could and would have to be overcome in placing our people in adequate accommodation. How much labour and material would it entail?

The above percentage figures, translated into actual units of equipment, show that just under 13 million of one type or the other will have to be fitted. A fair estimate of the cost of the equipment and such building costs as might be required to instal same, in separate apartments where necessary, would be an average of £30 each, a total cost for the 13 million units of, say, £400 millions.

Every Labour Party is now considering Municipal Policy in preparation for the Local Elections next May. Housing and Rents are without doubt the biggest and most explosive problems. The workers are rightly fed up with words and promises—they want action.

That is why Tom Braddock's plan for solving our immediate housing difficulties is worthy of the most serious attention in the movement. Fundamentally, he points out, housing is not a technical question it is a political question. To put everyone into decent housing accommodation requires (at most) only £400,000,000 . . . plus a Government that is not afraid to attack the class privileges enjoyed by that group of people who at present occupy TOO MUCH space. The job could be completed in less than four years.

This is the first of a series of articles which Tom Braddock is writing for the "Outlook" and, in response to many requests, we shall give as much space as possible in future issues to the Housing question from all its many aspects. We invite Labour Parties and members to send in their views for publication.

When we realise that a year's job of building, say, 150,000 new houses costs in the neighbourhood of £300 millions we can see how quickly, if given the opportunity, we could solve our immediate housing problems.

It is only one year's work for our present house builders if it could be tackled all at once. It could not, but as the main structures, in which we are to place this equipment do exist, a period of four years' is ample time to allow.

UNRELIABLE EVIDENCE

It must be remembered that the great majority of our people would not be disturbed. Overcrowded houses would be relieved of their excess occupants, those remaining would not be disturbed in any way. Generally speaking only those who are either overcrowded or who are occupying more rooms per head than they need would be disturbed.

These are of course those people who can be generally described as "better class" for want of a more accurate term. They will not like the prospect of their houses being divided into separate habitations, each fitted with sinks, W.C.s., bathrooms, etc., for the occupation of other families. They are going to tell us the old stories about how working class streets, how they

love to be close to one another, how they will rush back to the slums as soon as possible.

This is just bunk, Comrade. The job has got to be done and if these "class" people want to avoid having strange families close to them, they had better start closing up with their own sort, altering their houses and getting their class friends in with them. This will leave the rest of their houses vacant ready for re-equipment for full use by the present overcrowded families and families without accommodation at all.

To sum up: Here is a policy which will solve within four years our immediate housing difficulties. By our present methods, taking into consideration the losses through the decay of existing accommodation, it will take a generation or more to accommodate those on our waiting lists, let alone those in slums and condemned houses.

A short term emergency policy is therefore called for and here it is. We can put everybody into reasonable living accommodation in about four years. We can do this by making use of what we have; that is the way out, use what we have got now.

What are the objections? They are fairly obvious and are generally covered by the resentment felt by those already living under comfortable conditions at the possibility of some disturbance in order that all shall be able to enjoy a reasonable standard of comfort.

If however the protestations made by the leaders of all the political parties are real and not just examples of callous humbug and hypocrisy we cannot allow, having seen a way out, great numbers of our people to go short of decent living accommodation

CHRISTMAS (S)TORY



O! NOBLE (LABOUR) LORDS!

WHAT purpose do Labour Lords serve in the socialist scheme of things? The answer is none—but they seem to have a very definite use in maintaining the old order whose ridiculous titles and robes they will all be wearing at the Coronation. Listen to them on the question of rents.

Last week the matter was raised by Viscount Buckmaster who is

in the midst of plenty, as they are doing at present.

Certainly no Socialist can tolerate such an attitude. Therefore, for our short term policy, the rationing of our existing accommodation must be taken in hand. There can be no doubt that it will succeed. The greater and more important part of our objective can then be taken in hand, that is the progressive rebuilding of the out-of-date accommodation which still serves the housing needs of three-quarters of our people.

himself a big property owner. He clamoured for an alteration of the Rents Restrictions Acts so that the poor hard-pressed landlords would be able to earn an extra crust or two. Quite right, said Labour Lord Silkin, we must allow some more rent to the landlords so that he can repair his property.

But, wait, a word of caution was heard from a man called Gage—another Viscount (16 silver balls on his coronet)—if we do that, he said, the people will probably turn us, the Tories, out of office. His speech was reported in the "Times" as follows:—"it seems impossible to devise a scheme (of raising rents) which is technically sound and at the same time is guaranteed not to lose votes."

Now, there's a problem, my lord! How can we fleece the tenants and still get them to vote Tory? It was at this stage in the debate that another Labour Lord exerted himself.

TO THE RESCUE!

Look here, said Lord Morrison, why not have an "all-party approach". "Unless these problems are lifted out of party politics," he went on, "they will bring the Government down, and the next Government as well."

Just read that again, brothers. What Lord Morrison says is this: if the Tories raise rents the Government will fall before the people's anger. And he is right. Therefore, if Labour refuses to give any support to this rent-raising campaign the Tories will soon be out! But FOR THAT VERY REASON our noble Lord Morrison wants an "all-party approach". He wants to keep the Tories in office. That is exactly what he said.

You think it is strange. Not at all. The noble lords don't mind much what kind of Government we have . . . so long as it looks after the interests of the landlords and property-owners.

As old Ben Tillett said on another occasion—God damn all Labour Lords, God damn them every one!

BANKERS DEMAND RENT INCREASES

THE London County Council is proposing to raise rents by 1/- to 3/6d. a week. Even Old Age Pensioners will have to pay increases up to 1/3d. a week.

This decision is the direct result of the exorbitant interest charges which the Tory Government introduced by raising the Bank Rate. Mr. Stamp, Chairman of the L.C.C. Housing Committee, admits this. He says that higher rents

are necessary because of increased building costs . . . and increased charges on borrowed capital.

When the Government raised the Bank Rate two Labour M.P.s. wrote immediately that this would mean an increase in rents to cover the increase in interest rates on borrowed capital. Mr. Norman Smith of Nottingham estimated an increase of 3/6d. a week. Mr. Sparks of Acton thought it would mean at least an extra 4/7d.

The L.C.C. increase is almost exactly the figure required to meet the increased bank rate. In other words, the workers of London are being asked to pay up to 3/6d. a week to line the pockets of the bankers. Let there be no mistake about this.

PLEASES THE LANDLORDS

Another ugly feature of this proposed increase is the comfort it has brought to the motley tribe of private landlords. According to the "Times" the "National Federation of Property Owners which is now organising a rent petition on behalf of private property owners has drawn some encouragement from the L.C.C. announcement."

In other words, the L.C.C. has encouraged all those who are demanding an interference with the present Rents Restriction Acts.

We can appreciate the difficulties of Local Authorities—but they are the difficulties of trying to run a capitalist society. There is an alternative. Refuse to raise the rents. Instead, explain the real causes to the workers and agitate for the removal of this Tory Government of Bankers and Property Owners.

If Local Authorities cut out the waste on Coronation decorations, Civil Defence, high salaries for officials, etc., and conduct themselves as George Lansbury did in Poplar, Local Councils can become strongholds of anti-Toryism instead of becoming, as many are, the graveyards of working class hopes for a better life.

Again This Rent Raising Racket

THE FACTS

TWO-THIRDS of the population would be affected by any changes in the Rent Restriction Acts. In 1920 an increase of 40 per cent. was allowed to the landlords—15 per cent. for "fair return" (profit) and 25 per cent. for repairs. Now they are asking for a further 50 per cent. increase for "repairs".

It will have the same result—no repairs will be done but the landlords will get richer. This is what the Ridley Report (1945) said about the last increase:

"We have received a considerable volume of evidence to the effect that the permitted increase in 1920 has not in all cases been applied to the purposes for which it was designed but has been regarded as an added increment to the landlords' income . . . We might say there is evidence of a tendency among some owners to look on house property as an investment to give perpetual income without much, if any, expenditure on repairs or replacements."

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AUSTRALIAN LABOUR VICTORY . . . A TREND?

THE Australian Labour Party has gained 11 new seats to get an absolute majority in the elections for the Victoria State legislature. Labour now controls the government in four out of the six States in Australia and is clearly headed for power in the coming general elections.

Conservative propagandists have been making much of recent elections, in America and Greece particularly, to speak of a worldwide trend to the Right. The Australian elections hardly seem to fit into their pattern. Interestingly enough, Australian Labour made its first come-back by resolute opposition to the Dominion government's attempt at a witch-hunt, in which illegalisation of the Communist Party was to be the opening move.

STRIKE IN WESTERN GERMANY AND JAPAN

NEWSPAPER and periodical publications shut down throughout Western Germany last week. The printers were out on a general strike for a 2d. per hour rise.

A series of strikes affecting coal, gas and electrical power supplies "threaten the destruction of Japan's economy," the cabinet de-



clared in Tokio last week. Railway workers on 26 lines were on strike.

TUNISIAN T.U. LEADER MURDERED . . . CLOSEST COLLEAGUES ARRESTED

LAST week Fehrat Hached, general secretary of the Tunisian Moslem Trade Unions, was found murdered on a deserted country road several miles outside the capital city of Tunis. His head had been crushed beyond recognition. Only papers found on the mangled body established his identity.

The French Resident-General, Mr. Hauteclouque, was in Paris at the time. Since the trade unionist's murder had been preceded by a series of bombings of the homes of Tunisian nationalist leaders, and since a general strike and protest demonstration had been declared by the unions, he hastened back to his post by plane. Before

leaving, he announced: "Acts of terrorism, whatever their source, will be repressed without hesitation."

The terrorist activity has been attributed to a strongarm band of French settlers known as "The Red Hand". But, upon landing in Tunis, Mr. Hauteclouque immediately ordered the arrest of Hahmoud Messadi, who succeeded the murdered Hached in his trade union post, and "some 12" others, including Maitre Zouhir, secretary of the "Estates General" or Consultative Assembly which recently counselled the country's ruler, the Bey of Tunis, to reject the French "reform project" for this colony.

Action taken follows the usual colonialist formula in such cases, "Not the murderer but the murdered are guilty".

U.S. INTEREST

In the United Nations Assembly in New York, the problem of Tunisia was up for discussion. The French delegation refused to

participate on the grounds that the Tunisian problem was a "purely domestic" problem for France. The discussion was sanctioned with the support of the United States delegation.

The U.S. imperialists have their own axe to grind in this matter. For one thing, they are concerned about their bombing bases in North Africa, which are all-important in their military strategy. Moreover, American big business is irked by the economic privileges enjoyed there by French settlers.

The British delegation, fearful of U.S. penetration of its own colonial poaching grounds, made common cause with the French. In fact, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, head of the U.K. delegation, "represented" the absent French in this debate!

While Washington thus plays the anti-imperialist game, Britain and France club together to protect each other's atrocities in the colonies. In the expectation of French help for Mr. Lyttelton's strong-arm policy in "British" Africa. Britain is thus appearing before the world as apologist for the imperialist murder policy in "French" Africa. The Parliamentary Labour Party has yet to be heard from on this outrageous deal.

Mau Mau and the Freemasons

Much has been written about the Mau Mau oath-taking ceremonies. There have been lurid reports of how oath-takers are made to lick leaves which have been dipped in their own blood and the blood of goats whose eyes have been pierced.

But if you were shocked at these bloodcurdling allegations, read this declaration of oaths:

"These several points I solemnly swear to observe . . . than that of having my throat cut across, my tongue torn out by the root, and buried in the sand of the sea at low water mark . . ."

Such gruesome promises are sworn by every Freemason, with his hand on the Holy Bible, when he is initiated into the Brotherhood. The passage quoted is an extract from Mr. Walton Hannah's book "Darkness Visible", which, needless to say, deals with the cosy pastimes indulged in by Freemasons.

A Freemason is also threatened, should he disclose the "Secret Arts", that he will be "severed in two and his bowels burned to ashes"! Yet the newspapers blame Africans, who are fighting for an adequate wage and for land which is vital to them, for their excesses, while in a socially advanced country like Britain, sadistic minds in Masonic Lodges are compiling bloodthirsty oaths for "civilized" men to repeat!

Audrey Jones,
East Islington League of Youth

Kenya Fascists

I read your Editorial on Friday, 5th December, on the statement of the typical English country 'gentleman' Colonel Grogan. If it is correct (as he appears to think, along with lots more 'gentlemen' in Kenya) to hang 25 per cent. of the so-called 'Rebels' and send the remaining 75 per cent. back to their people to tell them about it, surely he should have supported Hitler and his Fascist allies in the 1939-45 war, as he carried out the same policy. But undoubtedly, if we call Colonel Grogan a Fascist he will protest strongly.

The Kenya 'Rebels' are only fighting for the right to be free, which surely they are entitled to. But to carry out Grogan's fascist policy we must show our true colours as sympathisers of Hitler, Mussolini, and the rest of that gang.

Let us unite to help the Kenya people achieve their rights to live and work in freedom instead of being subjected to slavery!
Muselburgh. Johnny Murray.

Colour Bar

It was an excellent article which your representative wrote on Brixton's Colour Bar, but he was a little off the point when he says that there is an "instinct" in us hostile to Jews and to people with a black skin instead of white. It is not an "instinct", it is a prejudice instilled in us through capitalist propaganda at school, in the press, and on the radio.

There is no innate or natural impulse in us expressing itself in hostility to other races. Racial feelings are not instinctive; nationalism is not instinctive. Left to itself a young child will play with another irrespective of its nationality or colour. In fact, one might say a child's instincts are

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international! It is its social environment which injects it with hostility to "inferior races". Hostility to "wogs" or "gooks" is the result of a whole number of insidious influences, from jingoist education at school to a stream of novels, films, press articles, and so on.

I would not have written on this point, but there is so much prejudice surrounding this issue of racial intolerance that socialists must be scrupulously clear. We cannot give the least credence to those who argue that racial hostility is an instinctive reaction, and not something to be overcome by changing social conditions.

Islington. Bill Hunter.

SLANSKY CORRESPONDENCE

A number of letters—for and against—have been received on the Slansky Trial. These letters will be published, with a reply by the Editor, in our next issue on January 2nd.

Gift Aid for Greece

As the hallowed season of goodwill approaches we appeal to your readers to help us to send desperately needed food, clothes and blankets to the 20,000 men, women and children detained in prisons and islands of exile in Greece.

For most of these people this will be at least the sixth Christmas they have spent away from their homes and, during the past six years, their health has seriously deteriorated. Many of them suffer from tuberculosis and other sicknesses and gifts of food and warm clothing may mean the difference between life and death. Their families are mostly poverty-stricken and unable to help them.

The International Red Cross, which distributes the relief supplies sent by our Committee to their representative in Athens, is most anxious that more and more food and warm clothes should be sent for the political exiles and detainees in Greece.

May we therefore urge you to send gifts in kind (tinned food, clothes, etc.), as well as financial donations towards the purchase of blankets and the payment of transport costs. Send to: Relief Committee, L.D.G., 19, Beak Street, London, W.1.

Yours faithfully,
(Lord) Boyd Orr; (Sir) Compton Mackenzie; Leonard Cassini; A. E. Coppard; F. Lewis Donaldson; Barbara Drake; (Professor) John Mavrogordato; Ethel Mannin; Peter Pears; (Dr.) Kate Roberts; (Dame) Sybil Thorndike; (Lady) Mary Trevelyan.

PEACE IN KOREA (from page 1)

the lives of these defenceless men—is strictly in accord with the Geneva Convention which Britain has solemnly sworn to observe. Therefore, all who are sincere about peace in Korea cannot do otherwise than support the Chinese people in their just demands.

THE WRONG ADDRESS

It is against this background that the letter of Mr. Morgan Phillips to all Labour Parties must be judged. He tells us to send resolutions of protest to . . . the Russians! We are expected to believe that it is the Russians alone who are holding up an immediate peace in Korea.

In the first place, the Russian rejection of the Indian proposals is supported by the Chinese and the Koreans. China is an independent nation and does not take orders from Moscow. They want peace—they want it far more desperately than do the Wall Street bankers who see slump descending as soon as the Korean war finishes—they want peace to repair the damage done to their economy by the hated capitalist regime of Chiang Kai-Shek, they want peace to undertake the colossal task of reconstruction that confronts them.

But the Chinese and the Koreans—bombed and ravaged though they are—want peace on honourable and democratic terms. They want their prisoners returned. They want their great revolution

Africans Must Come First in Kenya

BIRMINGHAM Borough Labour Party has carried unanimously the following resolution on Kenya.

"This Birmingham Borough Labour Party is gravely alarmed at the events happening in Kenya, and recognises that the present unrest has been inflamed by the repressive actions of the Kenya Government, and the Tory Colonial Office. We demand:

1. An end to the collective punishments, mass arrests, and detentions without trial.
2. The removal of restrictions on schools, newspapers, free speech, and the right of assembly.
3. That land reform shall be treated as an urgent necessity, and that Africans shall not be debarred from the ownership of land in any part of Kenya.
4. An end to all laws based on racial discrimination.
5. "That Kenya is an African territory, and the interests of the African natives must be paramount; that if and when those interests and the interests of the immigrant races should conflict, the former should prevail."

Secret Police in the Unions

THE press and radio keep us well informed of the activities of the secret police in Eastern Europe and of the inhuman actions taken against any opposition to the regime in those countries.

I have no doubt that these things do take place and they are revolting to socialists. Furthermore, they cause unlimited confusion in the Labour Movement. However, it would be fatal if the workers only look at one side of the penny, even though the popular press doesn't give you much alternative. The truth is that these things happen in the West as well.

The "Socialist Outlook" recently reported that an American-financed German terror group had drawn up a list of all Germans likely to oppose a future war with Russia. The list included Liberals, Christians, Social Democrats, Pacifists and Communists.

COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE?

Germany isn't Britain you think? It couldn't happen here, you think, because our big noises in the upper brackets of the Trade Unions wouldn't allow it. After all, look how they bellow and roar about "preserving freedom"

Yes, I've heard all these things—but just because of the loud noise they make (and always in one

Bring help to these Desperate Youth

THE shadow of two boys shooting at the Police from the roof-top, the shadow of the gallows, hang over the window-dressing and the crowds preparing for the Children's Festival.

The press is full of the crime-wave. It makes good copy too. Flog the coshers! More Police! Longer Sentences! Tougher Jails! More camp prisons (or prison-camps!) Every 'solution' is discussed in detail—the length of the cat-o'-ninetails and the strength of the birch.

The Vicar of St. Clement's, Rochdale, has his own remedy: bring back the stocks for the cosh boy. "I do not think the stocks alone should be his punishment" wrote the Vicar in his parish magazine, "but they should form part of it."

This takes us back a bit in history. When the feudal system was breaking down, the peasants driven off the enclosed land became "criminals". Merely to have no home was a crime. "Vagabondage" or begging (let alone stealing) was punished by flogging, ears off, branding or death. Hideous penalties were inflicted on the dispossessed victims of social

change. Of course the punishments could not wipe out the problem. After that came the Cromwellian Revolution. Similarly in France the Sans Culottes preceded the French Revolution.

Looking back further still, we recall the dispossessed mobs of the decaying Roman Empire, and the Slave Revolts. The Romans had their answers: Bread and Circuses

By Eva Boulton

(translate Dole and Coronations) for the mob; crucifixion (gallows or gas-chambers) for the revolting slaves. The panic of a decaying ruling class knows no bounds and changes little.

It isn't only in Britain that crime is flourishing. The whole civilised world, and especially the United States, is seething with graft and racketeering, dope-taking and jail-breaking. The "bad boy" is an international figure.

How do we explain the increased violence and hooliganism, especially among teenagers in Britain? There's the last war—evacuation,

bombing, broken homes—insecurity; there's the next war—conscription at 18—no real job between 15 and 18, and then what?—insecurity; overcrowding—no real home life—insecurity. Poverty for the steady worker, wealth for the wide boys. A general war psychology and a government which is against them.

Perhaps the gang boys don't read much, but they know that machinery could turn out plenty for everyone, if we had the use of it. These boys and girls are deprived of their birthright; they are the children of a decaying society which has to be transformed. They reflect its demoralisation, its frustration and desperation. Their energies are turned in a desperate personal struggle against authority, instead of being drawn into a movement capable of carrying through the change. We cannot forget that Hitler recruited his thugs partly from demoralised unemployed youth whom he bribed.

It isn't nearly enough for us to explain the reasons for crime, and to attack the ruling-class counter-measures and repressions.

We must work harder for a government which is on the side of the workers; which will end conscription and bring home the troops; build homes and take over property for the workers—put paid to the Bradys; give youth responsibility—a vote at 18.

The trade union movement must take up the cause of the teenagers in industry: the rate for the job, short hours and more training.

Our whole movement, Labour Parties, Women's Guilds, the Co-operative Movement, must turn towards the youth. What else is the League of Youth for but to build a mighty force of working-class youth for socialism—the only solution. Who else can do the job except the Labour Movement?

But while we sit down to plan a campaign for those essential halls and community centres, should we not also take a look at the half-used church and school halls and clubs that could be utilised now? We have to make use of every expedient, try every form of socialist propaganda, to build a youth movement and a labour movement able to meet the challenge of desperate youth.

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By BILL PUNT

direction) that I am a little doubtful about their sincerity if ever put to the test. And the test may come soon—if "Reynolds News" is to be believed.

On the 30th of November, that paper printed—under the very misleading title of "New Secret Police to Guard the Queen"—an account of some of the activities of Britain's secret police. The article introduced us to a man named Commander Burt, Chief of Scotland Yard's Special Branch who, it says will soon be "one of the most powerful chiefs of police in the world."

WHO ARE THEY AFTER?

What are his duties? "Reynolds" outlined them in these words:

"Today his men guard all ports and airfields. Many of them are working in factories where highly secret work is being carried out."

"They go to the big political meetings, keep special squads operating in dockland, building dossiers on people suspected of subversive activity and who could be a danger in the event of war."

" . . . they have also taken an active part in the workings of Interpol—the world police

(or hypocritical) to suggest that the Americans are bursting for peace. When General Eisenhower returned from Korea where he had been as a sop to the American electorate, he is reported as saying . . . "We will make them want peace." Make them, Mr. President-elect? How will you do that? Are you preparing to explode the atom bomb on this already crucified people?

The way to peace in Korea is clear for all socialists. Support the Chinese people. Demand an immediate cease-fire! Bring the troops back home! Let the Korean peoples decide their own internal affairs! These are demands that the Chinese and the Russians have proposed. Only the greatest working class pressure will make Eden and Eisenhower accept them.

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