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# ENGINEERING WORKERS FACE FIRST ATTACKS

Live Factory Committees Needed

wages and working conditions of the cases of active stewards and militant or engineering workers of England, Scotland independent workmen being sacked. and Wales.

agreements made between the Engineering of mass resistance will be so weakened Employers' Federation and the Amalga- in about a year or eighteen months that mated Engineering Union and other the employers will be able to launch a full unions, and even many of the local agree- scale attack upon them on a broad open ments, are a slight improvement on pre- front. This is what happened after the vious conditions. The six days Bank Holidays with pay is better than a kick workers were able to reduce the working in the pants. But the employers are not week from 53 hours to 47 hours and gain planning any large scale frontal attack- wage increases. But in little more than yet. Their method is a piece meal, factory by factory attack on conditions and wages, combined with a speed up. Much of this attack will take place within the frame work of existing agreements, even of "better agreements." There is such a thing as throwing a sprat to catch a mackerel.

It is probable that after a year or two years of attacking conditions and work-World War 1, in 1921 and 1922.

#### Bonus Rates Attacked

The fact that almost every engineering that process. Now new contracts are by winning new gains on the job. fixed. There the first line of attack is Direct Action which is the opposite of the to join the L.L.P. taking place. Information reaching us trade union method. The A.E.U. and from all over the country is that on new other engineering trade unions have, with offering ridiculously low times. We have "machinery for avoiding disputes." This good reason to believe that this attack on consists of delaying action when a dispute Labour Party's stock slumped rapidly. "The Observer" said of him, "His hand-Federation, particularly the district fed- Conference," the notorious "York Memo. erations. We know of cases where the In well over ninety-five per cent of cases hundred per cent increase of work for a passed back. As many months, even a

pocket by reduced piece work rates. If action. this is allowed to go on a few shillings advance on the time wage or a few days holiday pay are soon regained tenfold by the employer.

### Speed Up

In time work shops too the attack is the worker is doing ten, twenty, fifty per cent more work without any advance in wages.

ditions. Men are gradually being pushed informing and spying, the class collabora- ness overcame Mosley and the rip-roaring, into working in conditions they would not tion are hitting back at us now. have tolerated during the war. Along solence on the part of foremen, charge hands and straw bosses (Some of the worst examples of this known and reported to us are charge hands who have been shop stewards of the viler kind,

Communists and red tie merchants). Perhaps less general as yet, but never-

There are signs that the engineering theless significant, is the attack on workemployers are preparing attacks upon the shop organisation. We know of many

If engineerng workers continue to sub-It is true that some of the national mit to these encroachments their powers war of 1914-18. In 1919 the engineering two years, after a whittling away process, the engineering employers launched their attack reducing wages by several pounds per week per man and almost smashing 1921 and 1922.

### Unions Tied Up

How shall we meet these attacks and shop organisation and reducing wage threats? We must resist as gangs and labour to a "disciplined mood" the big groups and as individuals the attempts frontal attack will follow as it did after to cut bonus and piece work rates. No worth while.

We must curb at once the growing insolfactory was engaged directly on war work ence of supervisors-beggars on horseback. gives the employers their big chance. Even ever increasing speed ups by going our before the war piece and "bonus" systems own agreed pace. And we have to hit were becoming general. The war hastened back-to reverse the employers process-

#### Hit Back

must cut through this jungle of red tape with uniforms and stormtroops and all the and take Direct Action on the job. That other trappings of Continental Fascism. means building workshop organisation on Sure enough, Mosley left the Labour A NGHT At a class basis. We are now learning Party and formed his own outfit giving i bitterly the effects of trade union and after the manner of Fascism, the delibertaking shape. Work is speeded up until Communist treachery during the war. ately nebulous title of New Party. Because of the latter particularly engineer- His platform conpanions were also ing factory committees are damaged and Labour M.P.'s of Tory origin, Lady Mosley, discredited. The joint production com- Oliver Baldwin and John Strachey... Next comes the attack on working con- mittees and absentee committees, the Strachey became Mosley's lieutenant. Ill-

with this there is a rapidly increasing in- organisation now or suffer defeat in the near future, but that organisation must the platform. be on the well tried principles of Syndicalism. Syndicalism not only stands for the working class against the employtrade unions so sadly lack-a sound scientific method of organisation.

## Caltabiano Returns to Italy

country at the beginning of June to return acteristic of his activity in England. to his home in Italy, having been granted the facilities for repatriation after a delay of nearly two years.

During his stay in England Caltabiano was subject to a series of persecutions by the authorities, culminating in his internment as "insane" in Colney Hatch by the Labour Government in December last year. Had it not been for the many protests made on this case of deliberate political persecution of a man of undoubted sanity. still be interned in the asylum.

Caltabiano will find much work awaiting visit to Germany about 1934. him in the Italian Anarchist movement and

Caltabiano, speaking for the last time from the platform of the Anarchist Federation support during his internment, and the House of Gollancz. hope that the British workers would learn Then came the war and the C. P. being when Mr. Oliver Stanley (C. Bristol W.)



# the workshop organisation. Engineers over forty years of age will never forget Strachey's Progressiand 1922

official or a working class town councillor. of the B.B.C.—his task was to take the Now a great number of Labour M.P.'s are public mind off the horrors of the mass detail is too small to resist-fight every products of the universities and even the bombings of German cities and civilians inch. Time will prove it to have been sons of Toryism. Soon this class will by talking of the courage of the air crews. almost monopolise the Labour constituen- With the General Election Strachey's

and must change to peace time products We must combine on the job to defeat new Food Minister. Born of Toryism, was at once picked out for ministerial John Strachey, son of Lt. Loe Strachey, rank by Attlee. once editor of the "Spectator," was edu- Hailed as an intellectual of the Left hi cated at Eton and Oxford. In 1923 writings are devoured and quoted by the however, at the age of 22 years he was Labour and Communist intelligentsia as the attracted to the rapidly rising Labour as the words of an expert of the Social being undertaken and new job times In doing so we find ourselves using Party and left his native Conservativism Problem. Alas! his works are shallow

of Labour Government, 1929 to 1931 the social and economic inequality. fifty per cent reduction of gross earnings. year, may have gone by since the origin intention of leaving the Labour Party and Socialist Sunday School. name and character and then change the but that again is my stomach talking. regimes of our time. The first speaker at For engineers to protect themselves they new party into an openly Fascist party

nationwide, money spending campaign of Engineers have to rebuild factory the New Party went on without Oswald, (25.6.46). In the interests of clarity we Strachey taking the "Leader's" place on have inserted quotations from Lewis

The 1931 General Election followed with a landslide against Labour as Mosley had slept through nearly 300 speeches. They anticipated. But Oswald did not gather went into the division lobbies twelve ing class, but it also gives us what the the promised fruit. He and Strachey, times. who ran as a Mosley candidate, lost their seats. John Strachey then lost interest in Mosley, who proceeded according to plan and changed his organisation's name to an openly Fascist one, its propaganda and about Alice in Wonderland. We are confident that Comrade being changed little until after Mosley's

John Strachey next became prominent as an associate of the Communist Party, the division bells. Some ate breakfast." that he will bring to this work that energy by coincidence, at a time when that party Our comrade Adolfo Caltabiano left this and enthusiasm which have been char- was on the up grade of success. Though there is no evidence of Strachey having taken out a card in the C.P. his propa-On Sunday, June 2nd, Comrade ganda was the strict "Party Line" and his works were peddled by the C.P. at their meetings. Strachey became leading light of the Left Book Club which sold in Hyde Park, London, expressed his Communist propaganda "literature" by thanks to those who had rallied to his avoirdupois to the great profit of the

munist stock slumped. Gollancz and so that the M.P.s could go home.

There was a time when, to most people, R.A.F. officer—Public Relations Officer. a Labour candidate meant a trade union His war was fought over the microphones

luck held-he had again chosen the win-To this latter class belongs Strachey the ning side. Returned as Labour M.P. he

and misinformed, full of schoolboy howl-He progressed rapidly in his new career ers. He wrote a work on Socialism and and in 1929 became Labour M.P. for went to some trouble to explain that jobs the rate fixing departments are the employers, devised an elaborate Aston, Birmingham. During the period Socialism meant the Wages System and

piece work earnings is encouraged, if not arises and passing the case on to a "local By the end of 1930 disaster faced it. It writing was so bad that a typist had to planned, by the Engineering Employers' conference" and so on to the "National was then that Sir Oswald Mosley, member be specially trained to read it, and his of the Labour Government and ex-Tory, colleagues avowed that his spelling would began studying Italian Fascism, and, have disgraced a boy of ten." We can employer is attempting to obtain an one conference fails to agree and the case is though to a lesser extent German National only add that his knowledge of Socialism Socialism. He announced privately his would have disgraced a member of the

# Protest Against McCaughey's Murder FLEMING DANGEROUSLY ILL

82-Day Hunger Strike Ended

McCaughey from hunger-strike in Mary- addressing a public meeting have been borough Prison (Dublin)—reported in our jailed, Eager and Ryan for six months, last issue—three Tralee (Eire) men were, Sheehy for four months. on June 3rd, jailed by the Special Criminal In the Irish Republic-which is depen-Court at Collins Barracks, Dublin.

Ryan and Richard Eager, facing charges in stated amounts each year-political of sedition, had been remanded in custody opposition, as in other capitalist countries from May 24th.

murder in the name of the people caused McCaughey's death. evening; that the government was a des- lying in hospital seriously ill.

a similar speech, in which he stated that throughout the world, is on the industrial Charles Kevins and Maurice O'Neill had field against the exploiting employing class. been driven insane by the treatment re- The social weapon of direct action, for the ceived at the hands of Boland. He re- overthrow of capitalism, propagated by ferred to Boland as "His Majesty's Chief James Connolly, is the means by which Butcher in Ireland."

For protesting against the death of Sean | These three men, for the "Crime" of

dant on the legal tender that is allowed The three men, John Joseph Sheehy, Sean to circulate from the Bank of England is punished by imprisonment and death if Sheehy was charged with making a the power of the ruling clique is enseditious speech at Tralee on May 11th, dangered. We learn that, Noel Hartnett, to the effect that McCaughey had been popular broadcaster on the Irish radio, murdered; that de Valera and Boland has been banned from broadcasting for (Minister for Justice) had perpetrated the speaking against the treatment which

and would gloat when the remains of In N. Ireland, after a hunger-strike McCaughey passed through Dublin that lasting over 80 days, David Fleming is

potical, hypocritical, murder gang, and We hope that these cases will show the that McCaughey had been murdered by the Irish workers that their interests are not Government because he knew too much served by governments in either Dublin, about the doings of people in high places. Stormont or London. Their struggle, like Richard Eager, it was alleged, had made that of their comrades in England and this can be carried out.

# Mosley's Ex-Lieutenant Food Minister To End the Franco Terror

# Anglo-Spanish Workers

jointly by the Spanish Libertarian Move- an active part in the Spanish Revolution ment in G.B. and the Anarchist Federation, and Civil War. As editor during the Civil against the continued reign of fascist terror | War of the Anarcho-syndicalist daily paper in Spain, was held at the Holborn Hall, "CNT," published in Madrid, Garcia London, on Sunday, June 16th. The meet- Pradas would deal with the events which ing was well-attended, a large number of had transformed Spain, with the most Spanish comrades being among the militant working-class movement in the

Opening the meeting the chairman, Ken Hawkes spoke of the ten years struggle that the workers of Spain had been carry- lesigns, ing on against the butcher Franco. The struggle did not end with Franco's victory in 1939. The revolutionary workers of Spain had fought on throughout the six years of the war fought by rival governments under the slogan "Democracy versus Fascism." Today fascism still lived In many cases the recent relief given of the dispute the case is usually aban- forming a Fascist party. He did not Now that he is Food Minister my in Spain and Franco, with the spiritual and openly at first but to work towards food than his Left Book Club job required to crush the Spanish workers with all the that end by forming a party of nebulous him to know about sociology. I hope— terrorism characteristic of the totalitarian

A public protest meeting organised the meeting was a man who had played world, into the fascist prison which was tolerated by those governments, including the British, which paid lip service to "freedom" as a cloak for their imperialist

Comrades: The more the Spanish problem is talked about, the less its true under P.A.Y.E. is going into the employers doned or forgotten. That is indirect stomach hopes that he knows more about blessing of the Catholic Church, continued during the Civil War that problem has one character for the Spaniards who are suffering it and quite a different one for th foreign politicians who are making hay of it. The posters announcing this meeting had said "The Spanish Tragedy and feet and heatedly excaimed: 'That is the International Political Racket," and second time you have made an observation we find it very necessary to make quite clear that the foreign interests which now "Here the Dormouse shook itself, and began oppose each other on the Spanish issue singing in its sleep 'Twinkle, twinkle, have nothing in common with the interests of the Spanish people.

> During the Spanish Civil War the policy followed out by such — then — great powers as Italy and Germany, was dictated by their own interest on the international field, as was that of Britain and France, or that of Russia which thought it possible voice: 'I heard every word you fellows were to take control of Spain through the Communist Party and its "new type of "Socialist M.P.s roared with laughter democracy." Every great power, whether and there were counter-cheers from the backing the revolt of the armed forces of Conservatives when Mr. Stanley retorted the Republic, selling a far too dear help by congratulating Mr. Hall on 'repeating to the anti-fascist fighters, or maintaining a joke first made by Lord North in 1788!" a false "Non Intervention" whose effect "The last time she saw them, they were on the struggle was far more decisive than trying to put the Dormouse into the teapot" Mussolini's divisions, had subjected the "Mr. Stanley suggested that it was time | Spanish tragedy—the tragedy of a people they all went to bed. Mr. Dalton fighting for their lives and liberties against answered: 'We are very fresh and alert. the rebel forces of a State divorced from Was it not in "Alice in Wonderland" that its incidental republican regime—to its own it was said: 'All have done well and all private convenience in the international

The same game is going on nowadays. To have believed in the war propaganda of the last six years was folly, so is the belief that the foreign policies of states devoured by an insatiable lust for power, as all of them, particularly the biggest ones, are, pu'led out a box of comfits (luckily the salt have anything in common with the human water had not got into it), and handed them and eternal values of which they talk. round as prizes, There was exactly one Their talk only masks their raw and wholly amoral ambitions. The interasunder, have taken positions regarding

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# The GASWORKS

The dignity of the Mother of Parliaments at Westminster is well illustrated by the following extracts from a report of proceedings at the House of Commons, published by the "Evening Standard

"M.P.s listened, laughed, yawned and

"They argued about whether they should go on talking or not; whether windows should be closed or open; whether Easter offerings to persons should be taxed

"They slipped out to get tea, coffee and sandwiches. Some dozed in the cafeteria to be sharply awakened by the clanging o "Taking three as the subject to reason

about — A convenient number to state -We add Seven and Ten, and then multiply By One Thousand diminished by Eight.

"The method employed I would gladly prizes.") explain. While I have it so clear in my head, If I had but the time and you had but the

brain -But much yet remains to be said." "A storm blew up at 2.20 this morning

of struggle of revolutionary syndicalism. became an air raid warden and later an 'just woken up', Mr. Hall jumped to his out soon afterwards amid a mild cheer."

about my being asleep."

twinkle, twinkle'- and went on so long that they had to pinch it to make it stop."

"I have not been asleep but it is quite true that when speeches are being delivered from the Opposition Benches I often wish had fallen asleep."

"The Dormouse slowly opened his eyes. 'I wasn't asleep,' he said in a hoarse feeble

have deserved praise.' That applies to imperialistic racket. this house now.'

(Here we must correct Mr. Dalton. The actual words used by the Dodo were: Everybody has won, and all must have

"Alice had no idea what to do, and in despair she put her hand in her pocket and a-piece all round.'

that the Labour Government, like its pre- forced by Moscow to oppose the Allies moved to 'report progress'— a method of mander Gurney Braithwaite pointed out war are unable to establish even a decessors, only served the interests of because of the Stalin-Hitler Pact Comcapitalism, and that they would take up Strachey denounced their Communist com-Chamber and moved 'that the candles be day threaten the world with tearing it it is probable that Caltabiano would today the struggle themselves, using the methods rades and supported the war. Strachey Hall on the Government Front Bench had taining 24 small electric lights were put

Swedish Syndicalists'

National Congress

## Red and Black Notebook

### Black Shinwell's

writes as though it had an official tip-off, dead. because of "their bad effect on the steadier girls won. A number of girls and four Ukraine."

Rlack-listed miners under 20 weeks are under 20 weeks and four Ukraine. industry. The informing will be done provement was not permanent. chiefly by the joint production committees, the darlings of the Communists, who will report to the National Service Officers.

Experience of the past years, particularly that of members of the Anarchist Federation in Lanarkshire warns us that the black list will contain the names of Truman's orders. The Army authorities and religion; shall we not condemn the Stalinist those who have fought against dictatorial pit managers, rotten working conditions, and the corruption of trade union bureau-

Miners are familiar with the black-list. Durham pitmen being forced to migrate to South Wales and Welsh miners to Durham to escape the black book. But then the miners worked for many bosses, now they work for one the State. Once victimised there is no escape to another coalfield as in the old days. If and when the State owns and controls all industry there will be no escape to any other industry. State control is State slavery. Socialisation is not nationalisation but Workers Control of Industry.

#### 'PHONE GIRLS' DIRECT ACTION WINS.

Clissold Telephone Exchange, Dalston, London, is one of the few manual exthe worst. Girls employed there have one example. long been discontented by the bad working conditions and understaffing. All the usual "channels" were used over a long

subscribers spread over Dalston, Stoke General Workers' Union. Newington and parts of Islington and

According to the "Daily Express", which | Hackney with 4,000 calls an hour, went

Shinwell intends to dismiss 30,000 miners After ten minutes Direct Action the workers." Black-listed miners under 30 male operators were sent for, the strikers years of age will be conscripted into the only resuming work with the threat that ing silent about these facts. As to "soft Forces, the others will be driven from the the strike would be used again if the im-

#### CASEY JONES.

Our colleague Industrial Worker, organ of the Industrial Workers of the World reports the recent breaking of the Ameri called the strike-breaking "Operation persecution of the Ukrainians because of their Casey Jones."

about thirty-five years ago to the tune of workers and peasants. That is our main inwhich Joe Hill of the I.W.W. poet wrote terest, not an attempt to get into the "control a parody about a blackleg who worked room" of the Vatican. during an American rail strike. The parody soon became popular not only in from us 3d, per copy post free,) the U.S.A. but also in Britain, Canada and Australia and in the English language "Casey Jones" means the I.W.W. parody not the original.

The "little red song book" and Industrial Worker are obtainable from Direct

#### IN ENGLAND TOO.

In the U.S.A. a great number of I.W.W. expressions have been corporated into the language of literature, journalism, films and every day life.

In England too phrases from the "little red song book" are used freely, even in papers like "The Observer" and in Parliachanges remaining in London and one of mentary debates, "Pie in the sky" is just

#### GAS WORKERS UNION.

Several readers have asked me for in- Stockholm. 328 local organisations, the period to obtain improvements, but nothing formation on the Gas Workers' Industrial industrial federations, the National Comwas done to correct the bad conditions. Union which has figured in recent strikes. mittee and the Administrative Commission On the contrary, understaffing became This is not a new union. Nor is it an were represented by delegates. Fraternal worse, industrial union in the Syndicalist sense. delegates from the IWMA, from our Indirect action failing, the girls decided It organises in one industry only, but in organisations in Norway and Denmark, to try action and pulled a lightning strike. every other respect it is as a trade union, from the Union of Syndicalist Women, from 29 girls left the switch boards and sat It has been kept out of the T.U.C. by rival Swedish Anarchist Union assisted the down. Clissold Exchange, with 10,000 unions, particularly the Municipal and deliberations of the Congress. Juan

SYNDICALIST anarcho-syndicalist emigrés in Stockholm.

# SCOTS WORKERS STRIKE

Vatric Co. Idle at Airdrie

Vatric Company, Chapelhall, Airdrie, Scot- number of workers, to be picked by them interested in the decisions taken. land. The reason for the strike was the (the firm) should be started, and the rest dismissal of four girls for alleged in- would be sent for when required. As a delegates, and addressed to our Spanish efficiency. The rest of the day shift held reason for this move they stated there was militants, is characteristic of the revolua meeting on the day the girls were sacked a shortage of certain materials; obviously tionary determination of the Swedish miliand declared a sympathy strike. They a lie to cover up the process of victimis- tants: were soon joined by the other shifts.

following Monday all the workers received their books through the post with a letter

# Bill Borland

terminated their employment.

the firm's side, then an announcement tions between employer and wage-slave in ment appeared in the yellow gutter press the post-war era. The Unions are displayintimating that the workers were to return ing their usual policy of collaboration with to work. Needless to say they did no such the boss and will probably recognise the appointed a strike committee and set up a canalising it. The two M.P.s are, without picket which frustrated the efforts of some a doubt, merely seeking political capital. degenerates to scab. The management, taking pity on the scabs, pensioned them off for an indefinite period, no doubt as a reward for their efforts.

The strike committee got in touch with trade union branches throughout the Dear Comrades, country, with the result that the strikers received donations from workers all over Britain, showing a class solidarity which, though not complete, is at least refreshing in this reactionary phase we are passing through.

At first the trade unions declared the strike unofficial, as the machinery of conciliation and class collaboration had not been used. Since then, due to the determined stand of the workers, they have veered a litle and the strike has become that they are to be paid strike benefit of the FAI and others in countries where from the Union funds.

reached at a meeting of the management, secution.

### Syndicalists Active in Peru

(IWMA) In spite of the violent the country. The communists are col- graspers. laborating with all authoritarian tendencies which are today under the influence of the "Apristes" a left-national party. Our anarcho-syndicalist comrades have commenced the publication of "El tained important news which is suppressed by Campesino" (The Peasant) which defends the interests of the small peasants and agricultural workers. There are also different libertarian propaganda groups, dropped its old atheist and materialist line one of which publishes the paper ("Religion is the opium of the people" etc.) "La Protesta".

ation. This solution (?) was refused, and The strike started on a Friday. The the two M.P.s are now attempting to "force" the hands of the Ministry of Labour and the Board of Trade, the latter because the firm has a £250,000 order for export to America.

The firm is a newcomer to Airdrie, it is an English firm. Doubtless the management thought they would have no difficulty stating that as they had left during work- with labour owing to Scotland's present ing hours they were deemed to have figure of 70,000 unemployed. The workers are keen to win this struggle as they quite. For a fortnight nothing happened on rightly look on it as a test case of rela-They had, in the meantime, strike with the aim of capturing and

## Terror in Poland

I was not a little concerned by the tone of the article in the last issue of "Direct Action", on the persecution of Catholics by Moscow. Not that I think such articles should not be publissed, they should for they have a news value, but I think there was too much soft pedal on the fact that, were the position reversed, the Catholics would be quite as brutal as the Communist

Also, such articles do not tend to en-"semi-official" and likely to even become hance the reputation of our paper abroad, "official", as the workers have been told for we must remember how our comrades the Roman Church holds sway, have had On Saturday June 1st, a deadlock was to struggle against similar brutal per-

As Anarchists we identify ourselves of course with all movements of oppressed peoples, but we do not emulate the C.P. in these circumstances and forget our own ideas (therefore lose our integrity) for the two daily papers, Arbetaren (Stockopposition of the Communist Party to our the time being, for we have no desires of holm, and Norrlandsfolket (Kiruna) movement in Peru, the anarcho-syndicalist worming our way into the control rooms should be maintained by the organisation. militants have taken up their activities of such movements. We stand for free- Many other questions of great importance again under the new political conditions in dom, but are outside the quarrels of power to Swedish syndicalism were discussed. but unfortunately pressure of space does

Julian Pilling. not allow us to give details. It can con-

#### EDITORIAL REPLY.

tremely productive, and that the resolu-The article was published because it contions will stimulate considerably the the British Press. We believe that this news is by that means that of the syndicalist of interest to the readers of "Direct Action." Briefly it is :-

(a) The Russian Communist Party has (Continued top of Column 3.)

(Continued from Column 2.) and Stalin is establishing a State Church. That Church is a political weapon and is completely servile.

(b) In order to establish firmly the Russian Orthdox Church Stalin is seeking to destroy all religious rivals, as he destroys all political

(c) Stalin is also persecuting Ukrainians in pursuit of his racial policy. (d) A resistance movement is growing

"Direct Action" is not interested in remainpedal", we condemned the persecutions, we believe that everyone should have the right to voice any religious or atheist or political or anti-political or any other opinion he desires, any society which suppresses free expression

is a sick society which will become stagnant. Spain of the Inquisition is an example of that. We joined with others in condemning the can Rail Strike by the U.S. Army under Nazi persecution of Jews because of their race

Finally, let us not forget that the vast "Casey Jones" was a popular song of majority of the "Uniates" are tollers, wage

race and religion?

(The article in dispute appeared in "Direct Action", No. 7, May Supplement; obtainable

Delegates

Plan Action

(IWMA) From the 2nd to the 8th June

the revolutionary syndicalist movement of

Sweden (SAC) held its 12th Congress at

Borras, represented a group of Spanish

countries abroad (among them one from

the Anarchist Federation of Britain) read

to the Congress by John Anderson (Inter-

national Secretary, IWMA) were received

The following resolution, passed by the

In view of the suicidal attitude of

non-resistance taken by the socialist

movement during the first world war

In view of the liquidation of Socialism

In view of the treachery of Italian

socialism against the occupation of the

the factories by the workers in 1920.

treachery which prepared the victory of

In view of the passive capitulation of

German socialism before the reaction of

Hitler, of which the terrible con-

sequences have been felt in many coun-

In view of that series of socialist

capitulations, the rising of the Spanish

working-class against international fas-

cism, under the inspiration of the

anarcho-syndicalist CNT, was the rising

of a star of hope in the midst of the

night of international reaction, and a

promise of a struggle full of enthusiasm

until death for socialism and liberty;

was betrayed by the international labour

movement accepting the blockade of

arms for revolutionary Spain under the

Nevertheless we know that Spanish

anarcho-syndicalism lives and that it is

ready for new struggles, represented by

the hundreds of thousands of exiles,

and above all by the militants carrying

on the underground struggle within

The twelth Congress of the SAC

salutes the Spanish CNT as the expres-

sion of a devotion to freedom and social-

ism which will never die within the

Spanish people. Spanish anarcho-syn-

dicalism is the hope of freedom and of

It was decided by the Congress that

fidently be stated, without exaggeration,

that the work of the Congress was ex-

activity of the Swedish organisation, and

Fraternal greetings were sent by the

Congress to anarcho-syndicalist comrades

movement throughout the world.

throughout the world.

socialism."

pretext of non-intervention;

But then also the cause of socialism

tries throughout the world:

in Russia under the fatal pressure of

in 1914;

the dictatorship;

Forty telegrams of greeting from many

Congress in Paris

French C.G.T. (equivalent of the T.U.C. At the National Congress of the FAF in Britain) to the politics of the Communist Party at the National Congress held in Paris in April, the French anarchonot because we are kind persons, but because syndicalists have formed a new syndicalist organisation, Confederation National Travail (National Confederation of Labour), to which all the revolutionary syndicalist workers in France are rallying.

Before the war there existed in France a revolutionary syndicalist organisation, C.G.T.S.R., which was affiliated to the IWMA (revolutionary syndicalist international). After the "liberation" the French libertarian movement which had played an active role in the underground struggle during the occupation of France by Hitler's

With the complete subordination of the armies, began to reorganise its forces. (French Anarchist Federation) held in 15. Parliament Hill, London, N.W.3. Paris last September it was decided that syndicalist activity would, for the time du organisation the revolutionery spirit which organisation the revolutionary spirit which was characteristic of its early days.

The experience of this attempt showed our French militants the impossibility of infusing new life into an organisation which had become hidebound by bureaucracy and which had abandoned the principles of direct action and class struggle in favour of production drives for the reorganisation of French capitalism, and a policy of abject class collaboration.

On May 4th, following the C.G.T. Conin Paris by the Syndicalist Federation, cost in human life of the Civil War, the which had been the organisational means subsequent terror whose victims outnumber of contact between the revolutionary syn- the dead of Britain in the "Hitlerite" dicalists working in the C.G.T.

governmental action has emptied the that government. before; that to deny all revolutionary gallantly fought the scourge of fascism value to the syndicates which were intended tomorrow to proceed to social reorganisation by means of the general strike will make the syndicates inert

ference that an independent industrial of fighting, starving and separation, after organisation, based on the true revolu- killings, mainings, bombardments by land tionary syndicalist principles should be and air and endurance without precedent, formed. This new organisation, C.N.T. fascism still flourishes in one corner of would have a provisional character until Europe, as cruel and as brazen as ever. its Constitutive Congress in September of The concentration camps, condemned in this year, when the statutes of function Germany, exist in Spain with all the other and action could be laid down.

IWMA was ratified, and the Conference and the whip. on the struggle against Franco within Spain.

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fascist repression of Schussnigg and We know that our own anarchist and syn- and British imperialisms. Hitler, the extermination camps and the dicalist comrades in Vienna and Central Workers Direct Action is the only way bombing, it is famine which menaces Europe are menaced by the same condi- to help the Spanish workers to overthrow them with final slaughter, tions mentioned above. We hope that our Franco. Let us follow the example of the We address ourselves urgently to all readers, who, we are confident, understand Norwegian and other Scandinavian dockers working-class internationalists--marxists the meaning of international working-class and seamen. Refuse to load ships to Spain anarchists, syndicalists or others- solidarity, will get in touch with us to or carry cargoes for Franco. Use Direct throughout the world, in France, in discuss means of sending relief to those Action to prevent intervention to aid England, in America, in Belgium, in revolutionary militants who maintained France. Use Direct Action to carry aid Sweden, etc. their struggle throughout the black years to the Spanish workers, We shall publish the replies we re- of Nazi domination in Europe and who are We shall publish the replies we receive to this appeal, which is addressed now threatened, as Le Pre'etaire states, by Group A.F.B.: Ken Hawkes, 15, Parliament Hill,

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(Continued from Page 1, Column 6). the Spanish problem not by virtue of their forgotten promise to eradicate fascism from the face of the earth, but according to their paramount aim of preserving world hegemony and imperialistic lust.

Comrade Pradas dealt with the policy of the Russian, British and American governments towards Spain, and showed that none of them had anything in common with the interests of the Spanish people.

The need is to consider the Spanish gress, a National Conference was called problem in itself; the meaning and the war, the slavery and degradation to which At this Conference the position which the Spanish people are being submitted. had arisen as a result of the C.G.T. To go to their help is a matter of conscience Congress was examined. We reprint a to civilised humanity, not of coincidence few extracts from the resolutions taken on with imperialistic interests. When a Spanish Government unlawfully sentenced ", . . the fact of no longer giving to the to death the libertarian teacher Francisco class struggle its essential character Ferrer, the public opinion of Europe, outand replacing it by parliamentary and raged by that crime, quite soon overthrew

C.G.T. of its value, making it a supple- A similar action is needed today. The mentary machine of the State; that the Direct Action of freedom-loving, decent abandoning of the daily and future people, and especially the Direct Action of claims of the working-class is a crime the revolutionary workers all over the against the workers at a time when world against the criminal fascist regime these claims are more justified than ever still suffered by the people who have most

## Tom Brown

Fellow Workers: After a war which was and servile instruments of dictatorial allegedly fought to defeat fascism one power. . . " might feel justified in expecting fascism to It was unanimously agreed by the Con- be swept from the earth. After six years detested ingredients of fascism-suppres-The affiliation of the C.N.T. to the sion, overflowing jails, militarised police

passed a resolution of solidarity with the How shall we assist our Spanish commilitants of the Spanish C.N.T. and rades to sweep away this filthy thing? Libertarian Movement who are carrying The answer of the Anarchist Federation of Britain now is the same as that we gave during the Civil War, the same as that of our comrades of the FAI and the IWMA-

> But some would repeat the mistakes of the international working class of 1936-1939, and look to governments for aid. Have we not U.N.O., have we not a

Labour Government?" they ask. U.N.O. is no beter than the League of Nations, it is dominated by the Big Three. Neither separately nr together should we expect any help from that quarter.

The U.S.A. has for long shown a keen interest in the Catholic political power in Western Europe, and most of the Catholic influence will be thrown whole-heartedly on Franco's side.

What of British Labour's foreign policy? There ain't any such animal. There is only the foreign policy of His Majesty's Government. That remains the same whether the government is Labour, Tory. Liberal or National. The Foreign Secretary of the first Labour Government in 1924 stated, what was known already, that Britain's foreign policy was continuous. Labour's foreign policy is that of the late Tory government and Bevin is the most suitable instrument of that policy. The British government is sustaining an openly fascist dictatorship in Greece. Spanish anti-fascism can expect no sympathy from London: E.M. 10/-; M.W. £2; W.O. 5/-; Bevin. When the Spanish trade unions Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions to

> "Mr. Bevin said he was speaking in the name of the entire British Socialist movement when he frankly told the Spanish delegation that the movement refused to accede to its demands. The decision and policy of the British Socialist leaders, he said, must not be allowed to be influenced in any way by the war in Spain."

Nor ought we to expect any assistance Against the capitalist propaganda of from Russia. Stalin is interested in Spain ranean, in Palestine, Turkey, Greece and Tripoli. Russia's intervention in Spain will Central Europe. After surviving the This appeal must not fall on deaf ears. be an extension of the conflict of Russian

to all comrades, without exception. Let a famine which is organised by the London, N.W.3, and prited by C. A. Brock & Co. (Continued at foot of next Column.) "democratic" capitalist ruling powers. Ltd., (T.U.), 79, Southern Row, London, W.10.

#### enthusiastically by the delegates. An air of internationalism pervaded the Congress which was aware that comrades through-For the past three weeks there has been strike committee and two M.P.s. The out the world, who were fighting for the a strike involving 600 workers at the management proposed that a limited same ideas as the SAC, would be keenly

We publish below the text of an appeal received from the Revolutionary Communist group publishing the paper "Le Proletaire" in Paris.

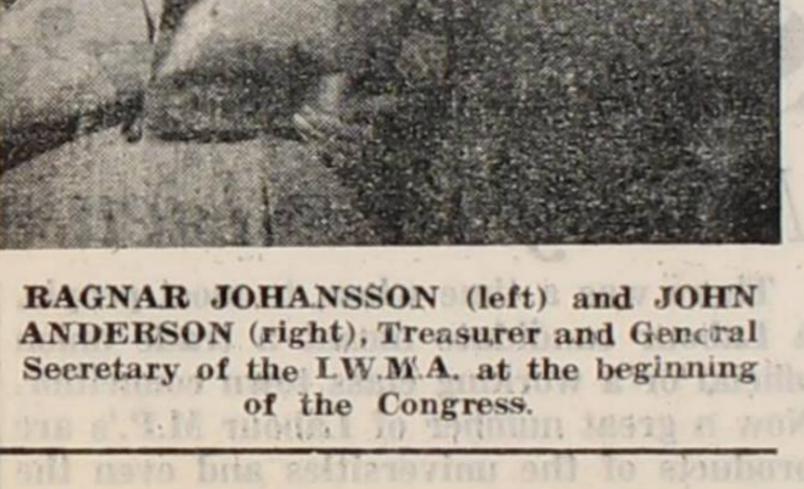
"One of our Viennese comrades, returned from Buchenwald, writes in their

In the first place I must make an appeal for help to all our friends in France and throughout the world. Noone can imagine what we are suffering. After twelve years of a hard struggle for the construction and preservation of truly revolutionary groupings, all this work is endangered today by the misery of famine.

In Hitler's concentration camps, it was almost easier to resist the terror of the S.S. than the slow death by famine today. In the camps we did not have families to care for and we were better organised against the bandits of the S.S. and B.V. Can you imagine what it means to have only 750 calories. It is too much to perish immediately and too little to sustain life.

These are not mere phrases but the most horrible reality 12 lbs of bread, 5 ozs. of flour, 13 oz. of fats and 5 ozs of meat—that is the weekly ration for an to help your Viennese comrades. most speedy aid will have to come. He work materially and spiritually with 750 calories in his stomach, will also understand that our Viennese comrades cannot read a book for more than halfan-hour without their eyes closing in sleep. In one word: All is put in danger and solidarity must make its

Yes, workers international solidarity must make its proof, and that is the reason why we publish this letter which is only one of the many we have received from our hungry and sick comrades in Austria, in Germany, and throughout



## Middle Europe Revolutionaries Face Death