

# OF STARVATION Gandhi Urges Workers Control

#### By Our Indian Correspondent : CALCUTTA

Looming ever closer and overshadowing the negotiations with the British Cabinet mission in India is the threat of imminent famine on an even greater scale than that of 1943 when 3,000,000 are estimated to have died from starvation. Deaths from starvation are already increasing. Since the end of March at least one dead body has been found on the pavements of Calcutta alone every day.

The famine, is approaching fast in follower of Gandhi, and where there has Bengal. One can hardly move a few steps always been a Congress Ministry in spite in the streets of Calcutta without being of the fact that there are about 80% beset by beggars. These are people who Moslems in the population, is reported to have come to Calcutta from rural areas have said that the Frontier Province will nearby where acute food shortages exist. remain with the Moslems in the event of Deaths of 19 people described as Hindustan and Pakistan independence. "unknown" were recorded during the week From the imperialist point of view this ending April 6th. Unknown persons, as is very important. defined by the authorities, are those who Violent antagonism exists between the

have no address in Calcutta, and who Congress Party and the Communists. presumably destitute. These people died During the recent elections to the Bengal either in the streets or in hospital. The Legislative Assembly this resulted in practise of showing the deaths of paupers street fighting, and the Indian Nationalist separately has been discontinued from the "Amrita Bazar Patrika" reports : week under review. Paupers are officiall, defined as those whose funeral expenses are carried by the Calcutta corporation. The number of recorded deaths of paupers during the week ended March 30th was 99, and of the "unknown" 23.

Arrangements are being made by the local government and the Relief Committee to house and feed the destitute, but these are completely inadequate.

perialism on the issues of colonies and manufacture of atomic explosives, has empires outside India. recently been discovered in Ceylon-the

While in Malaya Nehru held a meeting largest thorium field in the world. The at Kualalumpur. During the meeting a prevalent feeling here is that this thorium ever, created political persecution on a To break the resistance of the letter was handed to him on behalf of the should be used exclusively for industrial scale undreampt of by any medieval Ruthenians Stalin is employing, not only Free Indonesia Relief Organisation, which and humanitarian purposes. Free India has 74 branches throughout Malaya. The will resist all attempts to use it to help extensive carefully planned persecution of logical and ideological weapons. To this letter appealed to the Indian people to manufacture a material designed to destroy decisively overthrow imperialism and thus human life.

AUSTERTY Is It Necessary? By KEN HAWKES After the War is over, After the slaughter's done, After the people are ruined,

After the victory's won, Labour will go on drudging Wondering what it was for, Paying for generations. After the war.

As after the last war, the financiers we are forced to do without the things and politicians are playing the same old we need.

trick on the workers. Everywhere the "Day-long clashes during which one man cry goes up. "The war has got to be was killed by a gunboat and over 200 wounded by lathi b'ows and stones occurred paid for." And as usual, of course, it is natural resources. To decide whether an on Sunday, when well over 100,000 workers to be the workers who are to do the austerity future is really necessary we in Calcutta and Howrah industrial areas paying.

went to the polls to elect their represent-Together with this gloomy forecast, we the natural resources at hand, and the atives to the Bengal Legislative Assembly. Contest for these labour seats is mainly are also told that austerity is to continue means of applying one to another.

between Congress nominees and Communist almost indefinitely. Loaves are to be In Britain, during the war, food pro-

that the horrible story of deportation, Uniate or Catholic of the Ruthenian Rite. torture, imprisonment and execution was We trouble to explain this because the ended with the passing of the middle ages. term "Uniates" may be forced into the The rise of Fascism and Communism, how- news in the near future.

fanatics. To this there is now added the soldiers and secret police, but also theoreligious opinion and worship by Stalin's end he is organising what he hopes will totalitarian regime. Until quite recently be a separation of the Ruthenian from the Communists were courting the Catholic the Catholic Church and its adhesion to Church, indeed are still so doing in Italy. the Greek Orthodox Church which has At the same time, in Russia and Eastern become the most lickspittle of Stalin's Europe Stalin was enlisting the Greek outfits. Church (the "Orthodox Church") as a The Uniates suffered great persecution

The Russian branch of the Greek Orthodox Church compromised in the most

The Labour politicians from Attlee Russian Government. Used to being the "liberation" of Poland by the Red Army to Cripps, shouting for exports, and yet servants of the Tsar, they found it easy more exports, are repeating the classical to grovel before Stalin. On the other hand cry of capitalist imperialism. At the same the Roman Catholic Church did not foot. Church and people stagger under the blows time we are told that imports of goods the Communist bill and is now facing needed in this country must be kept down bitter persecution, particularly in Poland to the barest minimum. This is only be- where the Western Church has great cause we are tied to the system of finance influence among many workers and capital, and the Anglo-American hold on peasants. the money market must be made secure.

Stalin is, however, not putting any geographical limits upon his religious war. against Anarchists and Soclialists and by Let's look at it another way. All true Using the Russian branch of the Greek the Bolshevik leaders against one another wealth is produced by labour applied to Orthodox Church as he did the Communist in their lustful struggle for personal International, agents of the Eastern power. Church are attempting to penetrate South The Soviet Government has a departmust survey the available labour power. America, the U.S.A. and the Near East to ment for regulating church affairs and this carry a religious war against the Roman department, with the Russian Orthodox Catholics of those regions. This war, con- Church, has organised and announced a ducted with physical as well as ideological breakaway of the Ruthenians-from Roman 25.3.46. smaller and darker, fewer clothing duction was greatly increased, particularly means, has nothing to do with theology. Catholicism to the Russian Church. How-Food prices, even under Government, amnesty for political prisoners from the on the post-war paradise promised by all abundant. From the seas an endless yield as Stalin's war on the Roman Catholics ever, the evidence, even from Russian control, have risen sharply, and food is Mission. They assert "the Secretary of the Patriarch has nothing to do with "free thought" or sources (published letters of the Patriarch extremely short. In Bengal where rice is State for India is on the spot to open a' recedes further away like a During the war, new labour processes were atheism. The aim of the struggle is of Moscow, etc.), indicate that only a introduced industrially to increase pro- political. Stalin is willing to use the fraction of the Uniate clergy and congre-Shortages, queues, increasing unemploy- duction, and our consequent ability to Orthodox Church to extend his dominion gation have submitted to what is now the ment, together with the latent, but ever- produce consumer goods has been greatly over his slaves and captives. Any, any, Church of Stalin, more destructive war. These are the man's physical and cultural needs could be be so used is attacked by Stalin with a Fedorovych Kostelnyk a priest of Lwow, aimost limitless. Clothing, furniture, fiery persecution aiming at nothing short Mikhail Melnyk parish priest of Nizankovych and Antin Pelvetskyj parish priest What a commentary on the British of Kopchynci, Their letters demanding censored and hidden from its readers! first Marshal, the incomparable Stalin, We cannot, in the space of one article, the brave and wonderful Soviet Army has leal with more than one phase of this covered itself with immortal glory." Just political-religious war. We shall deal a typical example of the new theology. further with the attack upon the **Russian State Church** 'Uniates" of Ruthenia alone. The Bolshevik State in its present process of expansion is seeking to create a the fact that they were political agents, The writers did not attempt to conceal stating: "Reverend Father, herewith we Socialist Soviet Republic is, of course, only inform you that, with the permission of like Nehru and Maulana Azad, has turned destroyed—in the shape of guns, tanks, being burnt, while millions in Europe and the neurope and the neurope of the Ukroinian SSP Stalin tive has been formed for the purpose of an advocate of workers' control. This is it will be by means of paper money which lie rusting in army dumps both here and Rohand Fastorn Caligina and Volkynian the Orthodox Church." "The State authority will recognise only the steps provinces of Drohobycz, Lwow, Roune, taken by the Committee of Initiative, and tacked on to the cost of living. The Fish is thrown back into the sea on the Stanislawow, Tarnopol and Wolyn, in 1939. will not recognise any other administration "As time progresses the Labour world is price of commodities will rise. Instead East Coast, while the housewife spends These were added to the Russian Ukraine of the Greek Catholic Church," and in 1940 the Rumanian Cernauti and Danubian Bessarabia followed by force. Little success came to the Stalinist In 1945 the Czechoslovakian province of clergy. Resistance grew and was replied Podskarpatska Rus was added to the to by brutal suppression. Almost all of the bishops and many hundreds of priests Ckraine. To achieve a uniformly Ukrainian have died in prison. Seven Uniate bishops population within this region truckloads of Eastern Galicia were imprisoned in Kiev, four have since died. are deported and Ukrainians from outside The British Press is silent about this are forced into the vacated areas by the persecution and about the resistance movement which is growing in Russian occu-Naturally this has created a resistance pied Poland although the Warsaw wireless reports on it regularly. Regarding religion there is only one lose nothing. Indeed their right action during the last hundred years or so the war a Joint Industrial Council was Poland, Ruthenians who had taken to the decent way to live; that is the Anarchist established, under which a system of com- forests to escape these deportations have way. Let every man worship as he will, pulsory conciliation is operated, giving been resisting the troops sent to round let him worship a stone if he wishes. Let equal representation to the British Em- them up. The same radio informed us every one have the right of religious ployers' Confederation and the T.U.C. that the troops of Marshal Rola-Zymierski propaganda-and of atheist propaganda if General Council with a Minister of Labour had, up to the end of January, 1946, lost he so desires. Let no person be kept from as chairman. The workers soon discovered hearly one thousand men while so attending the church of his choice and let no one be compelled to attend church by direct or indirect means. Uniates

during Hitler's occupation of Poland and Ukrainia; it is said that two and a half million Ukrainians were deported into sickeningly servile manner with the Germany for forced labour. The brought no relief to this poor people. A new persecution takes the place of the old. of the Bolsheviks. Persecution of a religious faith often makes people cling tighter to it, but there is a degree of persecution of religious, political and social ideas which goes beyond that, which wipes To secure the interests of the financiers The Church of Stalin out an idea by physically destroying the people who hold it. That is the method of Bolshevism, the method they used

of 1939, the quality inferior, and the ration relations with India. Let him open the insufficient. There is no price control on chapter with the words 'Amnesty to all

unrationed food such as fish and vegetables. Milk costs about 1/- a pint, and in Calcutta even drinking water is short. Everyone is suffering from gastritis, and one person of every two you meet has had jaundice.

The slums in Calcutta are appalling. The town is already over-populated without any means for extra water supply. bribery, graft and corruption of every kind are rampant everywhere from the high Government official down to the beggars in the street.

Together with famine comes the threat of widespread epidemics. In various parts of India there is a serious outbreak of cholera. As cholera is a water-carried disease, here are some facts about the purity of drinking water in Calcutta, not to speak of other places. The water of the River Thames is ten times more impure than that of the Hooglys (Calcutta's river), but the water filtered from the Thames is four times purer than that we get in Calcutta. Out of 87 samples of water tested here at random 27 were suspicious. . . .

Throughout India the total number of beds available in isolation hospitals is just over 1,000.

India has been bled white by British imperialism. The return for the wealth British capitalists have extracted from India is mass starvation and disease for the Indian people.

Ministry.

Congress spokesmen are demanding an coupons are being issued. As time goes cereal foods. The mineral wealth is still the staple food, the price is four times that new chapter in the history of Britain's desert mirage.

present, crisis threatening a new and even increased. The supplies of goods to supply organisation or ideology which refuses to

Strikes

The industrial scene is one of widespread As far as paying for the war is con- household goods, books, gramophones, of complete physical annihilation. strikes throughout India, particularly, cerned, we answer, it has already been radios, bicycles and so on could be availstrangely enough, among the police force. paid for. Labour applied to natural able for everyone. And there could still Press, including "liberal press", it is to schism loudly praise Stalin as in that of On April 4th, the entire constabulary of resources is the way in which war is be a large balance left over to balance relate that this important development is May 28, 1945; "Under the direction of her Patra (capital of Bihar) struck, demand- waged. Armaments are but the product of against imports of timber, cotton and fruit. ing a wage increase to 100 Rupees, free human labour. The labour has been ex- There must be something wrong some quarters for their families and free pended. The real price has been paid, where, On the one hand we know that all education for their children. The strike The War Savings Campaign was a dirty the requisites of a good life for all are took place in spite of an appeal by the financial trick. The War Savings drives there—on the other hand we have the Bihar Congress Ministry to give the were aimed at gaining the support of the reality of shoddy and scarce goods, and Ministry an opportunity to examine the workers for the finance racket. the promise of a "tightened belt" for an demands. It is difficult to judge whether To workers who think they will be indefinite period. At the same time we

imself even poorer than before.

the strikers intend to sabotage the better off by the amount they have in- learn that aeroplanes and warships, not vested in War Savings when the pay-out destroyed during the war, are being taken

Gandhi, who is partially eclipsed on the comes we say, think again. The wealth out from the Clyde and sent to the bottom political field by other Congress leaders produced against your cash has beep of the sea. In South America crops are a means of getting an extra vote at U.N.O. his attention to industry, and has become bombing planes. When the pay-out comes Asia face imminent famine. Machine tools the name of the Ukrainian S.S.R. Stalin of great interest from the anarchist point will have no additional goods to back it, on the continent; tools which are needed Poland, Eastern Galician and Volhynian of view. Gandhi writes in his paper The cost of repaying War Savings will be to re-establish industry in ravaged Europe. "Harijan":

getting more insistent in its demands, which of being better off, the worker will find her mornings in the fish queue. are daily increasing, and it does not hesitate to resort to violence in its impatient enforcement of those demands. New methods of enforcing them are being employed. Workers do not hesitate to injure the projoin the strike, and forcibly keep out blacklegs. In these circumstances how are the at once offer the strikers full control of the concern which is as much the strikers' as theirs. They will vacate their offices, not in a huff, but because it is right; and

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#### Cabinet Mission

This is the background against which the negotiations between the Indian political leaders and the British Cabinet Mission are taking place. So far the Mission has been non-committal on the terms of treaty with free India. All parties, with the exception of the Moslem League, want the Mission to take a bold step by immediately starting negotiations. under one constitution-making body repre sentative of all the political parties, and then to settle internal differences under the auspices of that body.

Jinnah, the British-sponsored leader of the Moslem League is going all-out for Pakistan (Moslem separation). In a recent meeting in the Punjab he stated:

"We, (the Moslem League) are prepared to shed our blood, if that is going to be the test and fire through which we are required to go."

the employees the assistance of their engineers and other skilled staff. The employers will find in the end that they will the blessing of their men. They wi'l have

made proper use of their capital. I would of today. not consider such action as benevolert. It would be an intelligent use by the capitalists of their resources and honest dealing in regard to the employees who they would have converted into honourable partners"

#### Nehru in Malaya

At first the State persecuted the unions had to resort to the use of the 'old Jawarharlal Nehru has just returned from a visit to Malaya. When he arrived with every means at their disposal; fashioned weapon' of strike action. in Singapore he was received by a British legislation, armed force and organised Every time, the unofficial strikers were those of our readers who have not pre- Anglican and nonconformist clergymen find Major-General, on behalf of Lord Louis blacklegging; but now it has won them opposed by a solid alilance of the State, viously been interested in Eastern Europe it profitable to whitewash Bolshevik Russia, Mountbatten, Supreme Commander of over and incorporated them into the the employers and the trade unions. The Long after the division of the Church into pray for the unity of the Catholic Church S.E.A.C., and was driven down to the machinery of the State. To give a historic end of the war and the election of the eastern and western branches, Roman (in the case of the Anglicans) and keep Mountbatten's with Lady Louis in the car. survey of this development would require Labour Government has not altered this Catholics and Greek Orthodox, a section silent about the persecution and murder

Even if the Mission should succeed a reception either at home or abroad from what they are today. the alliance against the workers. To quote In December, 1595 two Ruthenian Bishops Yet, while protesting against this new there is a great likelihood of Civil War the agents of British Imperialism. The The trade unions administer State Shinwell, present Minister of Fuel, who were sent as delegates to Pope Clement persecution we shall remember our own developing in the provinces where there purpose of the reception, as far as it is functions such as health insurance, and stated at a conference of the National VIII who welcomed the Ruthenian Church Anarchist comrades of Russia, persecuted is a great majority of Moslems. Dr. Khan possible to judge, was to offset Nehru's their representatives are on a whole range Union of Mineworkers that the one thing into the Catholic. The Ruthenians were by Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin, their cries Sahib, Premier of the North West speeches condemning the British Govern- of governmental committees from those that disturbed him was the number of un- allowed to preserve their own church rites for social justice silenced by the Bolshevik

# Employers to behave I would unhesitatingly advise such employers that they should UNION MOVEMENT TODAY

When the trade unions were first tion, etc., to the coal-board for the Bolshevik method of "social engineering" formed they were the organisations of nationalisation of the mines.

will disarm opposition and they will earn. gradually built the trade union movement

By Bill

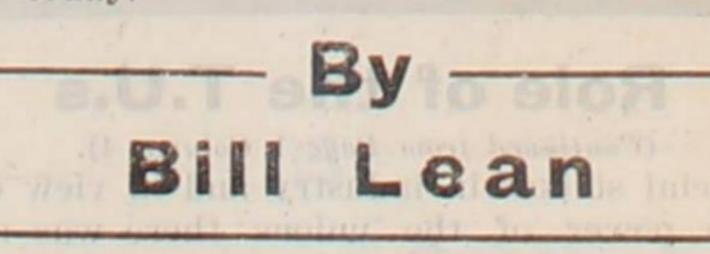
to show their good will they should offer economic struggle of the workers against Integration with the State is paralleled movement, against Russian imperialism the boss. The blood, toil, tears and sweat by collaboration with the masters of the According to the Warsaw Radio, controlled of the workers in strikes, lock-outs, etc., State-Organised Big Business. During by the Communist puppet government of that in the never-ending negotiations of the engaged.

J.I.C. all the advantages were with the employers and to get results the workers

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It is ironic that Anarchists, who so often Most of these "Ukrainians" are have been denounced by the clergy, should

Uniates. Let us explain this term for defend freedom of worship, while so many 22.3.46 Nehru was the first Indian to have such a few volumes; here I will deal only with state of affairs, in fact it has strengthened of the latter became reconciled to Rome, of their Polish and Ukranian brethren! and ceremonies and to use language other prison and the tomb.



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## Towards Syndicalism

World is not yet decided.

the new union will be based on the

#### The United Nations present the following supposedly basic truths of the workers of

the world: Fascism has been eliminated. The war has therefore been justified. The righteous struggle culminates with the trial of the guilty at Nuremberg. St. George and his associaties have, in a modern fable, once more made an end of the hydra-headed dragon.

This, strangely enough, is still a fable; otherwise, why has the monster been left with one of his heads-easily recognisable during the General Election campaign arms and legs and hung him from the garded as menacing to the financial form: "We will do nothing to impede the

IL FORTHDE: - CINETERS AND IN

Comrades of the Anarchist Federation interests of the chief contestants in the overthrow of Franco, or hinder the Spanish was subjected to similar brutal treatment in Hyde Park, he went on to say that demanded and on being taken the resolution in Scotland and England, with many sym- recent and ugly slaughter. The beast has, people from creating a freely chosen form without respect for either sex or age. pathisers, are considering the early however, a menacing and insatiable of society." divided of society."

union movement. Whether this will be a nationality and its body, still apparently and tawdry lie, especially for a Union and Kindred Staffs Branch, renew Syndicalist union or the British quite intact, has absorbed for its well- now stand aghast at the Chamberlain- police, and it is reported that the execution paper which claims to be dignified though frained from casting the 272 votes of the Administration Industrial Workers of the being, the lives of many whose numbers Churchill policy of appeasement which is squads are busy every day:

supply.

FASCISM STILL LIVES IN SPAIN

By Eric Shilliday

maintained, would ensure the downfall of off.

keep alive his foul regime.

Whe Red and Black flag of the Anarchist

(1) Manuel Ocana, after being heaten Federation flying from the platform in several times during questioning had to Hyde Park has attracted from afar many paper. The Ford - T.U.C. agreement plied to Franco. In return Britain pur be taken to the local artillery barracks Spanish comrades of the F.A.F., C.N.T. and threw out the shop stewards, the striker chased all the sardines that he could because the flesh of his wrists was so Libertarian Youth on their arrival in demanded their recognition and objected swollen, after torture, that his manacles London, often from North Africa to the differential wage rates which

They tell us that it gladdens their secured recognition of shop stewards but the Franco regime), we find the so-called (2). Eernandez Rodriguez was treated hearts to see again the flag which led the discontent still exists. Ford workers are

anti-fascist democracies providing Franco in typical Nazi fashion. He was beaten Spanish workers in the onslaught against thoroughly disgusted with the T.U.C. with blood transfusions which serve to into unconsciousness three times in one Franco, even though it flies in placid

night, and when his torturers realised England. Long may it fly.

#### Bevin states that he detests the Franco that they could not extract a confession OURSELVES

there were two Anarchist meetings, one tion was declared carried.

are equalled only by the casualties of a being jut into effect, especially so when Comrades, the magnificient struggle of The truth is, only one Anarchist plat- the general secretary is a member of the Whatever the name, it is certain that major war authentic facts about current conditions the heroic Spanish people is also your form is maintained in Hyde Park, that of same branch. The G.S., Fred C. Woods, The British and American Governments is Spain are coming before the notice of struggle. Do not shrink from that fact, the Anarchist Federation. This platform jumped up to point out that the branch

**Red and Black Notebook** 

### By Syndicalist

TACTICS COMRADE !

The Annual National Conference of the regime-so did many of his associates from him by these means, they bound his "THE "NEW STATESMAN" and Clerical and Administrative Workers" Union at Rhyl wass debating\_a motion and generally referred to as Franco? when the usual flood of political prom- wall beating him continually and twisting An anonymous writer in the "New supporting Communist Party affiliation to Perhaps this particular head was not re- ises" were made, generally in the following his testicles to make him sign a confession. Statesman ", presumably Kingsley Martin, the Labour Party. On a show of hands (3) Adela Ruiz, a twenty-year old girl, said he had recently attended the meetings the motion was lost, a card vote was

Spanish comrades suspected of anti- with an audience of two, the other with Miss Molly Sisson of Hampstead a formation of a new and revolutionary appetite for anti-fascists of Spanish Small wonder then that ordinary men fascist activities apart from questioning, no one listening to the speaker. This is a delegate of the London Central Trade dull. branch, Unfortunately for her little plan

Anarcho-Syndicalist principles of organisation:

- 1. Control of the organisation by the members; control from the bottom upwards.
- 2. No leaders; all delegates and committees to be elected, non-permanent, and subject to instant recall.
- 3. Repudiation of political activity.
- 4. Development of direct action methods.
- . Workers' Control of Industry.

We look forward to the result of our comrades discussion and invite the readers of "Direct Action" to join in.

#### Letters to the Editor

## A FRAME - UP?

#### The Editors, "Direct Action". Dear Comrades,

mind".

not in Italy; because the police are sensible conversation with him." "(b) Patrick McHugh, Superintenstatements. He accuses the magistrate the craft is given a wider meaning than that of the accepted of harming the Indians. He is com- craft unions. Thus the A.E.U. claims members among marinehim.' "Guilty Men", by Michael Foot generally be organised, not where you work, but where your ("Cassius"), a British citizen and an bed is. M.P., and because they are satisfied with whatever system ensures their material well-being, they were unable to understand the natural reaction of an anti-fascist who workers will be organised in at least two "general workers had suffered fifteen years of political perunions", such as the Transport and General or the Municipal secution at the hands of fascists of al and General. These are general unions which "organise" anycountries. These two persons were, or oody and everybody, engineers, miners, dockers, busman, shop the other hand, perfectly able to state assistants, clerks or farm labourers. Anybody and everybody without any hesitation whatever that in a vast, amorphous disorderly mass. was a "person of unsound mind".

despite certain outward signs of nausea world humanity.

contributing to his foul system.

and British coal have recently been sup- Spain:

Taking Over

# PART 2 The Social General Strike fonger obey the foremen and managers, each person or gang

Who'll Pay the Wages?

The basis of trade union organisation, as well as its growth are needed such have already been organised. and practice, make it unsuited, even dangerous to the taking and running of industry. Trade unions are of three types, trade unions proper, that is craft unions, bastard forms of

**Redundant Unionism** 

None of these three types of unionism meets the needs o

labour in the modern age. What is needed is a union which

will organise the workers of one factory in a single industrial

men-male and female-young and old. An industrial union

organised in each industry and service, mining, textiles, rail,

autonomous administrations in each country.

ot split into residential areas, but organised on the job, built

The organisational plan of revolutionary industrial

industrial unions" and general mass unions. Craft unions may have been justified in the days of handi- powerful weapon of the capitalist is discarded. The banknotes Sir Henry Boyle are gathered in the German working-class. The purpose of craft production when a craftsman produced, almost entirely in his wallet are so much fluff. But we must eat to live. Very latter's luxurious home to discuss the this short is to show people that war has alone, the commodity of his trade. Today, however, by the well, the docks and warehouses are post-war menace threatening Britain. Sir always been in the blood of the Germans, development of technics and the subdivision of labour many already in the hands of the workers. The flour mills and bake- Henry outlines the dark plot. I have at last obtained a copy of the crafts and occupations are necessary to the production of even houses, the dairies and packing houses are controlled by them. "You will remember that at our first. Step by step the film shows how Bismarck documents relating to my certification. a simple commodity. If we walk into an engineering factory, The dockers, railwaymen and lorry drivers deliver the food meeting over the Torchbearer business 1 planned to conquer Europe, how Kaiser Here are the grounds on which Ernest for instance, we find the workers already organised by the to the factories and working class districts, the shop assistants and working class districts, the shop assistants and working class districts, the shop assistants and working class districts. Weightman Dunkley, medical practitioner capitalist. The patternmakers work in harmony with the and canteen workers and their activities, direct action and syndicalist how Hitler planned to conquer the workers. at St. Pancras Hospital, formed his con- moulders who pass their work to the machinists. The families. 

clusions that I was a "person of unsound machinists' work is dovetailed into the fitters. Maybe Distribution will not be according to the fitters. Maybe Distribution will not be according to the fitters. Maybe Distribution will not be according to the fitters. blacksmiths, plumbers, coppersmiths, joiners, sheetmetal a person has but according to his, need. Large families will talk of Anarchist journals printed on shown, but after all that was business, "(a) He is excited in manner. He workers, boilermakers and painters join in the production of receive more than small families or single persons. Children super-quality paper. honest clean business. The film doesn't says that the British police are Fascists this one commodity. Clerks, time-keepers, inspectors and will have first call on milk and sweets. Delicacies such as "Smith's glass dropped with a crash show how Germany's unemployed reached and that Fascism originated in Britain draughtsmen too, are necessary to industrial process. poultry and grapes will go to the hospitals and invalids instead from his fingers as he sprang forward in 8,000,000 before 1933, nor does it show the Yet, while all may be under one roof, producing one type of to wealthy overfed idlers. Farm labourers and smallholders his chair excitedly. Fascists they persecute him and put him of commodity, say locomotives, these workers may be scad food to the cities. "Sorry, Sir Henry", he mummared are just ignored.

in prison every Sunday. He also talks " organised " into forty unions. Disorganised would be a more Miners will continue to send coal to the surface, and the apologetically. about 'a magistrate robbing Indians'. apt word. To ask a Syndicalist, " do you believe in trade railwaymens' industrial union will deliver it to the factories. " It is no matter", responded his host, people flocking to Hitler's rallies, how the It is impossible to conduct a coherent unionism", is like asking a man if he believes in the penny- gasworks, power stations and distribution centres. Power as he motioned the others to silence and Hitler Jugend was built up, the horrifystation workers organised in their syndicate will produce elce grang for the butler to clear away the ing concentration camps, gas chambers and farthing bicycle. However, not all of our engineering workers will be tricity and distribute it to the workers' houses, factories and wreckage," crematoriums. We don't doubt that these dent Nurse, St. Pancras Hospital says members of craft unions, some will be members of transport undertakings, The quartette, two Labour organisers, a existed. Anarchists and other classthat Adolfo Caltabiano is wildly excited an alleged industrial union, the Amalgamated Engineering Necessary communication among related industrial plants journalist and the Tory ex-M.P., band conscious workers stated the facts at the at times. He is argumentative and Union. The A.E.U. is not a true industrial union for it will be the responsibility of the telephone and other post office together to battle the Direct Actionists in time, but the British workers wouldn't enters into long rambling disconnected is organised on the basis of craft not industry, though workers. the next thrilling instalment. listen.

and also remember that what they suffer has been maintained steadfastly since the had voted against Communist affiliation ... when Franco's name is mentioned, are still The following details will emphasise this today, YOU may suffer tomorrow. early days of the war, through storm and Miss Sisson replied that the wellpoint-and they are among the less 'The united world working-class must shine, through fly-bomb and rocket attacks attended branch meeting which instructed 1,000 trucks from Britain and 500 from horrible of the known inhumanities which irresistibly force their way onward to and in spite of the hooliganism of the her had been attended by many for the the U.S.A., plus almost unlimited petrol are being suffered by our comrades in complete freedom, or suffer the fate which Communists. Our platform always has a first time, so she decided not to vote good crowd and provides one of the most against the Communist resolution. awaits cowardice.

lively meetings at Orators' Corner.

The Chairman ordering a new vote, the Communist resolution was defeated by

"HITLER LIVES" - MORE HATRED

AGAINST GERMAN WORKERS

1,209 to 944. We've never met Miss A.E.U. AND DIRECT ACTION The Amalgamated Engineering Union Sisson but we've met a lot of Communists. leadership, through the A.E.U. Monthly Journal, have launched a left handed attack against our Federation and its Film Review

paper. The attack takes the form of take over their own job. Where liaison, delegates or committees Wallace's 'Four Just Men "-but not so

good. Four patriotic gentlemen, Smith a Now circulating in cinemas all over journalist, 'a labour organiser, Carfax, Britain, "Hitler Lives", the Academy Pilot Officer Bennett, an ex-labour Award short is another piece of pro-Who will pay the wages? No one. Money, the most organiser and the late Conservative M.P., paganda praising race hatred against the

movements had been resurrected from Of course how these men were financed

And now, what are the chances of my exercising my profession of sea-captain's Yours fraternally,

union-craftsmen, labourers, clerks, storekeepers and draughts Adolfo Caltabiano London, W.9. The facts in the above letter show quite clearly that, as we have already stated, Caltabiano's detention was inspired by political up inside of the factory. motives. ... Allowing for language difficulties, what Comrade Caltabiano said in court is quite clear-he simply denounced British Imperialism and its agents. For this " crime " he was held for ten weeks in a lunatic asylum, and was only released conditional on the guarantee of a friend. His certificate has not been with drawn, and he is determined not to leave this country until the stigma of insanity has been removed from his name. The Anarchist Federation again calls on the workers to see to it that this crime, committed by the British Labour Government against a REAL anti fascist, is not allowed to go unchecked DEMAND THE WITHDEAWAL OF THE CERTIFICATE, DEMAND THAT THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS IN FAMOUS DETENTION BE MADE KNOWN This issue concerns YOU.

#### Distribution

pletely lacking in insight. He resents workers aboard ship, in the chemical industry and scores of Stores of clothing held by textile mills and shops will be Just Men'. being questioned and it is impossible to other industries and for twenty years has had uneasy relations distributed to the most needy by the Textile and Distributive have any coherent conversation with with the Miners' Federation over its attempts to organise coal-Syndicates. Hospital and other health service workers will conmining workers. In any case, the A.E.U. is not organised on tinue their work through their unions. Water and other muni-So, because a professional psychiatrist, the basis of industry, but upon the basis of residence. That is cipal services will be carried on by the Municipal Workers' and a lady magistrate have not yet read if you work in East London and live in West London you will, Industrial Union.

Newspaper compositors and machinists will refuse any longer to print the lies and provocations of the employing class, as they refused on the eve of the 1926 General Strike in Britain. ment proved to be a waste of time and to destroy fascism, hating the German But instead of walking out of the print shops they remain at work and turn the newspapers into organs of the General WHO FINANCES Besides the craft and pseudo-industrial unions some of the

At a glance, any worker can see the obvious advantage of such a strike weapon and its great superiority over the old strike method of starving for three to six months. Superior because we eat instead of starving, but the Syndicalist method is effective not only because of the strikers seizure of the com missariat for the strikers, it also uses the boycott against th employing class.

All domestic and personal servants who were members of their union would leave their employment. Employers would be forced to cook, make beds, do shopping and run their own errands. Postal workers would cease all communications with bourgeois districts. No buses, trains, trams or lorries would. pass throughothese areas or touch buildings where blacklegs nionism allows, of course, for complete organisational relations were employed housed or fed.

No food or drink would be delivered to these places. The with other factories in the industry. Industrial unions are municipal workers would strike against sweeping their streets education, building, health and so on. All industrial unions are or emptying their dust-bins, Gas, water and electricity would [London Group), Ken Hawkes, 15, paradise for the working-class. In spite cease to flow to them. The weapons of starvation and Parliament Hill, London, N.W.3. of the promises made at the General federated into One Big Union. It is intended that the One Big nion shall be a world-wide union of all workers with deprivation which the capitalists have so often used against the workers will be used against them. ---

The R.A.F. man looked around at the These facts are only being told now others. 'I get it,' he said. 'The Four because it suits the interests of capitalism.

Yes-but only just. The second second second

#### FORDS AGAIN

"Hitler Lives" was made for this purpose. When you see the film you may appreciate the technical aspects-photography, narration, etc., but don't forget that the pro-A, stay-in strike of 11,000 workers paganda purpose is to divide the workers. occurred at Ford's Dagenham in spite of Remember that Hitler came to power bethe agreement between the firm and the cause he was put there by the capitalists LU.C. recently arrived at. The agree- to prevent social revolution. If you want

workers will only help to bring it about. I. FISHBONE

#### **Austerity Future**

(Continued from Page 1 Column .4). Anarchist Federation of Britain nas no Yes, there is something wrong. That private financial resources. It is a paper something is capitalism and its finance devoted to the struggle of the workers system. To keep it going we must reagainst the ruling-class. It is a paper nounce the good things of life, the things written by workers for workers. Its aim that we as workers have created by our is not to curry support for this or that labour power, and live in poverty. . To political party, but to urge the workers to keep it going we must submit to the infight their own struggle themselves. dignities of being numbered, ticketed and Think it over. If you feel that docketed by the ever-growing army of Direct Action" is a paper worth parasites who serve the interests of the supporting, why not send us a donation to State machine. help us extend our publishing work? So long as capitalism and the State exist Address it to the Secretary, A.F.B. there will be no post-war, or any other,

Again we appeal to those readers who Election, Britain of 1946 is still the Britain have books to spare to send them to the of 1919. The figure-heads in power have

"DIRECT ACTION"? "Direct Action", the Organ of the

### **Need for Pamphlets**

Dear Comrade.

of "Direct Action", and am sorry to see Development the article on Hatred. It is not correct, anarchists.

tot wish for a change.

I should like to suggest to Comrade torted or suppressed, they could be made Brown that he reorganise his article into to open up a different form of propaganda. a series on the growth of the British I am only making these suggestions Empire. It is a record that is urgently because there is a need to pass on the needed from the people's point of view. latest knowledge on evolution, etc., in I am aware that pamphlets cannot be order to counter the efforts that are being printed at present. But as they take some made, to revive the Roman Catholic time in preparing I think it would be domination. Yours fraternally, saving time if the group considered pub- London, N.S. J. Humphrey

It is obvious that faced with such a situation the employin We have here a plan of union organisation which is capable running successfully a Social General Strike, of taking and class will offer anything, a shorter working day, higher wages holding industry and locking out the employing class. Not for holidays with pay, as the French capitalist class did when conthe General Strike alone must we organise scientifically-the fronted by the stayen strikes of the workers of France in 1936. everyday needs of the workers cry aloud for an efficient union Anything to get back their confrol of industry.

The greatest mistake the French workers ever made was novement to protect their wage packets. During these wage struggles and the smaller disputes and tussles which take place to hand back to their employers the industries and services they daily on the job, the revolutionary unionists are all the time held so successfully. Once having taken control of industry . studying their jobs, the technics and organisation of industry, class-conscious industrially organised workers would continue When the occasion to strike occurs they are thus fitted to take to hold that industry, establishing the principles of common and hold the undertaking abolishing How would the Social General Strike method be applied? capitalism and the wages system and distributing the good

AMERICAN PUBLICATIONS

I have just been reading the May issue On the morning of the strike the revolutionary unionists no things of life, each according to his needs.

there is no such sentiment in man's make- ishing a set of standard size pamphlets. up. Also such teaching, will not make This I started before the war when I was printing 'Freedom''. I reprinted several For some years I have been trying to of Kropotkin's and W. Morris' and they ""INDUSTRIAL WORKER ", "

get people to take up the correct study of are still worth reprinting. When Freedom Human Nature, especially those who are Press was in Red Lion Square they had desirous of establishing a new social order. 5,000 but they were destroyed in the fire, Now anarchists should be the last to be realting in a dead loss to me,

slaves to authorities, yet they seem more If you, would like to publish some slavish than many of those people who do articles on Human Nature, giving information that the ruling classes have dis-

Weekiy Organ of the L.W.W. Bd. per copy, 3/- per 12 issues (post free), NEW TRENDS". A Magazine of Modern Thought and Action. (post free). "WHY?", Monthly Journal of the Anarchist Youth. 3d. per copy, 3/- per 12 issues (post free). **Obtainable from** :

Secretary, London Group A.F.B. Ken Hawkes, 15, Parliament Hill, London, N.W.3. Role of the T.U.s

-(Continued from Paue 1 Column 4). official strikes in industry and in view the power of the unions there was no to use it to climb to power as the Labour It does not lie in changing one kind of justification for the stoppages. He con- Party has done. The present role of the capitalism for another. The only solution tinued by saying that if there is anything trade union movement cannot possibly by of the social problem lies in the workers wrong with the conciliation machinery lef changed back to one of defending the themselves, organised industrially at their It be corrected. Tronically, in the same workers' interests, for as I have asserted places of work, taking over the factories speech he said: "I am a socialist not an before it is part of the State machine and themselves, by means of Direct Action, and anarchist." as such will defend its position.

The extent to which the alliance is pres The anarchists alone wish to see the eliminating the wages system and the pared to go to defend the arbitration of speediest possible development of a new profit motive. the Joint Industrial Council was proved revolutionary union movement, not only as Goods would then be produced accord-

In the recent strike of the Smithfield an organisation of struggle against the ing to the freely-expressed needs of the Provisioners when troops were standing employers but to bring about Workers people, and not to produce profit for a by to take over the work of the strikers. Control of Industry. To more effectively minority. Despite Attlee's gibberings about pros- carry out this task I urge all workers to perity and full employment, every militant consider the proposals for the formation worker knows that as long as there are of a Revolutionary Industry Union Move- London, N.W.3, and printed by C. A. Brock & Co., wage workers and production for profit, ment reported elsewhere in this issue.

Anarchist Bookshop, 127, George Street, changed. The system remains the same. Glasgow, C.1. They will be sold in the The Labour Party, is, not opposed to shop, and the proceeds will go to help the capitalism. Its programme is State Publications Fund of the A.F.B. Capitalism. Nationalisation of basic in-

the interests of the workers. to materially benefit the workers is given THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE REAL PROPE

The Editors dustries is to be carried out. For the industrial workers this only means that there will be a never-ending struggle to power is to be switched from one set of bring wages up to the cost of living, and employers-the private capitalists-to the unemployment. The lifting of the E,W.O. all-powerful State machine with its everwill intensify the struggle and the interests growing army of officials. Labour will of the trade unions in their role of efficient still be exploited in the same way. One administrators of capitalist society will master will have been changed for come more and more in direct opposition to another. An example of how this will fail

What is the solution to this problem by the Postal Service which has been facing the workers today? All the Eeft- nationalised for many years, but in which wing political parties without exception the workers are among the lowest-paid advocate reforming the trade union move- section of the British working-class.

of ment. The reason is obvious—they hope The solution does not lie in governments. instituting a system of common ownership,

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