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TO MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Women of the working class, we appeal to you to consider the problems that face us every day.

We want you to understand that women cannot separate their fight from that of the men, true it is the problem of making the household expenditure balance with the household income is one that affects women most, perhaps we are given more to worrying than the men, but if we recognise our class position (not sex) in society, we shall see all our household troubles are but the rumblings of the class war,

Mothers and Daughters, never forget that we belong to the working class and so long as the present order of things is based on the private ownership of the means of life our troubles will continue without end.

The reason we cannot get the food, the clothing, and the shelter that we desire is not due to us being, ungodly, or drunken, no one can say we are not thrifty, we have to be whether we like it or not,

Just as our income, the wages of the household, is, so it is that our expenditure will be determined,

We all know the struggle it is to make ends meet, every penny has to be carefully spent and every rise in the price of the things we buy only makes us more careful than ever, and the way goods are going up in price at present results in us having to go without something or doing with less.

Presently we will be faced with an increase in RENT, something more will be torn from us, so as we go along our struggle becomes severe.

Mothers and Daughters is it not

time that we get together to find a way out of our increasing difficulties mere improvement is not sufficient there must be a solution to the problem of the every day struggle of our lives.

There is a solution: we as women cannot apply it, but we as part of the great working class can apply the solution, if only the workers will carefully study the problem, find the cause of it, and apply the only solution there can or ever will be, the removal of the cause,

What is the cause of high prices? what is the cause of the present housing muddle? what is the cause of the 1,001 things that we suffer from today, nothing more or less than the fact that we are the working class, being the working class it is our lot in life to produce an ever increasing abundance of wealth, which another class rob us of,

You must understand that all the Land, Factories, Railways, Houses and Mines together with all the raw material are in the hands of a class who never do any useful work, behind this class is all the power of the state the power to make and break all the laws, the power of keeping us with our face on the grindstone, the power of crushing us every time we try to improve our lot, the power to keep us in subjection

Mothers and Daughters it is this power that we must break and break quickly, we must break the private ownership in the means of life.

We as workers produce everything we must have what we produce.

The Boss must produce what they get, or they will have to go without, We as wealth producers must suffer

no longer, we must fight and if ever Mother and Daughter put the shoulder to the wheel and fight side by side with our husbands, sons and brothers, Victory Is Ours

Remember that all the good things of the earth are produced by labor whoever enjoys them without working for them is stealing the bread of the workers.

Kate Stewart

IN THE DAWNING

By Eiliana Twynam, Air. Clement

In the dawning, oh! my comrades
Shall the shadows flee away:
Communism's sun all glorious,
Shall burst ope the gates of day,
Such a morn draws hourly nearer,
Thro' the darkness of the night,
Such a day shall have no sunset,
But at evening time be light.

March on, comrades, light is spreading
Keep the Red Flag aye unfurled:
Speed the day when communism
Shall illumine a wakened world,

In the age to come my comrades,
shall vile sweating systems cease:
Rulers join the ranks of labour,
Cultivating arts of peace.
Serfdom and the white slave traffic
Shall be ill's unknown, unheard,
And the very name of slavery
Be a scarce remembered word.

In the distance, see! my comrades
Even now the dawn arise:
Wealth shall dwell amongst the work
Songs be heard where now are sigh
Nation shall not war with nation,
Want and woe no more shall be:
Each for all shall equal labour,
All for each, united, Free.

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Our Editorial

Economics is a branch of what is
known as the Social Sciences. This
science deals with the Origin, De-
velopment and laws of motion of
society. Other branches are History
Geography, and the Science of Under-
standing,

The Science of Economics is
interconnected with other sciences
History, Sociology, Biology, etc, it
is an attribute or part of the Tree of
General Knowledge.

In order to understand the whole
we must understand the parts,
the whole is made up of its parts
in understanding the parts we
understand the whole. We must see
the unit of phenomena but at the
same time recognise the distinction.
The old axiom "Knowledge is
power" is only true in so far as the
attainment of knowledge enables us
to act correctly, Knowledge to the
working class is not an end in itself,
it is not to be stored up in the brain
merely to provide pleasure for the
individual, but to disseminate with
the end in view, the end, human
welfare and progress.

We have mentioned the word,
Economics, and we might make the tree an
Economic tree --- recognising at the same
time its incompleteness -- for our
subject.

The first condition for the exist-
ence of the tree is sustenance, the
first is true of society, the first

condition for its existence is suste-
nance for its members, material
means for existence, food, clothing,
and shelter, hence, society can only
exist by producing and distributing
these material means of existence
the production and distribution of
wealth.

From the statement it should be
obvious to the working class that to
understand the method by which
this wealth is produced is of great
importance to them, as Economics
is the science that deals with this
particular subject it follows that a
study of this science should be of
great benefit to all workers.

As society develops as a result
of the changing methods of wealth
production, the social phenomena
increases in magnitude and intensity

In capitalist society we are faced
with an increasing number of evils
these evils are the result of the
method of producing and distribu-
ting wealth, in short, they are
economic in origin, They are referred
to as social problems.

Let us enumerate a few of the evils
War, Famine, Disease, Poverty and
Unemployment on the one hand,
luxury and affluence on the other,
the key to an understanding of it
all lies in a knowledge of Economic
Science.

Society is suffering from a social
disease.

When the human body exhibits
symptoms of a disease a student of
medical science is called in and in
order to diagnose the disease corre-
ctly and prescribe a cure, he must
possess a knowledge of the structure
the function and the effect of condi-
tions on the organism affected.

So it is with society, in order to
correctly diagnose the social disease
and find a remedy, it is imperative
that we should understand the origin
of the disease.

Fellow workers, this article is
written by a member of the working

class in the hope that it may result
in more workers taking up a study
of Economic Science.

The Labour College is the only
organisation that exists to supply
"Independent working class educa-
tion" It is financed and governed by
the N, U, R, and S, W. M, F,

Classes were conducted at Arnold
Pinxton, Carlton & Netherfield,
Stapleford, and Nottingham.

During the coming winter these
classes will again be held and all
workers are invited to attend.

See to it that your trade union
branch becomes affiliated with the
Nottingham Labour College.

We have much pleasure in announcing
that we have booked ELI. GROOM late of
Halifax Labour College to write a series
of articles on Working Class Education,

OUR READERS OUGHT TO KNOW

That the police at Long Eaton
stated to a member of the I. L, P,
the hope that they would not bring
James Stewart to address a meeting

The reason being that wherever
Jamie went he caused discontent
and strife. You bad lad Jamie:
It is to the credit of the I, L, P, they
publicly stated that Stewart would
be there on the following Sunday

He was there and sold quite a
number of pamphlets and copies of
the worker,

LOCAL ADVERT

Buy housing bonds at 6 % help
the men who fought for you and
ENRICH yourself at the same time

See the simplicity of the scheme
you lend your money at interest,
then you live in the house that has
been built with your money, then
you pay RENT to the owner so that
he can pay you the interest on the
money you lent to build the house
you live in,

Think it over, it is too funny for
words,

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Electrical Trades Union
Cinema Operatives Branch
41 Parnal square Dublin
Dear Sir and Brother.

No doubt you have already been informed that the Cinema operators of this city are on strike for recognition of the E. T. U, since 8th. May and our positions have been filled by non-unionists and by members of the "Irish Transport workers Union"

We have the employers beaten by fair means, but they stand behind the backs of the Transport Union who now see that the only way to beat us is by foul means.

They have organised gangs of ruffians who are members of that union to attack and beat our pickets, some of whom have been injured.

Our boys have been splendid and remained at their posts until driven off the streets by force of numbers.

We have over 80 members and not one of them has scabbed,

We look to you for support, both morally and financially and I would suggest if there are any means by which you can assist in stopping films from coming into Ireland during this struggle it would be of great assistance to us, also for your members to refuse to operate at trade shows where there are any Irish exhibitors or renters present.

The Provincial Cinematograph Theatres Ltd have a high class cinema here, they are one of our biggest enemies and employ scab labour. If they have any theatres in your district and you could bring any pressure to bear on them, it would materially assist us.

We herewith give a list of film renters who have offices in the City and whose managers and staffs have filled our mens positions,

Gaumont. Fox. Famous Lasky, Weiskers, Triangle. National Films, O, R, J. Y Moore. Ideal,

If you give us the support we ask and use your influence with the E. C,

it is sure to bring this fight to a speedy and successful finish,
with best wishes from the Dublin District,

Fraternally yours,
W. B. SYMES Sec.

CITY NOTES

A hint to the City Council. why not advertise the following;— Mortimers Hole to let suitable for many large families, apply, stating terms, To the Housing Committee,

A Few Gems From Nottingham Post

3,000 Ladies watch the prince dine.



The prince was cheered on the way

A costume and hat for 4/6. These were worn by a lady at an economy league meeting, the costume was made from three flour bags and one sugar bag dyed purple and lined with material from an old skirt. The hat was made of fish skins, cured, tanned and plaited into a neat toque.

Might we suggest to the editor of the post, the class he upholds are not even entitled to wear flour bags,

Amazing Coal Profits

Balance for the year over £50,000,000

The increased priced not justified

The Labour Gazette for june, says, the level of retail prices of food fuel clothing, and light etc, as well as rent was 150 per cent above the level of july 1914.

The increase on food was 156 p. c,

The money market review says,--- the first thing is to induce the working class in all countries of Europe to see that hard work alone can save the situation, It has to be admitted the workers have completely failed to realise this simple fact.

When did you work Oh: Masters;

FROM THE TRENCHES

Ex-Service Men, Recruits Wanted
5,000,000 at once

You answered before for the capitalist join up now for your own,

When are we ex-service men going to wake up, Lloyd George told us we were coming back to a land fit for heroes to live in, and now we have returned what do we find; shortage of houses' inferior food and clothing inflated prices and have to pay income tax on a wage equivalent 17/- before the war, while this patriotic bloodthirsty landgrabbing government of frock coats top hats and handles to their names are squandering millions of money and thousands of lives, in countries such as, India Ireland, Russia, etc. who are fighting for the right to live and be treated as human beings and not machines something which we are too ignorant to see or to selfish and cowardly to do ourselves. What is the use of a man giving a Trade Union his support and then placing himself in the capitalist power by joining the Comrades or the D.S. & S whose aim is to support the government in strike breaking and shoot down his own trade union members should they strike for what the government promised them, a land fit for heroes Ex, Service Men rouse yourselves at once delay is dangerous, join in this fight against the capitalist, we have the support of all trade unions and all labour bodies,

We are also joining forces with other countries to abolish war and to stop the capitalist from using us to fight for (his land) mark you his land, where's ours, Join up at once

What have we gained after being cannon fodder for the capitalist. Why he is getting plenty of good food and clothes, we have margarine and black bread. He has got a nice mansion to live in we, an overgrown kennel,

If you dont wake up you will have tanks forcing you to go down the pits to get coal for him to burn in his mansion, which we built.

Join the national union of ex-service men and help labour to win the last fight,

James Cast

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"HERE WE GO ROUND THE MULBERRY BUSH"

The last few years has seen a rapid rise in prices never surpassed before in the history of England and only equalled during the 15th century when that great historical mistake Henry VIII deliberately debased the coinage for his own personal gains.

For the first twelve months of the Great War, the great acceleration of rising prices was met by little or no increase in wages of the working class. Then, driven by sheer semi-starvation, supplemented by the active urging of harrassed housewives, the workers, through their trade organisations had to demand higher wages. This despite the repeated exhortations on the part of the prostitute hireling press that "strikes in war time were unpatriotic".

But the increase in wages, in the long run, was of no use as a means to enable the worker to hold his own against increased prices, much less better his condition. Every increase in wages was met by a corresponding rise in prices.

of a necessity, under capitalism, this was bound to occur. The employers automatically include the higher wage on the cost of production, and this in turn is incorporated in the selling price of the commodity, it was the wage-earners toil to produce, or handle in distribution.

This is true of every phase of wealth production, and when all workers have received higher wages on the plea of higher prices, all prices have still further risen and the workers as a whole are no better off.

For five years this game has been going on, even the antiquated intellects of our universities can see the futility of it all, and call this process the "Vicious Circle"

For this state of affairs there are many quack remedies but only one that is real.

One of the quack variety is the more production stunt.

The argument in brief is "There is a world shortage of goods, so prices are high. Work twice as hard produce twice as much, then there will be plenty, and prices will fall." Yes, perhaps! also most emphatically, perhaps not!

This one thing is sure. Produce twice as much in a given time, the

market will become glutted with goods, and large numbers of workers will be thrown on the unemployed market until that glut is relieved.

The labour conditions in the boot trade are an example of the futility of more production is a remedy.

Bootmakers of Northampton and Leicester are walking the streets unemployed their children insufficiently shod, because too many boots have been made. Some amongst the working class can see the fallacy of "More Production" and in their desperation advocate a general strike to bring prices down. But the strike means only passive resistance. It would operate in effect that the first to starve would be the strikers and those who would endure the longest would be those who possessed reserves of wealth. The Profiteers.

As a weapon in a Revolution a general strike by disorganising the repressive activities of the Master Class would be useful, but even the most advanced revolutionaries admit that once the revolution is accomplished it will be imperatively necessary for the workers to get back to work to carry on production in order to meet the economic needs of the commonwealth. Therefore how a general strike would operate to bring prices down the gentlemen who keeps Hell only knows.

The real remedy to be complete can only be found in the complete overthrow of the present system which is based upon production for profit.

Under capitalism everything sold or exchanged is produced primarily for the private profit of a few who own the machinery of production, and other essentials such as land mines, ships, factories etc.

The profit goes to those who own the capital, and it is the whole capitalist class who are in the last analysis **THE PROFITEERS**

To these parasitic gentry nothing is sacred. From babies comforters to paupers coffins, railways

to rocking horses, aeroplanes to anvils, all have to contribute their quota of profit or the capitalist cries "stop no profit, no production"

These kings of the commercial world through their ownership of the essentials of wealth production, have a power that a king might sigh for but never achieves.

This being so, no amount of tinkering with lower prices, stop profiteering, or remedy any other of the evils inherent in capitalism.

The only real remedy is to follow the example of Russia in so far as the workers have taken collective control of all the things necessary to produce wealth.

Production is now carried on not for the benefit of the profit mongering few, but for the good of the whole working community.

It can be done, it must be done. It has been done—IN RUSSIA.

R. MEE

Next issue will contain

Communism or the gilded collar
TOM BELL

Reply From Mr **LANGDON DAVIS**

CITY FINANCE An Exposure
G. WATTS

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