

had plenty of bread and potatoes. What he lacks is sufficient meat, poultry, eggs, butter and fruit; he needs these and he l.W.W. Convention needs them soon.

Even the medical profession is beginning to realise that. We say even because for many years official medical opinion has been little else but political propaganda. After spending years telling us to "Eat more fruit," they discovered that fruit was unnecessary-you can get all the vitamin C you need from potato skins and turnip tops. Curiously enough this was only discovered when the ruling class wanted it to be discovered. Like the German soldiers of 1915 in Arnold Zweig's story, who were without butter, not because butter was short, oh no, but because science had disout the full flavour and nourishment. The by doctors' story that we are all healthier because of the war is rubbish.

Hunger Disease

# in Chicago The 25th Convention of the Industrial

Workers of the World was held in Chicago, U.S.A., from March 18th to March 21st. For four days workers from almost every industry in America came together to discuss their mutual problems and the way in which they could be solved. 'The main issue facing the convention was that vast numbers of U.S. workers, previously McCaughey, I.R.A. prisoner in Maryeating their ration of hard army bread opposed to the I.W.W., had now come to borough Prison near Dublin, died on May realise that I.W.W. was what they wanted, and a solution had to be found to the question of maintaining the I.W.W. policy covered that that was the best way to bring of not disrupting working-class solidarity time "death court." This sentence was raids and jurisdictional disputes while at the same time giving this potential influx of members what they wanted.

HUNGER STRIKERS IN IRELAND Man Tortured in Belfast Jail

After a hunger strike lasting 22 days and a thirst strike of 18 days, Sean 11th. McCaughey was serving a sentence of life imprisonment, commuted from a death sentence passed by de Valera's warinflicted for alleged ill-treatment of a police-informer! McCaughey maintained a consistently militant attitude. During the trial he refused to recognise the court, From the resolutions taken by the Con- and when imprisoned refused to wear convention we reprint the following two. viet's clothes. He was not allowed to wear Tuberculosis is increasing. Between the which are of particular interest to the his own clothes and throughout his imprisonment was dressed in prison blankets. On April 16th this year, after 41 years in jail McCaughey gave written notice that unless he was released within three days he would be forced to hunger strike. Dublin Government refused the numerous forcible feeding. They held him on the political rivalry increase. appeals made for his release. When 400 ground and with their knees on his chest turf workers struck and demonstrated almost gouged his eyes out trying to make before the President for the release of him eat. On Sunday, May 5th, Fleming Not that Anti-Semitism is a particularly capitalists. McCaughey they were baton-charged by asked for vaseline to be put on his lips Arabian product. In most Arab countries, the police.

Germany's Jews are said to remain in that country. In Eastern Europe the war's toll is even more appalling. "True", say the Arabs, "But these horrors are the result of European policy and action. Why should the Arabs be asked to furnish the remedy?' The disappointing reply of the Com-

"Warder Foster ordered me to face the ing or impelled to leave Europe." It is no that struggle. The Stalinists can shift wall. When I refused Jackson said 'I'll solution of the Jewish problem to dump in their policy in this case as quickly as they soften you.' Foster then hit me with his the tiny state of Palestine, less than one- switched from Chinese Communism to fist and Thomson with his keys. Then Foster kicked me. I was put on report and brought to see the doctor. On the way to or more refugees. The countries with the back again, or from Anti-Fascist Front see him I was pushed downstairs by Warder greatest living space in temperate condi- to the Hitler-Stalin Pact of 1939. Noble. Outside the Doctor's room I was hit tions are, Canada, Australia, the U.S.A. Nor is British Imperialism interested in by Warders Moore and Boyd with batons. When standing in line with my back to and Russia. Palestine, at the beginning of Palestine for any other than political and Boyd he kicked me in the leg. After I saw the war, had about 150 persons per square military reasons. By the loss of Egypt the doctor, Noble, Boyd and Moore beat me mile, the U.S.A., forty-three. Palestine has Palestine becomes more important. In any with their fists and boots, from A1 up to an area of 10,430 square miles, the U.S.A. case the Suez Canal can no longer be de-A3. That afternoon I was brought to the Governor's office. I was walking between 3,026,789 square miles, nearly 300 times fended from the West—from El Alamein.

"It was reported in Damascus to-day, says Reuter, that the Soviet Minister to Syria had told the Syrian Government that Russia had decided to back the Arabs if they put the Palestine problem before the United Nations Organisation."

### **Class and Race**

In a war of extermination between Jew mission is, "Such information as we have and Arab it is certain that neither side will received about countries other than lack guns and ammunition. The Jewish Palestine gave no hope of substantial refugees are being used as pawns in an assistance in finding homes for Jews wish- imperialist struggle and can only suffer in tenth the size of the British Isles, a million Chiang Kai Shek and back again-and

two wars its death toll was going down. workers of this country: Now there are six tuberculosis patients lished by the Ministry of Health show an 1945. This dread disease is, in the main, that we are communists and a disease of malnutrition.

his day's work than he ought to be. He as are available go, not to the worker, but to the well-to-do. Most workers are in favour of equal rations for all, but, if a case can be put up for unequal rations, totalitarian regime in Russia and then surely he who works hardest should have the most, he who works not at all, the least. In fact the wealthy need no liquidate the I.W.W. ration book-they could live without them.

The basis of the black market are the sympathetic to the Anarchist Federation interests of any political state and slightest shortage of rationed goods or any where they work.

Apart from this, many rich people have farms and estates which supply them with serves her mistress a pint of cream every labour.

day. To her protest her mistress replied, Resolution on CAPITALISTIC WARS "You do not realise, we are different people to you."

### for every five in 1939. Figures just pub- Resolution on COMMUNISTS

Whereas there has been considerable increase of 10,000 cases of pulmonary confusion as to the I.W.W. and the Comtuberculosis in England and Wales during munists, causing some people to believe

Whereas the purposes of the I.W.W. and Apart from such startling examples, the communists are unalterably opposed every worker knows that he is much more since the I.W.W. aims at the extension of tired, much more irritable at the end of Industrial Democracy while the communists aim at the establishing of a party needs little extras in his diet. Such extras dictatorship over the working class and Whereas the communists represent the

interests, not of labour, but of the

Whereas for these reasons the Communists have been trying for 25 years to

Therefore be it resolved:

First that we look upon the Communist expensive hotels and restaurants which be- Party and its fledglings as a major menace. cause of high prices are able to buy up such to the working-class, and Second, that the things as poultry and divert ration goods interests of world peace can best be served. and goods in short supply to their back by labour movements that clearly repredoors. Hotel workers in London who are sent the interests of labour and not the give us evidence that there is never the Third that we consider that the foolishness of the communists can best be exof the good things of life in the places posed by assuring them complete civil liberties and.

Fourth that our publicity dealing with Communists follow this resolution and unlimited milk, eggs, poultry and butter. confine itself to factual information We know of one domestic servant who exposing their folly and harmfulness to

In Northern Ireland, under the openly refused. Representations were made by together peacefully for hundreds of years. fascist rule of the British puppet admin- Dr. F. McSorley, M.P., to the Minister of It is in Arab countries alone that the istration, David Fleming, serving a term Home affairs, who eventually allowed the Jewish language is still preserved in use. of 12 years penal servitude, has been on concession.

hunger-strike for eight weeks (at the time Numerous protests have been made, both Arab countries than in Europe. Jew and of writing). Fleming was arrested in to the Northern Ireland administration and Arab lived in peace until the coming of September, 1942, after a gun battle with to the British Government, demanding British Imperialism and Zionist Nationalprisoners in "A" Wing, and was imme- another judicial murder. prolonged and bitter fight ensued.

He was beaten many times and was sub- On Sunday, May 12th, a protest meeting Denmark. True, some home must be found "Follow the example of the Norwegian, could to make prison life intolerable

warders found fault daily and did all they Jim Flanagan and Tom Reilly addressed all other places is just a cunning way of coming from Spain, or being sent to that dodging the issue. It is even more than country." Meetings and demonstrations a large crowd on the case. In 1944 Fleming received a very severe By the time these lines appear in print. that, Not nearly so much compassion for of working-class organisations have debeating which injured his health per- unless Fleming ceases his hunger-strike suffering Jewery would he shewn if their manded that the Swedish government manently. Harry Diamond, Socialist (which is extremely unlikely), or he is traditional home had been located in an institute an economic blockade and boycott Republican M.P., read in the Stormont released, it is fairly certain that he will area of less strategic and political against Franco Spain. House of Commons a statement made by be dead. Governmental tyranny will have importance. In Norway the Oslo transport workers claimed another victim. have already begun their action agains:

and I also lost three months' privileges."

land.

before the death of McCaughey occurred. Anglo-Saxons to return to Germany or ing words:

Moore and Neeson. I looked behind me as large. The U.S.S.R., without the an- Mussolini's army and the Afrika Korps and at that Neeson grabbed me by the hair nexations of 1939 and later, has more than are finished; the Canal must be defended and pulled me backwards. He dug his knee twice the land area of the U.S.A., with from the East and from outside Egypt into my back so hard that water came from me. I fell. Moore then hit me while I was only about fifty per cent. more population. That is the secret of the unresisting on the ground and pulled me to my feet by It is obvious that such countries are much evacuation of Egypt. the hair. I got three days bread and water, better placed to take in the heavy flow of Nationalism is no more a solution of the Jewish immigration than is Palestine. To Jewish workers' problem than it was that When Fleming went on hunger strike, force a small country to take such a large of the German or Italian workers demanding treatment as a political increase of population will not destroy Nationalism is no more helpful to Jewish

Why Palestine?

DeValera, the head of the semi-fascist prisoner, the authorities attempted Anti-Semitism but breed it as economic and than to British workers. In each case it pays its dividends in suffering and death. We are for Jewish and Gentile workers against Jewish and Gentile politicians and

# **Boycott Goods from** Franco Spain

(I.W.M.A.) Energetic support for the the police while resisting arrest and Fleming's release. These, as in the case ism. European politics has been a curse to struggle of the Spanish people against sentenced to 12 years penal servitude. In of McCaughey, have been refused. The Palestinian Jew and Arab alike, building Franco is being given by the workers of 1943 he became Adjutant of the political authorities are quite content to commit a powder magazine in that overheated the Scandinavian countries. Sweden, Norway and Denmark. The Marine diately singled out for provovative treat- The Anarchist Federation sent a tele Most Jewish workers of our acquaint- Transport section of the S.A.C. (Swedish ment by the warders. His first attempt to gram of support for the demand for the ance have no more desire to live in the section of the I.W.M.A.) has issued secure treatment as a political prisoner release of Fleming and McCaughey to Jim land of their ancestors (a tradition a manifesto addressed to marine transwas made in the summer of 1943, and a Larkin of the Workers' Union of Ireland wrapped in mythology) than have the port workers which ends with the follow-

ject to continual personal stripping and was held in Hyde Park, London, under for at least a million Jews, but to advocate French, Dutch and Tunisian workers by searching—sometimes twice a day. The the auspices of the A.F.B. and Comrades, migration to Palestine to the exclusion of refusing to load or unload all cargoes



than its share, consume these extra from breaking out. nourishing foods which the workers lack. Go to any London suburb or any town, such as Dorking, in the Home Counties, go almost anywhere amongst the villas of the Anarchist Papers provinces and you will see, day after day, the same young middle class housewives ordering their cut-off-the-joint to save thei · rations while the miner cannot get sufficient food to hew the coal that is demanded of him.

(two kinds) or hors d'oeuvres, Fillet of against the Anarchist Federation and the the Whitsun Conference, steak (large) with onions, creamed spinach anarcho - syndicalist Confederation of and potatoes; or goulash (plenty of meat) Labour. Both "Workers' Thought potatoes and spaghetti; or venison; or salmon; sweet." All this at less than is worker to pay.

We were recently invited into a West London pub to see the middle class snack Taking our half of bitter for which we were overcharged, we looked at the snack counter. One and a half roast chickens seven pounds of corned beef, the greater part of a large tin of brisket, countless sausages, about twenty pounds of cheese

Be it resolved: That we take a stand that we are oposed to all wars, past Fleming: If You Have the Money present and findle, capitalistic wars, or any perialistic wars, "different" wars, or any kind of war except the Class War. And present and future; capitalistic wars, im-Not only the very wealthy, but also the that we use all means, including the middle class, of whom Britain has more General Strike, to prevent any new war

# Suppressed in Bulgaria

saults of the Stalinists have made them (I.W.M.A.) Latest Information reach A letter writer in the "Sunday Express" ing us from Bulgaria is of further masters of "new situations," and one can the C.P. leaders, as the workers are still, boasts of his Soho meals. "Choice of soup repression by the Stalinist authorities confidently expect a new party line after in the main, placing their future hopes

(Organ of the A.F.) and "Workers' Solidarity" (Organ of the Confederation paid by the rich, but too much for the of Labour) have been suppressed, while openly reactionary papers are allowed to appear. In a manifesto protesting against this repression our Bulgarian comrades state:

> "The only force which can stop peasants."

## **Backing Both Sides**

Spanish goods. But the government, Palestine is a vital part of that ancient together with the leadership of the Labour Dilemma nd bridge which leads from Asia into party and the Trade Unions is trying to Europe and from Africa into Asia. That force the workers to stop this action. Up land bridge is once again becoming the to now, however, they have not succeeded. With the agitation for "unity" and reveals the policy held in reserve should centre of the conflict of nations; it figures The transport workers continue to blockespecially in the clash between Russia and ade Spanish merchandise. The central When the Whitsun Conference rejects Britain. There lies Persia, Turkey and organ of the Labour Party, "Arbeterthe C.P. in clear and unmistakeable trag on whom Russia is turning the heat. bladet ", is complaining every day, of the language, then the new party line will In Palestine Russia can exploit the lack of loyalty the workers are showing manifest itself in a bitter attack on the dilemma of British imperialism by backing towards their government and the Trans-Conference will force a new volte-face in Labour leaders, and the old cry of "Social both Jew and Arab. Through its con- port Workers International which-up to Stalinist policy-though this will not be Fascism," or its modern equivalent, will stituent Communist parties the Communist now-has not issued any instructions for International has exploited Jewish fears boycott of trade with Spain.

## DOWN WITH FRANCO ?

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scale attack on the Labour leaders, an Past history has shown clearly that interim period of sharp attacks mingled coming events cast their shadows before with moderate appeals for "unity" will

affiliation to the Labour Party, the Com- their demand for affiliation fail.

a difficult feat, as the persistent somer- probably be resurrected.

them, and it is no mere coincidence that be the order of the day. reaction and fascism is the unity of the the direct attack on Bevin, Morrison and

The recent referendum in France, to decide the continuation of the two Houses, workers. We are heading for catas- Attlee by the C.P.-though they implore or a single senate, showed a major defeat trophe. Wake up workers and these gentlemen to allow them to graze for the Stalinists and consternation exon Labour pastures at the same time-(Continued on page 2, Column 6.)

Yet caution will be the watchword for

on the Labour Government, and are not

ripe for too drastic propaganda of the

1931 calibre. So the Stalinist dilemma

becomes apparent. Unable to climb on to

the Labour band-wagon, and with the

present situation inopportune for a full-



munist Party faces a major problem in

the coming months. The almost certain

defeat of the C.P. demand at the Whitsun

### DIRECT ACTION

# LIBERTARIAN YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

The Anarchist Federation have received (a) The Constitutive Congress of the from the Secretary of Relations of the I.L.Y. will decide on the permanent resid-National Commitee of the F.I.J.L. (Spanish ence of the World Representation of the Libertarian Youth in France) a report Anarchist Youth.

presented by the Consultative Assembly of 5. Owing to the impossibility of numthe F.I.J.L. in France to the National Con- erous delegations from countries where gress of the F.I.J.L. concerning the re- Libertarian Youths exist, to come to the organisation of the International Liber- International Congress, we suggest that tarian Youth. Since the Congress we have writen agreements should be made good. received from France the first copy of 6. The Reorganizing Committee will "Senstatano", a monthly bulletin of in- arrange to publish a bulletin of Informformation published by the provisional ation, which will give an account of the commission for an International of Liber- work realized and that of the different employing class in return for holidays with pay, wage increases The government of men by men gives way to the administration tarian Youth. We welcome these steps World Libertarian Organizations.

and send to the Provisional Commission our (a) The Commission will have to study government put in power just after the strike by Communist, greetings and wishes for success in its in what language this bulletin is to be Socialist and Liberal votes began the piece-meal reconquest is free; a system of common ownership and Workers' Control task. The question of breaking the chains published—not forgetting Esperanto—so as of the gains made by the strikers.

# The Social General Strike

### Stay In Strikes in Europe

The engineering workers of Italy successfully seized the factories in 1920. During the occupation they were fed by the Peasants' Syndicates, co-operatives, distributive workers and railwaymen. After four weeks occupation they returned the factories to the capitalists in return for a shorter working day, a wage increase and several minor concessions; within two years of the return of the factories the workers of Italy were defeated by Fascism.

and a shorter working day. Almost at once the Popular Front of things.

Syndicalists have always taught that it is not sufficient to ment it. That is, all the good things of life will be produced which today bind the youth of all nations to increase its effectiveness. to the state machine is of paramount im- 7. In view of strengthening the possi- practice the stay-in-strike for wage concessions, but that it is in plentiful supply and distributed by the distributive, municipal portance. Below we reprint the proposals bilities of the success of our project, we necessary to take and hold the means of production as the and transport workers to whomever needs them, as much as he made to the Congress of the F.I.J.L. in think that the date of the celebration of Spanish Syndicalist workers did in 1936. By holding the needs them. Just as now a person may borrow from the public the Congress of the I.L.Y. should take place a factories, mines, railways and all means of production and dis- library as many books as he' needs, so he will be allowed as Toulouse:

as water supply? Of course, hospitals would be run by the hospital workers, all of them, organised in the Health Workers' Syndicate. Municipal services, such as water supply and street cleansing, would be the responsibility of the Municipal Workers' Syndicate. Similarly, education would be the work of those who had spent their lives studying and practising the art of pedagogy. Of course, the workers of these three syndicates would work in co-operation with the patients, house-dwellers, scholars and parents respectively.

PART 3

Here is a system of industrial democracy, the only true democracy, not the choice of choosing Tweedledum or Tweedle-The workers of France in 1936 took possession of factories dee every five, eight or ten years and being controlled by him and many other undertakings in one of the most successful and his partners for the period between, but the control of strikes ever known. Unfortunately, they returned them to the one's own job and environment, the control of one's own life.

> As to distribution, the Syndicalist method of distribution must have a system of free and common distribution to supple-

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## Stalinist Dilemma

(Continued from Page 1 Column 4). pressed itself in their frantic emergency meeting after the results came through. The main reason for the majority against the new proposal was determined by the recent Soviet manoeuvres in Persia and Yugo-Slavia. These manoeuvres revealed the future policy of Russia as being on similar lines to that of pre-war Hitlerite Germany, and in spite of the pro-Soviet sympathy of the workers in general-con-

at the same time as the I.W.M.A.. This tribution the workers establish ' the principle of Workers' much food as he can eat without payment. Once one had to pay 1. To address itself to the Youth Liberdoes not mean, however, under any circum- Control of Industry. Each factory is run by the workers of to cross bridges, enter parks and even walk along roads, now we tarian Organizations of all countries and stances, that the problems of the I.L.Y. that factory assembled in meeting and by the delegates elected may do that freely. So in a Syndicalist society cinemas and propose the reorganisation of the International Libertarian Youth. I.W.M.A.

2. With such an aim in view, taking account of the geographical conditions and the constitution of the I.L.Y. and propose the rest of the similar Juvenile Organ- Iberique of the Libertarian Youth in izations, we propose the creation of a France that in one of their meetings, our Reorganizing Commission of the Inter- Delegation to the Reorganizing Commission national Youth, composed of Delegations be named.

of the French Libertarian Youth, the (a) We think that the Delegation Italian Federation of Youth and the should be composed of two Comrades: 9 Delegate and an Adjunct-Delegate. F.I.J. L. in France.

3. The reorganizing Commission of the the Youth Organizations (of same outlook) International Libertarian Youth will have in Latin America and the presence in as its principal aim the realization of the Mexico of the Committee of Relations of preparatory work necessary to celebrate the Federation Iberique of Libertarian an International Congress where the Dele-Youth, we propose that it be suggested to gations of all Countries will elaborate a the delegates residing in Mexico that a declaration of Anarchist principles and Comrade should be designated to co-operate establish the path for the I.L.Y. to follow. with our Delegation in the Reorganizing

4. For the same reasons exposed in the Commission of the I.L.Y. realizing the second paragraph of this report, we think work necessary to obtain moral and that the seat of the Reorganizing Com- material, active adhesion from the Youth Organizations born on that Continent. mittee should be in France.

## THE DAILY DOPE

Everyone reads the capitalist press, even those who don't believe it, but how far does it affect their opinions. Even in the mass the effect of the press is not so great as it was a few years ago. Millions who read Tory papers daily vote for Labour candidates. Milions who read anti-strike propaganda daily will themselves strike on occasion. Yet, the press does affect everyone who reads it though not always in an obvious way; it is the subtle effect of the capitalist press which is most dangerous. Even intelligent, class conscious, critical persons are affected by the one or two papers they read daily, their reading becomes part of their character, though most would indignantly deny this. As well to deny that we are unaffected by the twenty cigarettes or dozen cups of tea we take daily. How much greater would be the power. of the capitalist press were it not for the mosquito papers of the revolutionaries, papers like "Direct Action", the only antidotes of the daily poison of the employing class.

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9. As we see the present situation of

should interfere with those of the by them, such delegates to be subject to instant recall by the theatres will be as free as museums or parks; railways, trams people who elected them should they not fulfil their duties. and postage will be as free of charge as roads and bridges. S. We wish to proceed with celerity to Each factory or group of workshops is, in the same way, repre- are now.

sented on the district council of its industry. Each district is Some will say that the greedy will eat too much if there present situation, and with the consent of to the second Congress of the Federation represented on the national council of the industry. All is enough for all. Well, water is probably the most precious where Molotov, the Russian delegate, industries and services are federated to a National Council of of commodities, in use value that is, but any one will give a opposed every proposition and was unable Labour integrating the whole social economy of the country, thirsty stranger a glass of water-a pailful if he can drink it. to give any indications of his real intendistributing work and materials, cutting out waste, preparing No one worries about some one drinking more than his share of water. Certainly no one hoards pails of water in miserly orientation of Soviet diplomacy was fast statistics and assessing distribution.

centralisation, that clumsy red-tape bound machine of the or glutton. If bread were as plentiful as water, who would eat keep up the farce of "Unity" of the

bureaucrat. By having the affairs of an industry controlled by more than his share? the persons working in that industry, by district affairs being controlled by the district and factory affairs by the workers in that factory; by control from below instead of from above and by exercising the principle of election and recall federalism, instead of centralism, becomes the principle of the new society.

## Do We Need Foremen?

Some say to us, "But, you will still need foremen." We would establish Workers' Militias as did the Spanish workers in do not agree. A workman who knows his job does not need a 1936, workers patrols and whatever other means of workers' advice and help of his mates. In any case a foreman is rarely and bluff, ail may open the door to promotion. However "foremen" were necessary under Workers' Control, we do not appointed by the men and be subject to their recall.

Here we see a new principle at work-control from below.

ditioned by the war-yet so sickened are the people of power politics and all its ramifications that instinctively they have reacted against the Stalinist hypocrisy and twisting political machinations.

So in almost every aspect the Stalinists find that they face new dilemmas. The complete farce of the Paris Conference tions, revealed clearly that a new re-By this means the social economy is integrated without style, for water being freely to hand, appeals not to the miser developing. Torn between the need to United Nations (a unity that is such a miserable sham) and the desire to strengthen Soviet power in the newly-won areas, it does not require any vivid imagination to understand that the whole edifice of co-operation between Soviet Russia and the Western Powers will break

> Yet why do the Stalinists still parade their ragged slogans and parrot-cries for " Unity?" Is it because this unity is really "desire" for unity required.

Only the cretinistic mind, however, could attribute any sincerity to the Stalinists. Basically every party slogan, every party policy, every manoeuvre, has as its ultimate aim the consolidating of the Stalinist position, which expresses itself in the maxim that "the end justifies the means." Does the situation alter because of the acute tension and danger of a new war? On the contrary, past history has clearly revealed the utter futility and bankruptcy of all the Stalinist policies and new party lines. At every turn of their political manoeuvring, the only result has been a greater decline in the basic strength of the workers movements. Everywhere the Stalinist infiltration and political machiavellianism has sown disaster in every struggle of the toiling people, finally culminating in the betrayal of the Nazi-Soviet pact that made the war of 1939 a certainty. If further evidence is necessary to fully verify the accusations contained in the foregoing statements, the recent "unity" campaign in Germany gives the final proof. The whole sinister attitude of this Stalinist sponsored campaign, whipped up to justify the totalitarian methods of the Russian administration, is a final answer to those who still remain under the illusion of "Soviet democracy." The secret arrests, kidnappings, imprisonments and executions that have taken place in the reached the stage of so-called democracy change in conditions in the hotel industry; ruthlessness and but for the political pre-You will want to know something of obtaining in England. There is much talk all the negotiations, of course, had already tence that still has to be maintained the conditions in Jersey. First of all, there's of the "dead majority" in the "States," been carried out by him, using the dear whole story of the new fascist terrorism quite a severe shortage of accommodation. which is what the local "Parliament" is old "T.U. machinery." Despite the in-led by the G.P.U. would shock the workers Desperate indeed are the Stalinist

"But you would still have criminals and hooligans." Yes, we would still be pestered for a few years by these dregs of capitalist society, and the workers would know how to protect their new won society from these miserable misfits and from on the solid rocks of military and power counter-revolutionists and Fascists. The workers' syndicates politics.

Power to the Workers

foreman-a workman who does not know his job needs the defence were necessary. If needful, the syndicates would arm their militias. But that would not be state power-politics, for desired? If this was so then surely the appointed because of his superior knowledge or gift of leader- the state is the special force of public repression used by the logic of the situation would suggest that ship. Marriage, membership of certain clubs, drinking, fawning ruling class, old or new, against its subjects the people. The the Communist Party should be dissolved armed syndicates would be a general force—a people in arms. and the members individually ask for After a while it would be unnecessary for workers to carry entry to the Labour Party. Such an act pretend to be able to forecast every detail of the new society, arms and these would gradually be laid away, as people during would at least have the appearance of but this we do know, any "foreman" or such person would be the late war laid aside their gas masks when they discovered sincerity and awareness of what their that no gas attack was likely. Full freedom would be born and develop naturally and in its own time.

How different when the Revolution gives birth to a new S At present, and in a State Socialist society, all promotion is state as in France in 1789 and Russia in 1917. In Russia for from above downwards. We see what the latter means at our example, power came into the hands of the Bolshevik Party, work. If a foreman of mediocre ability is about to promote who used it to disarm the workers and build a regular army,

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# Ourselves and Freedom Press

In response to many inquiries the editor delegates of "Direct Action" have been asked by the London Group of the Anarchist Federation to state that the organisation and its press have no conand is denied a paper license. Further, nection with the so-called Freedom Press, we cannot hope to receive donations of £50, the paper "Freedom" or its proprietors The real Freedom Press founded by

Peter Kropotkin and others went out

not be a serious rival. So it goes on, right up to the top- counter-revolution succeeds. selection by mediocrity! The worker is usually able to

keeping a good man down, instead, it would be in their interest to nominate him to more responsible work.

some one from the bench to the chargehand's desk and he spots police force, secret political police and use spies, gaolers and a worker of outstanding ability who would make a much better judges to maintain their political power. In a political revoluforeman than he, does he promote that worker? Hardly! To tion power is in the hands of a ruling party. In a social do so would be to prepare his own downfall, certainly to en- revolution power is in the hands of the workers. If the workers danger his own job, so he usually promotes somebody who will allow themselves to be disarmed by a new government then

The Syndicalist Social General Strike then aims at the recognise a fellow worker's outstanding skill and acknowledge conquest of the means of production by the workers. We are it. The workers would have no social or economic motive in now poor - d enslaved not because of lack of reforms made by politicians, but because the employing class own and control the means of production, without access to which we cannot

Having said that, under the principle of social ownership, live. So long as others control the means whereby we live so the miners would control the mines and engineers the metal long shall we be slaves. Only by taking and holding the working factories, we are often asked, "But who would run means of distribution can the workers be free. the hospitals and who would look after municipal services such TOM BROWN

which again was the result of the British blockade

One of the reasons I decided to enter hotel work was because I had an idea that there might be possibilities of militancy in that field. There was a hotel workers' meeting on May 1st, called by the T. and G.W.U. (local boss-Hyman). Hyman opened the meeting, ran it and closed it in the true Trade Union style. He pre-From what I can make of it the local system of government has not even making, so he said, a "revolutionary" sented a set of ready-made results, Jurats and Deputies, the former two wages, for instance, are fixed at £3 15s. for roughly equivalent to a House of Lords 48 hours (I was getting £4 6s, in Man-

FLUDALISM the Germans, in particular in the deportation of all English-born residents to Germany. But, of course, the same b ----

re back in power again.

Jersey, Channel Islands.



-	1. W.D.	rederation to avoid giving an account of	The when they live in them and the	on another are elected in some way	chester). Chambermaids get a miserable	attempts to convey the appearance of an
-		money and assets belonging to the A.F. and	Germans are no exception. During the	"I had the last are the local	chester). Chambermaids get a miserable £2 5s. Towards the end of the meeting the chambermaids began to wake up to this—Hyman had by no means made things	enthusiastic unity campaign in Germany
		held in trust by them. A very large sum	"One " are no exception. During the	M.P.s, but are not, however, paid. The	the chambormaids borran to make	and in spite of the threats that face those
	Meetings	of money belonging to the Anarchist	Occo, as those who lived through it call	social system in most of the island is still,	this Hymochael based to wake up to	who dare to protest or oppose the phoney
		rederation has been appropriated by	it, there was a terrible shortage of fuel	of course, feudal.	the chambermaids began to wake up to this—Hymañ had by no means made things clear during the voting. Hyman then said	unity cry, there comes from the various
	Are held by the A.F.B.					
	At LONDON, Hyde Park	ing its return to the movement.	blockade) and numbers of floors have been	Democratic Movement which	clear during the voting. Hyman then said that he had previously given us the choice of voting on the agreements one by one or en bloc and that the meeting had de-	oligarchical Communist Party which
	From SUNDAV of 6 p.m.	"Direct Action" is the organ of the	torn up in all the vacant houses and	sought affiliation to the which recently	or voting on the agreements one by one	would once again onslave the workers of
	Every SUNDAY, at 6 p.m.	Anarchist Federation. This is plainly	cottages. Add to this the natural dilapi-	Longar Laboration to the recently-formed	of voting on the agreements one by one or en bloc and that the meeting had de- cided to vote en bloc; I, for one, certainly	Gormany to a new types of
	At GLASGOW, Brunswick Street	printed at the top of the front page. Its	dation of 5 years and you can imagine	Jersey Labour Party. This being refused,	cided to vote en bloc; I, for one, certainly hadn't heard him say anything of the sort. The agreements contained no mention of	When an individual a new tyranny.
	Every SUNDAY at 3.30 and 7.30 p.m.	editors are delegates elected nationally by	what things are like	The organisation seems likely to dissolve.	nadh t heard him say anything of the sort	the second of a party is raced
	At DAISIEV Jail Square	the members of the A.F. and responsible	The second	on the recommendation of the executive.	The agreements contained no mention of days off, Sunday pay, or holidays but Hyman, poor sweet lamb, had his " hands	with the dilemma of maintaining a lie or
	At PAISLEY, Jail Square EVERY SUNDAY AT 7 P.M.	to them and subject to immediate recall.	Hotels and boarding houses thrive on	I suspect it of having a Stalinist element,	days off, Sunday pay, or holidays but	recanting, the two alternatives can still be
	EVENI SUNDAI ALT P.M.	No one engaged in the journalistic or sales	I this and there are some fantastic charges	Since talking of its proposed offliction (	TImus and the second sec	Used in spite of the contradictions Hitler
-1	MARCHIST LITERATURE OBTAIN-	work of our paper receives any payment	for rooms.	its rag "Jersey Democrat") it spoke	tied" because the Cotoning Commission i	faced by this dilemma, often used such
	ABLE AT EVERY MEETING	whatsoever and no dividends are paid.	As regards the cost of living, it's quite	much of "working-class unity," and at the	England had not yet arrived at ony arrive	a situation to his advantage (e.g. the cam-
1	f you want to hear a Working Class Mes-	Ken Hawkes	true that luvuries are chonney have	Labour Party meeting whon it cought	monto on these with	Daign against Czecho-Slovakia over the
-	age put forward by Unpaid Working	ANOTA ARCENTINGS	[[[]garettes ]/2 or 1/4 non 20 Tourse	amilation, Hyman the CI (Drode United	Phone with the state	Sudeten question) So in a similar mannor
	lass Speakers in a forthright working	Tom Drown	Champagne cider 1/- a quart) and second-	boss, said something about "Communist	There were quite a few protesting voices in the audience, and my idea of militancy among hotel workers was con-	we can recognise the Stalinist unity cam-
	lass fashion in working class language,	for the London Group of the	hand furniture etc. is protty aboor bot	'inflitration " in relation to the TDM and	millitance assisted in the	Daign in Germany to put themselves
	then-we'll be seeing you.	Anarchist Federation.	the essentials of life are definitely more	there have been comparisons with the G.D.	among notel workers was con-	forward as the leaders of a new Common
			expensive: broad 6d a loof mill 71	-LP hoeus-poeus in England	firmed; numbers of them have come to Jersey for jobs and are very definitely dis-	freedom which means stripped of
	GLASGOW	PORTSMOUTH	expensive: bread 6d a loaf, milk 5d a pint,	Lat. nocus pocus in England	Jersev for jobs and are very definitely dis- satisfied with conditions. Therefore I see	flago and hypomitical angialist a
V	'isit the A.F.B. BOOKSHOP, 127		potatoes 20 a pound, eggs (unrationed) 6d	Also there is the Progressive Party	satisfied with conditions. Therefore I see	logy and hypocritical socialist phraseo-
	GEORGE ST., GLASGOW, C.1.	comrades and sympathisers in the	each, butter 3/-a pound. The only stuff	which is Consonnoting	bossibilitios of action	1085, a complete capitulation to the orders
	LONDON /// ///	PORTSMOUTH AREA interested in the	that is cheap is salad vegetables like	There is a good deal of popular dis-	Yours in the struggle,	of the Kremlin and enslavement to the
	LONDON	formation of a Group, contact: FRED	lettuces (3d each), radishes etc. Tomatoes	There is a good deal of popular dis- content among the ordinary people, dis-	"Nobby "	bureaucracy of Stalinist leadership.
	f you live in the LONDON AREA, write	and an an an an and an and and and and a	and the ment are about ou caun.	contont with the States in a line in a		This must be seriously considered by
	to the SECRETARY, LONDON GROUP,	GOSPORT, HANTS.	During the war the "lower" classes	it's mingled with a populion occurr. But	Whitsun, then the "Unity" demand will be treated with the contempt it deserves,	those interested in the outcome of the con-
	A.F.B., KEN HAWKES, 15, PARLIA-	TT A T A T A T A T A T A T A T A T A T	had a pretty rough time of it. Most of	natriotism (as in Northann Inden 1)	deserves.	comporting unity campaign in this country.
	MENT HILL, LONDON, N.W.3.	HAMILION	the time during 1044 45 T hall	(the month for the field freitand); the	not because the Labour leaders are faith	If present indications are a pointer to the
	MANGUERED	Comrades and sympathisers in the	diet consisted ontively of helled	he have have patriotic than those	ful to the Socialism they profose but	tinal decision which will be made at
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