resists authority"

TWOPENCE

"Wherever there

is a man who

exercises authority

POLICE USE GESTAPO

SIX COUNTIES

Unemployment on

the Increase

OMAGH. Here in the six counties of partitioned

Ulster we have a Government which exists because

British imperial strategy deems it necessary as

On the border issue, De Valera recently toured

the United States, speaking at great length upon

partition. Yet when he was in office he took no

steps to do anything about it. Norton, the Labour

leader in the South, is another opportunist who

plays the game to fit the occasion. Larkin talks

about "the rights and duties of Irishmen," but

plays fast and loose with mere empty words.

jumping-off ground in pursuit of world designs.

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### A Critical Survey of Official Evidence WHAT THE U.S. SCIENTISTS SAY

OME Americans believe that the atom bomb is the exclusive secret of the U.S.A. Responsible U.S. scientists, however, doubt this. Science, like music, is international, and much of the knowledge gained is discussed internationally. Further, even in secret work, it is often afterwards discovered that the scientists of several nations, even when separated by war, have been experimenting along identical or parallel lines.

This is so in the case of nuclear physics and the atom bomb, the idea of which did not even originate in America. Much of the evidence in this article is taken from Senate Atomic Energy Committee reports, ignored by the American public and press. The author of the Smyth Report to the latter committee, said in November, 1946:

"The greatest discoveries in nuclear physics between 1920 and 1940, the discoveries on which the atomic bomb is based, came more from Europe than from the United States."

The principle of the neutron was discovered by the English scientist, James Chadwick, in 1932. From then until 1940 English physicists carried out much fruitful work on uranium fission, although with any superiority of American science. somewhat handicapped by slender resources. Germany, too, of course, with several other European countries, was working on the development of fission technique.

#### How Good is Russian Science?

science and technique are so backward as amount of industrial energy a nation can will cringe and fall, thus making possible an emancipated humanity. to be unworthy of serious consideration. devote to the development of the bomb, developed by the mass propaganda of the As to the quantity, Russia can probably Russia as being entirely backward, under a complete dictatorship it is possible ignorant, barbarous and without culture. to switch huge resources from personal It is true, of course, that most of the consumption to war research without any country was backward, but there was a strike or protest. It is known that Russia lively intelligent minority, hardly second is devoting immense resources to the in quality to any Western group.

recall that in the field of the novel, short much more backward than those of the story and stage, Russian thinkers had no West. need to hide their origin. What is not so well known is that Tsarist Russia had also grip many German scientists, technicians given birth to many talented scientists. and skilled workers. A certain amount of Not so many as Germany or Britain, not information, too, has been given to the so numerous or eminent as her imaginative Russians by Communist spies and writers, but sufficient to merit respect.

When the Bolsheviks gained power, they put an end to Russian literature and art, only retaining Gorki as a museum relic. But Russian science did not suffer the same war machine, and, after some initial Electric, U.S.A.: neglect, were encouraged to continue their work.

It is known that, as long ago as 1920, a year more." Russian scientists were studying the energy of nuclear particles, basis research work ultimately needed for the discovery of the scientific magazines. From English trans- under-estimated Russian technical back- in Scandinavia, trying to organise Danish, Spain at the Pyrenees. The Atlantic sea- war. lations of articles on unranium fission, wardness. made from these Soviet publications, it When the Bolsheviks do have the atomic ance to a new Stalinist push there.

#### You Can't Keep a Secret

Britain and America agreed that the U.S. should undertake the task of developing the atom bomb and that British knowledge would be handed to America for that purpose. In spite of that agreement, America tried to keep the new processes secret from the British. Dr. L. Szilard, one of the U.S. atom physicists. made this statement before a Senate Committee (n.b., the U.S. atomic bomb project was officially known as the "Manhattan Project."

"The Manhattan District gave us orders not to discuss with the joint British and Canadian project set up in Canada the chemical separation of plutonium. We had a good method, of which we were justly proud, and we were not supposed to explain this method to the Canadian project.

"This annoyed our British friends because it compelled them to duplicate our work, which they thought an unnecessary waste of time.

"The result, however, as I have been told by two reliable scientists, was that they have worked out a method for separating plutonium, which is superior to the one we are using.

"You see, here is an example of how easy i is to believe that what we have done and what seems so difficult to us is something that others cannot do or cannot improve upon." U.S. Senate Atomic Energy Committee,

Dec. 10, 1945.

American opinion is hiding behind the was made two-and-a-half years ago, but destruction. nothing has since happened to contradict it

#### Industry not Science

because of America's greater industrial resources, and because Britain's industrial power was more completely harnessed to war. The agreement had nothing to do Here is Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer, chief of the Los Alamos, New Mexico, atomic bomb

"In the special field of development of atomic weapons, I think it is very fair to say that no fundamental discoveries, no real scientific questions for the future to answer, resulted from the wartime work. It was an enormous technological achievement . . . but it was not science!"

Senate Committee on Military Affairs, Oct. 17, 1945.

development of the atomic bomb and its One has only to consider literature to variations. Russian technics, however, are

> On the other hand, Russia has in its fellow-travellers in Britain and America.

#### Russia has the "Secret"

Can Russia make the atomic bomb? We unkind fate. Chemists and physicists were will recall the evidence of Irving needed by the Bolshevik industrial and Langmuir, Vice-President of General

> "If they saw all our blueprints it would take them two or three years to duplicate our work. Without the blueprints it will take them maybe

Senate Committee on Military Offairs,

Oct. 23, 1945. from Russia, already prepared a coup Russians who would, in that case, take Other American expert witnesses give d'etat if the election of April 18 went also the Low Countries and Denmark. atomic bomb. Since then it is evident that Russia three to four years to develop the against them, or rather if it appeared to much work in Russia has been devoted bomb technically. That is about the end be going against them. The U.S.A. to this line of research, principally at the of 1948 or the end of 1949. Personally, I countered this by preparing to land Ukrainian Physico-Technical Institute, should say the fatal hour would be nearer marines and soldiers and send aircraft and Kharkov, and the State Radium the end of 1950, but it is impossible to be warships to aid the Italian Government, peninsulas, the Iberian, the Italian and the generals and politicians have come to M.P. Silverman's amendment to the Criminal Institute and Physico-Technical Institute, reasonably sure. It is probable that and allowing its intentions to be seen. Greek. The American generals will try recognise this. Yet it should have been Justice Bill, proposing the suspension of Capital Leningrad. Soviet scientific journals Russia knows the secret of the bomb, but This cooled the ardour of the Italian C.P. to hold these if the rest of Europe falls, obvious to any not blinded by post-war punishment for five years would seem to provide regularly discuss these problems. Many of still lacks the technical know-how, and, to considerably. these journals reach England and the some extent, the resources to make it Less obviously, but just as actively, Italy in the Alps which protect its Anarchist Federation of Britain pointed to The Labour Party, which has paid lip-service to U.S.A. in exchange for English-language practical. I believe American experts have abolition in the past, having now become administration of the next world abolition in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the past, having now become administration of the next world in the ne

#### NOTICE

All communications to the National Committee of the Anarchist Federation should be addressed to:

The National Secretary, A.F.B., 59, Malham Road, Forest Hill, London, S.E.23.

Those desiring further information regarding the Federation, or interested least a year, but dare not allow Russians from England. North Africa, a few years to find that out. in becoming members, should write to the above address.

### INTERNATIONAL WORKING- Bernard Shaw MEN'S ASSOCIATION

#### May Day Manifesto to the Workers of the World

N this first of May, which the Socialists, Communists and Democrats, by their treacherous political and governmental activity, have transformed from a day of revolutionary significance and struggle into a day of harmless speechmaking, we say to you-

Whole generations of workers by hand and brain have helped to raise the condition and social well-being of men, but capitalism and its instruments of rule persist in refusing us, the producers, the right to live in peace and enjoy the wealth we have created throughout the world.

By the constant action of the Revolutionary Syndicalists of the International Working Men's Association, the cracks and fissures which have appeared in the structure of capitalism have been wedged and widened, and its entire edifice is threatened with total collapse.

The Socialist states, including Russia, are attempting to safeguard privilege and they are absorbing and incorporating the trade-unions into the state machine. The leaders of the World Trade Union Federation are conscious of their role, and rush to the aid of capitalism, propping it up by sharing the planning of state economy and control Fortunately, even this does not give the state added stability, and the props which the workers are forced to unconsciously provide are surely slipping from beneath it.

We are witnessing today the death struggle of capitalism, which, from its inception, was foredoomed to destruction; we must not help it in any way, but joyfully watch it die, yes, and at the same time undermine ever more deeply the structure which sustains it, the State.

Faced with the imminence of war, that may be unloosed at any time by the imperialist rivals official U.S. documents, particularly the youthful belief that scientific secrets can of the two opposing blocs seeking to dominate the world, each according to their own dictatorial remain secrets. Dr. Szilard's statement ambitions, the workers must be prepared to fight against war, refusing to manufacture weapons of

The world war has already destroyed not only the reserve-stocks, but much that has taken hundreds of years of human effort to create.

The reformists call for a strengthening of Government power. They do not hesitate, especially the Communists, to call upon the workers to submit to national and economic recovery plans. They get brain-fever working out better techniques of wage-slavery, by sponsoring new methods of piece-Britain agreed to allow America the work and bonus incentive payments. This is nothing more than the rationalisation of production main development of the atomic bomb for the exclusive benefit of the employing class, and a return to the methods that led to over-production and unemployment, particularly of the most militant workers.

On this first of May, every conscious worker must demand: The suppression of piece-work and all methods of payment by results.

An end to overtime.

The thirty-hour week.

Wages based on the cost of living. Homes for all workers-equipped with modern sanitation and labour-saving devices.

Freedom of the Press.

A cessation of the need for passports. Immediate freedom of all those imprisoned for working-class activity. The abolition of concentration camps and prisons.

These demands, which must be on the agenda of the meetings and demonstrations of all workers who are fighting for their emancipation, can be realised only by direct action.

Beware then, workers, of the lying speech-making politicians on this May Day. In opposition to the socialist and communist masquerades, we appeal to you to make this first of May a day of General Strike. Leave all the points of production, but do so as an action of protest

and revolutionary claim. Do this, and the true ideals of social emancipation will be reborn and arise from the ruins left by the world war throughout the world. They will arise with more strength, vigour and depth than ever before, as the incarnation of the elements that will destroy violence; as the basis of a Many persons believe that Russian What we have to consider then, is the new culture and a free civilisation, before which the military hierarchy, power and Government

FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF THE WORKERS, OUR ALL. FOR THE REST NOT This popular belief has been further and the standard of its industrial technics. ONE DROP OF BLOOD MUST BE SHED! THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING MEN'S ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BETRAY

Communists, who always portray pre-1917 devote more than Britain to that end, for FORWARD FOR THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION!

we are living on the edge of war. The the war comes too soon for them, must be

would be embarrassing to a couple of advantage to the defenders.

If the war happens in 1948 Russia has of her greatest air bases in any case. In

FOR THE BROTHERHOOD OF HUMANITY, UNITED IN A FREE WORKERS' EDERATION !

LONG LIVE REVOLUTIONARY SYNDICALISM!

were preparing the throat-slitting. Now

Italian election was one issue among many

"anti-fascist democrats." Marshall and

First Days of War

Truman are not so bothered.

others that brought us near to it.

I.W.M.A. Sub-secretariat for Western Europe.

U.S.A. Stalls Communist Coup in Italy

T seems only yesterday that the the usual advantage of a totalitarian case of the fall of France, the U.S.

Communists of Russia and the world militarist regime. She has an army, and Britain hope to avoid the calamity of

were cheering the politicians of the Russian and satellite at least five times 1940. It is expected that headquarters of

West and denouncing as traitors the bigger than any the Western powers could French Government will be set up in

opponents of Churchill and de Gaulle, but put in the field this year. The Russian French North Africa, as well as England,

West. The Western Powers, therefore, if

willing to lose all Europe up to the Rhine.

France may, in the reckoning of the

Flee to the Hills

WAR COME?

# UpsetstheILP

#### Says "Workers' Control" Means Syndicalism

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, the "Grand These, and many more like them, are the men Old Man" of British Drama, is now ninety- who cry "Up the Republic" and evict the workers one years old. Despite which he wears of Dublin on to the cold streets. remarkably well and seems, in fact, to have In the Six Counties conditions are no more a bit of the evergreen in his physical as well satisfactory. There are large numbers on the dole-as in the South-who are forced to travel as mental makeup.

to England to find the employment denied them at However, occasionally, his great age betrays home, and there are many instances where men itself inevitably. One must charitably assume are refused employment because of a particular that this was the case when he forgot himself religious belief. so far as to tell Mr. Ian Mackay (the selfappointed writer of the I.L.P.'s obituary anything. They may visit your home at any hour notice!) that 'Workers' Control' is now out fo the day or night, enter without a warrant, ransack the whole house, question and terrorise of-date, and is, in fact, merely a rehash the inmates, and arrest anyone on suspicion. the discredited doctrines of 19th century Syndicalism. on a Sunday from the Six Counties to see an

In which last connection, we would like to "All Ireland Football Final." This is a fact to ask the G.O.M. two simple questions: (a) when, which I can testify personally. It is a "suspicious under Capitalism, 'Workers' Control' was ever, act" to have any Irish books on your person, or so to speak 'in-date': that is, when, under to carry Irish songs of a revolutionary character. Capitalism, the workers ever had any control The police are an armed body, openly displayover their conditions of work? And (b) is ing their might in the form of a large revolver political capture of the State power?

Perhaps Mr. Shaw is not aware that the emblems. I.L.P. advocates political action by the workers? As for ourselves, the militant workers, we are Shaw!"

Syndicalism is a "discredited 19th century religious beliefs. doctrine", he seems to have successfully touched the I.L.P. on a sore point. The lip-service that they pay to "Workers' Control" is entirely nullified by their advocacy of "political action." Politics, the science of Government, the rule of man over man, means the continuation of classdivision in society. Workers' control in class-society would be a contradiction in terms. When the workers themselves take control of the means of production and distribution, classes, together with Government, will disappear. "Workers' Control' is an anarcho-syndicalist doctrine. "Turn again Whittington!" Think again, editors of the "Socialist Leader.'

Mr. Shaw aware that Syndicalism, to which strapped to their sides in the real Gestapo he rashly compares 'Workers' Control', is an tradition. In addition there are the "B" men, anarchist doctrine which substitutes 'direct who parade the roads at night armed with rifles, action' at the point of production for the and who are notorious for holding up Catholics, searching them, and ridiculing their religious

It is a "suspicious action" to travel to Dublin

How, then, can it be Syndicalist? 'Turn watched continuously. Our every move is checked, again, Whittington'! Think again, MI and our public meetings attended by the Constabulary. We are the greatest danger, because Socialist Leader, April 17, 1948. we alone know who and what we are fighting, and there is always the possibility that we may In spite of Shaw's mistaken belief that succeed in uniting the workers, out ide their

J.M.H.

#### The VOICE

Marshall Tito went to the Belgrade radio to address the people, taking with him a "deputation" of peasants to supply the "spontaneous" applause. At the end of his address, an old peasant came forward and asked that he might be allowed to speak to the people.

"Certainly not," replied Tito, "only I, the Leader, am allowed to speak to the free

people of Yugoslavia."

"Just a few words," pleaded the old man.

" No!"

"Just three words."

"Certainly not!"

"Just two words, please."

" No, no."

"One word then, just one little word." Tito thought-one word-that couldn't do any harm. "Very well," he said, "you may say one word."

The old peasant looked at him gratefully, went to the microphone, took a deep breath and yelled: "HELP!"

#### we were as little deceived by their blah as generals have a vast reservoir of man- that as much of the French army, air force While they were hailing each other, they aircraft and tanks ready, more than the French soil."

Palestine and Oil

Even that may be too much to hold and Europe will not be the only battlefield of The Italian Communists had, on orders Brtish and American generals, fall to the World War III, not even the decisive battle ground. That will be in the Middle East, put over the "Abraham Lincoln" act, to sell the including Greece, of course. In Asia M.P.s would deny privately that political Minor, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Palestine, legislation demands the continual sacrifice of Syria and the Suez area is ground that principle to expediency. will be fought for, if not over.

to defend Greece in its mountain passes, propaganda. More than two years ago the just such an isue.

the end of 1947 showed Washington still members, they later withdrew this privilege for would seem that Russian scientists are not bomb, not on a blueprint or a laboratory Even less obvious were American The Russian army of the unaware. The sudden change of Washing Ministers. so far behind the West as many wish to bench alone, but on the bomb-rack of a activities in the Iberian Peninsula. Plains. It was the great flat plain which ton's Palestine policy in March, 1948, Chuter Ede, once an opponent of capital punishbelieve. It must also be remembered that super-bomber, we shall probably soon hear Portugal is, as ever, tied to Britain, so the runs through Russia and Poland and showed that the U.S.A. was alive to its the executions are responsible for Russia borrows freely from Western of it. Like Nagasaki and Hiroshima we allies found an easy task there. More that the Dross of Amorica had the idea to Dross of Europe, and has been helped in that by can expect to see the capitals of Europe, complicated was the case of Spain. It is the Russians to conquer the latter the Press of America had the idea. maintaining order. the much freer condition of Western Paris, Stockholm, Rome and, especially, quite clear that America has come to some countries. Plains help the handling of a "Time" (29..48) spoke of it as "The Position of Arthur Woodburn, who, as London, tremble into dust. But be of good arrangement with Franco, and that Britain, mass, slave army—mountainous country Area that Counts", admitting that "Not Secretary of State, is responsible for hangings in too, is in the bargain. But Bevin and gives advantage to a smaller and more long ago, some U.S. strategic thinkers were Scotland, was even worse. In public he has Attlee are worried about it. They have intelligent force, though mountains of talking about a World War III, fought represented himself as a life-long abolitionist with no objection in principle to an arrangement themselves cannot hold back a greatly across the Polar icecap." Other news even say in the debate that he'd changed his mind. with Franco, but to have it made public more numerous army. They only give some magazines speak similarly.

Behind these mountain ranges, America Britain and the U.S. for its oil, but even will build aerodromes to service her more so because of its strategic worth. It Bevan, Noel Baker, who "refrained" from voting "Super-Fortress" long-range bombers, is this knowledge, which is coming more to was hardly more savoury.

The outcome of the war's early stages If Italy is lost, the West will hang on war effort, is second in importance to the "I do not believe that I am constituted very will depend on when it breaks out. to Greece and Spain; even if all of Europe strategic position of the Middle East differently from criminals." You said it Mr. Hogs. America would like to postpone it for at were lost, America would bomb the countries." It has taken the smart alecks not us.

((Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

### MORALITY and the ROPE

However much politicians publicly endeavour to electorate an uncompromising conscience, few

When does an issue strike deep enough to insist Southern Europe has three great Slowly, even reluctantly, the American triumph over party interest and self-advancement?

istrators of H.M. Prisons and bosses of the police

Swedish, Icelandic and Norwegian resist board of Portugal would serve the latter American policy on the Palestine issue at Forced, as a face-saver, to allow a free vote to

His position was unequivocal. He had to vote The Middle East is important to for hanging or resign and lose a fat salary. He voted for hanging.

now slowly coming into production. In a American official thought. "Time" says: The Tories presented an almost unbroken

"Middle East oil, essential as it is to a hanging front. For them Quintin Hogg said : .

seize another country, at least after Fin- Asia Minor and Japan. America is taking It is this which has forced Truman and State." To the Government, Labour or Tory, the no chances, these areas are to be the locale his military advisors to suddenly throw State machine of repression is far mor important than human life.

# we are by the oaths of undying friendship that drunken men swear to each other. power and are utterly callous of human and navy as possible will be evacuated there to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous of human and navy as possible will be evacuated to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous of human and navy as possible will be evacuated to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous of human and navy as possible will be evacuated to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous of human and navy as possible will be evacuated to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous of human and navy as possible will be evacuated to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous of human and navy as possible will be evacuated to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous of human and navy as possible will be evacuated to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the power and are utterly callous to set up a French government "on the powe

#### American Letter

#### DFFP SOUTH

By "Direct Action" Special Correspondent, in the Southland looked shabby and depressed. Of is a tax which every citizen must pay before being

looked like some dream of a 21st century there." metropolis. I am certain some of the

in startling contrast to hungry Britain; one day of rich food, and the wealth and was "balcony only." beauty of the goods displayed in the shops aboard helped to build up the illusion of a promised life of luxury in the New World.

Going ashore soon deflated the Golden City illusion. Moving through the crowded streets of Manhattan one is given an im- But, there was nothing modern about that state's grants to U.S.A., are denied civil rights. It tells pression of a city even more grubby than London. A descent into the subway (underground railway) confirms the impression.

Before making my journey south I looked around me carefully, and was pleased to note the apparent lack of a colour bar. True, negroes seemed to be Mrs. Ada Sipuel Fisher, a coloured scholar who jobs, and are more overcrowded than whites. largely confined to the lower paid jobs, but there was none of the obvious colour bar that makes the visitor to the South feel ashamed. In that Fisher appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which folk. "To Secure These Rights" condemns in respect, New York was nearer to London than to the Southland. White and coloured sat side by side in train and bus, tood shoulder to shoulder Mrs. Fisher-refusing her permission to sit in the another tenth. at the numberless snack bars and were served by established Law School. Ada Fisher refuses to white and negro attendants working together. There were no "White" or "Coloured" signs on the public lavatories or waiting rooms. Could the colour bar have been exaggerated? At least there Court. was not much for the visitor to see.

#### "The Negroes live there"

thrust upon my sight at every corner. Not the War, a state which combines Southern cotton certain Truman's defeat, for the "Democrats" rely slightest trouble was taken to conceal it. While fields with Wild West cowpunching. As I arrived on the vote of the "solid South." Many in the in the northern states the coloured people had the authorities were running a campaign to South, however, do not take the revolt too

exploiting class of every nation.

greater production, higher sale, in an

ever-mounting endless chain of trans-

actions into eternity, each transaction

adding to his profits, augmenting his plant

technique both in man and machine, has

It has been insane only because wealth

So it seemed that if only markets could mechanism.

found expression in money. Where there

Historically, capitalist expansion, or

more correctly capital accumulation, came

to a total end with the 1929 economic

crisis. Warehouses bursting with com-

course, were finally consumed in war.

been the simple and insane logic of

capitalist accumulation.

capitalists even went bust.

to exploit.

markets.

production.

became a fact.

PIANNED SCAROLY

A New Capitalist Formula

An inexhaustible sellers' market has The war was brought to an end largely

are today.

old way.

spread the benefits of Western civilisation eat less and less. Capitalism must reim-

-were fought. Money was loaned and burse itself for the losses sustained during

invested everywhere and anywhere, there the war, and to recover their previous

was native labour and natural resources position, the ruling classes force the

an end had eventually to be called to this production" are things of the past.

fought for the re-distribution of existing which they can maintain their rule.

Unfortunately for the capitalist the and devastation of the war.

world does not extend geographically, and Mass unemployment and

always been the pipe-dream of the by sheer exhaustion. World scarcity sent

increasing productivity by using better tinued to "plan" production.

course others in the South are very well dressed allowed to vote—a tax on voting! Further, if a vields per acre than do many of the wage system the farm worker will loss. To sail into New York Harbour on a and look bright and happy, but one cannot help citizen paid no tax in 1944 or 1946, but paid his sunny afternoon must be the most memor- but notice the large number who look poor and tax for 1948, he would still be excluded from the able way to visit any city or country. depressed. Many of them live in most appalling poll in 1948 because of arrears! There is no approach to any city equal to life, seen such horrible slums as those of East the sight of the mighty skyscrapers viewed St. Louis on the bank of the Mississippi. It was from the deck of a Cunard liner. The city explained to me that "of course, the negroes live

What I did not expect was that the colour bar at the foot of those eighty-storey buildings. such as Oklahoma and Missouri. Coloured people The luxury of the ship's tables had been ride in the back of the bus, have separate lavatories and waiting rooms. In one town of Missouri in which I stayed, of six cinemas only several of the passengers became ill after one accepted negro patronage, and even there it

#### Tax on Voting

attitude to race, we might have been in Dixie here. us that in the poll tax states only 18 per cent. of fighting to keep out negroes. There is a state the hands of a well-to-do minority.

wished to study law. The University refused to also shows that negro schools are poorly equipped allow her to study or attend its lectures, and Mrs. and badly crowded as are the hospitals for coloured upheld her appeal. The University replied by popular and graphic language the oppression of setting up a Jim Crow law school for one person— one-tenth of the population of the U.S.A. by accept this Jim Crow ruling, and points out that a one-person class does not offer the equal opportunities of education demanded by the Supreme

presented themselves to the University, at Norman, mendations of the Report. How far he will go in Oklahoma, and demanded to be enrolled as under- that direction remains to be seen, but the very one or more persons or by a joint stock graduates in engineering, social science and busi- mention of it was enough for the South. Led by company, having under their control ness administration. They were soon followed by the Governors of North Carolina, South Carolina, numerous paid workers, day labourers, three others. So far neither side has given way. Arkansas and Texas, the Democratic Party in the

seemed alert, bright and well clad, many negroes persuade citizens to pay their "Poll Tax". This seriously.

#### "Undesirable"

The poll tax is a device used by the ruling class of certain Southern states to prevent negroes productive level necessary to the and would gradually decrease in number, hybridised trees. voting, it being considered that the negroes would passengers expected to find crocks of gold found it just as obvious in certain Western states Mexicons and poor Americans who are also con-Mexicans and poor Americans who are also considered "undesirable" in Texas and certain other states. The states imposing a poll tax are South of today whose sole aim is bigger profits. Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Virginia, Texas, Alabama and Arkansas. Georgia abolished the tax

report on the denial of civil rights to negroes and others in the United States. The committee has While I was there the University of Oklahoma was the electors ever vote. The poll tax puts power in

the educational opportunities there are very limited. wages than any other group, suffer more from The University of Oklahoma was challenged by unemployment, are largely barred from professional

#### Phoney Revolt?

Just recently, President Truman, in a public actual forms of property: A few days later, three young Coloured men speech, declared his intention to fulfil the recom-My next stay was in Texas, one of the States South is threatening to vote against Truman in But when I travelled south the colour bar was which fought on the Confederate side in the Civil this year's presidential election. This could make

#### Communists Still Worship

An echo of the hysterical wartime adulation of The prices up, and it is true that profits and Roosevelt and Churchill by the Communist Party found its way into the "Daily Worker" for April ever-recurring cycle of production, sale, dividends have never been so high as they 13th. Commenting on the unveiling of the be private property. It will become the Roosevelt memorial in London, a leading article

the statesman who are now paying tribute to him

The ruling class could no longer rule in the peace will spur on the millions who are today tivised agriculture. Thus, according to the vicing and repair stations, where the Economic activity becomes more and menaced by the threat of war."

towards Stalin during the war. This nonsense is councils, which would be roughly the same took place. Profits fell, and some ing the cost of production than the which "Communist" propaganda is rightly held antiquated method of automatic market

long-overdue, service in 1945, we should doubtless collective would not imply that he would be guaranteed, capital couldn't fail to earn The expression of wealth in money, that more and more profit. To preserve and and nothing else, is the reason why workers now be hearing Harry Pollitt tell how Attlee and Bevin are betraying Winston's sacred heritage. extend markets, wars—called crusades to produce more and more (for export) and

# "The OLDEST

and Mrs. C. M. Wilson published "Freedom" in voted to laudatory references to the late

T. H. Keell's full concurrence. Nor that the group order of the day. This was called overof a summer morning forty years ago, was the remained on the cessation of the publication of Freedom", nor of its other activities. Then Dear Comrades, follows, to speak mildly, a most ungenerous and The doctor having ordered me a week in bed, Swiss Anarchist Federation. At the same time, a superior technics on land, sea and air must

The Freedom Group restarted "Freedom" i May, 1930. They had full right to do so, as May, 1950. They had full light to do so, as among other things the Group had in its member. church and call themselves "religious" have a CUBA: Fifty delegates from all parts of the is pushing his advantage to the extreme ship comrades like the late William Wess and bonus" scheme. They stop five shilings a week By 25 years of public agitation, which covered John Turner, who worked on and for "Freedom" from the men's wages, give it back to them yearly human effort. All productive effort was decades after his dismissal, to secure the pension "Freedom" which he published, he had said: They also have a strange system of overtime, Communist influence is on the decrease. Last of events. If he waits for four years, he "I lay down my pen for the last time as editor." expecting you to work anything from five minutes year two Anarchist militants were assassinated by may have the atom bomb and America will

> Unfortunately, the issue of May, 1930, contained unload. The reason given is that lorry driverspublication of the dispute with Keell. But the that is the few who own their own lorries-have paper was carried on until September, 1936, during to be paid extra if they are kept waiting. The a depressing period so far as Anarchism in this foreman did suggest that the men stopped having

The publishers of the present "Freedom" did bosses' money, puts up the prices to private not help in any way during that period. They

historical injustive, retribution and malice are to the publication of "Spain and the World" (from and some electric light bulbs were put in. As

the most corrupt in the world. What would be now But perhaps C.W., who signs the article, is not informed of the above facts.

RUBY H.

Towards the Free Society

## Agricultural Collectives

ODAY, in spite of being hampered | certain tasks and at different periods of distributive workers syndicate, which by antiquated methods and insuf- the year.

equipment, British farmers have higher be open to each worker. With the abolition with minimum deterioration and nutrition countries from which we purchase agri- be on the same level as any other worker, A recent article by J. B. S. Haldane cultural products. Yet, our whole system man. According to their needs these could, in fact, revolutionise agriculture, of agriculture would have to undergo vast workers would be able to use the material among them selective breeding of live changes in organisation, and vast improve- of the collective. There is ample reason stock, determination of the sex of calves ments in methods, to achieve the high to believe that these cases would be rare, to be born, and the development of new functioning of a free society.

There is another aspect—one to which insufficient attention is paid in the economy complicated than work in the collectives. in a free society, we would even see vast This is the "food value" of farm and market garden produce when it reaches About the middle of last year. President the urban consumer. Those of our readers Truman appointed a committee to study and who have had the opportunity of hearing Doctor Barlow lecture on the "Coventry organisation, for they could clearly see and vegetables in vast hydroponic plants. I travelled next to Oklahoma, one of the younger just published its report, under the title "To Secure | Experiment" will recall his detailed states, last of the Indian territories and the "bad These Rights." This volume shows that coloured Criticism of the low nutritional values of lands" of Jesse James and other famous outlaws. people, with poor Americans and Mexican immi- vegetables and fruits when they finally small properties we should be wise t reach the housewife. In the practical side study, with understanding and justice, the of the work at Coventry Dr. Barlow and case of the small peasant farmer, attached his colleagues had to begin by feeding the to the land that he works—sometimes by university for negroes in Langston, Oklahoma, but The Report also shows that negroes receive lower land on their newly-purchased farms, in bonds of real affection. Without envisaging order to raise vegetables, fruits, etc., that the continuity of property in land, we can would have a high vitamin and nutrition admit, without diverging from our prin- Comrade Ella Twynam, attained his ninetieth

> In the society of tomorrow, the improvement and modernisation of agriculture the natal soil is not to be misunderstood as would be a major operation of primary constituting "property rights." importance.

#### ORGANISATION

domestics, engineers, etc.

Secondly, the small property, exploited too few workers to constitute a collective.

In addition there will be the task of putting to productive use the hundreds of acres of productive land that is today used for military purposes (tank-ranges, artillery and small-arms firing ranges, the battle schools, etc.), and the huge acres cultural workers would also participate in now used as playgrounds of the rich—the the work of the economic councils, conow used as playgrounds of the rich—the the work of the economic councils, co-deer parks and breeding preserves for operating fully in the all-over production Will War Come? pheasants and partridges for shot-gun scheme. In this way, they will be excursions, the big country estates, and acquainted with the needs of the canteens.

In the case of the large properties, the land, as with the factories, will cease to property of all, the instrument of production for workers freed from capitalist exploitation and from the yoke of the State. The large farming unit would become an the war period into the "peace" and con- and posing as his successors, but trampling his agricultural co-operative, and following the Private doctrines in the mud, would indeed treat him as a principle previously outlined for the syndicates, would elect its council. The small people and the example of his untiring efforts for economic organisation by means of collec-

For a farm worker to be a member of a have to live collectively. According to his personal tastes and family aspirations, he could continue to live in isolation if he so desired, for only the efforts furnished by all the members would be collectivised, with the aim of increasing production. This collective effort will render the work BULGARIA: A Committee of Aid for Bulgarian lighter and will avoid dispersal of forces Anti-Fascists persecuted by the Stalinist authori-. . . a dispersal that always causes a waste Working Men's Association. The Committee is of effort and a diminution of results. In the issue of "Freedom" dated April 3rd, ing that farmers already practise what will it has published a 30-page pamphlet, "Bulgarie-1948, appears an article under the above title. be the general rule tomorrow: small pro- which gives the militant history of our Bulgarian expected that the flight will be increased After mentioning the fact that Peter Kropotkin prietors and farmers lend each other movement. The committee is in urgent need of to 4,500 soon. The experimental B.36 is

## But the writer does not mention that the London Freedom Group was re-established in 1929, with

The Freedom Group wishes to make full use of the baby and myself When he phoned his firm, Anarchiste", who died early last year, was inliterature for the benefit of the movement. But Westbury's of London Bridge, to tell them he augurated in the Berne cemetery where his ashes would have to take a week off as there was no-one lie. The monument has been made by the else who could look after us, he was informed that Anarchist marble workers of Carrara in Italy. he had the "sack".

This firm, whose managing directors attend

The foreman, in the interests of saving the customers, such as working men and women who now wish, evidently, to obscure it altogether. They buy cane to make baskets. The manager is also fond of saving money for the bosses. Once it was integrity and his revolt against what is now an It is true that some of them were responsible for decided that one part of the factory was too dark be carried on beyond his grave, and the widow of 1936 - 1938), and, as members of the Anarchist soon as the bosses had gone the manager took out

With types like this one certainly believes "that power corrupts."

Yours fraternally,

would enable farm and market garden proficient farm workers and mechanical The option of working on his own would duce to be distributed to urban populations. but he will not be able to exploit his fellow sketched many ways in which biologists

> when the agricultural collectives were populated urban areas—where science formed between 1936 and 1939, the would take over from nature, and perform 'isolates" soon joined the collective a terrific service by producting fresh fruits that their work was thus lightened.

Before finishing with the question of ciples, that the son may work the soil where birthday. he was born. This faculty of cultivating

#### INTEGRATION

Following the process already outlined Here we have to take into account two for production co-operatives the representatives of the co-operatives and movement, Comrade Barker spoke of a meeting he collectives would constitute local sections club in 1881, of activity with Joe Lane in the of agricultural production; these local Labour Emancipation League, of William Morris sections, in their turn, would unite with the locals of the syndicates to constitute the local union of production.

Finally, the local unions, regional by an individual or family, or occupying federations would form inter-regional production councils; thus the agricultural workers and technicians will participate in the organisation of production with the same rights as, and in complete equality with, the industrial workers.

> In this way, the delegates of the agrihostels and communes, and will be able to register their own needs in nitrates, fertilisers, tools, clothing, materials and the thousand and one other items and services needed.

#### SOME POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

Here we can only touch on a few of the many improvements and modernisations that can be envisaged. The institution of the development of new methods, ferti- bombed from Asia Minor. lisers, etc. A specialised branch of the

#### International Anarchism

ties has been formed in France by the International Ramey, director of the Bikini and other In collecting economic aid to send to the Bulgarian this connection it is well worth remember- comrades now in concentration camps. To this end Nouvelle Espagne" ("Bulgaria-A New Spain" October, 1886, the rest of the article is mainly materials and animals and labourers for money, clothing, medical supplies—above all meant to achieve a flight of 8,000 miles. penicillin and other concentrated products. These should be sent to: Aid Commission for Bulgarian Anti-Fascists, 47, rue de la Victoire, Paris (9e),

> my husband has had to stay at home to look after monument to Louis Bertoni, founder of "Le Reveil ]; report of the Congress will appear next month.

> > country were present at the recent National Congress of the Libertarian Association of Cuba. Stalinist thugs.

#### LITERATURE

We have received a limited number of copies from Modern Publishers, Indore, India, of: "GOD AND THE STATE"

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eventually disappearing. Labour in isola- As a final point, let us mention the tion, in addition to bringing no real agro-biologists, the new schemes for direction.

advantage, would be harder and more less farming, hydroponic science. Perhaps. We have the example of Spain where, tank farms on the outskirts of heavily

## AMBROSE BARKER

On April 20th our comrade, Ambrose G. Barker, now living in Walthamstow with his companion,

Two of us visited these two old Anarchist stalwarts on the evening of that day. We found Comrade Barker in reasonably good health, his one regret being that he was not able to get to meetings any longer. "If only I was thirty years younger," he said, "I should be out speaking on the

Recalling some of the early days of the British had chaired for Kropotkin at a working men's and "The Commonweal", and early days in the Socialist League. During the two hours that we were with him, he brought to life the story of the last 70 years.

We asked him what he thought of the present Labour Government. "£1,000 a year men-all of them," he replied, "they're doing the Tories' work

It was a great tonic for us to find our old comrade's faith in our movement undimmed, his mental faculties as alert as ever. May he live to see the realisation of the ideas to which his life has been devoted.

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over their Palestine policy, as much as vote-hungry Harry disliked doing so.

Neither American nor British generals believe that the atom bomb alone will win the war for them. It will play a big part, but much more will be needed to defeat Russia. America's chief weapon is largescale bombing, with high explosive, as used against Germany. Russia's weakest link, transport, will be struck at by everincreasing numbers of giant bombers. In mechanical equipment depots, where the Russia, railways and rolling stock are few, Un-American Activities were he alive today . . the real Roosevelt lives in the hearts of the property would be integrated into the collectives and co-ops can borrow such the Red Army must have motor lorries, items as bulldezers, scrapers, etc. Ser oil and highways on a vast scale to maintain her mass armies. In World War II, nature of the terrain, and the desires of the equipment of the farm units could be the Russian advance into Germany was Roosevelt's "doctrines"—like Churchill's - were interested workers, several agricultural repaired and overhauled. Trained only possible because of the tens of capitalist exploitation, economic imperialism and collectives could exist in the same commilitarism. His virtue, to Communists, lies in the farmers, solve, production, problems: appeasement policy that he and Churchill adopted mune. Delegates would form the collective farmers solve production problems; a American oil, given to the Red Army. In service for artificial insemination of live World War III, we may be sure that a measure of the complete lack of integrity, for as the co-operative council of the large stock. Then research centres for studying Russian oil wells in the Caucasus will be

> While the U.S. Air Force is small, a big expansion programme has already started, and, undoubtedly, the atom bomb is held ready for sudden war. The "Strategic Air Command" is ready for war on a global scale and is flying daily on long hops, as far as 4,000 miles, at short notice, to Alaska, the Caribbean and Japan. The force is said to consist of about 350 B.29's. One of its commanders is Major-General atom bomb tests.

> In the Pacific war, the flight limit of the B.29 was 2,000 miles. Now, 4,000, it is

#### A Long War

In spite of the atom bomb, America is SWITZERLAND: A national congres of the preparing for, if necessary, a long tough Swiss anarchist groups was held in Berne on the war. Whatever the early result may be, 17/18 April, with the aim of constituting the it seems that American and British in the end defeat Russia. Why then should Russia go to war?

Firstly, Stalin wants the fruits of war without war actually breaking out. He knows, too, that Britain cannot afford another war, even if "victorious", so he edge. He is a super-blackmailer, playing Secondly, he is being pushed by the logic

years only, or even one, American and British armed forces will be strong enough to threaten him, even without the atom bomb. Now, 1948, is his time.

Thirdly, we must not underestimate the human factor in dictatorship. Surrounded by yes men, deprived by his own act of the aid of public criticism, hurled on by the disease of his ego, the tyrant usually plans his own destruction in war.

Stalin is growing old; like other dictators he yearns to be a world conqueror before he dies. That is the world's greatest danger.

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JOHN SYME'S WIDOW modities, and millions of unemployed with

workers to make good all the destruction

trivial occurrence which led to a life of acute It was, in fact, permanent capitalist suffering for two people with a strong sense of crisis. Millions of pounds were spent justice-ex-Inspector and Mrs. John Syme. It petty attitude. ploughing crops and seed back into the was in 1909 that John Syme was dismissed as an inspector in the Metropolitan Police. land. Corporations and combines were now, as it is all preserved in documentary form as

restrict production. The only outlet the a result of the 1924 enquiry. John Syme's crime productive forces could find was in the was that he insisted on his case being the subject manufacture of armaments, and these, of of a public enquiry, and that he publicly exposed the corruption of the police force. The intensely destructive character of Hyde Park activity, many gaol sentences, hunger- years before Keell probably even heard of the Hyde Park activity, many gaol sentences, hunger-World War II succeeded in destroying the striking, and incarceration in Broadmoor Criminal paper. Some friends of T. H. Keell wished him

totally mobilised by the state and con- which was his legal due. by privation and food-poisoning, passed away editor, a post which he held until a serious illness, There is no fixed time for tea-break. When the centrated on the production of modern weapons of destruction. Agriculture was almost unnoticed—even to the Press who used to which might have been fatal, compelled him to tea is brought from a local cafe it goes on the neglected, and the granaries became empty. sneer at the funny little Scotsman"-In 1945, relinquish the post.

Real scarcity of the necessities of life His pension died with him. Today, bedridden, ill and destitute in a suburban London house, the innocent victim of these circum-State refuses to grant her a penny of what could the article of th only be brief, compassionate subsistence, in spite of the many pleas raised on her behalf-notably by the Labour M.P. for Norwood, Mr. Chamberlain. For the crime of John Syme's outspoken will fail.

> a brave man is to be legally exterminated by Federation, helped in the publication of "War the bulbs-" to save the bosses money." penury, after bearing, for many years the Commentary" during the war years. We don't consequences of actions that were not her own. want to detract from any credit due to them for John Syme said that the British police force was that.

say about the Police State?

R.U.

## Roosevelt

The Governments, particularly those of stated:-

. . . he was a great democrat who played a noble Europe, carried their technique for controlling labour and production over from and inspiring part in the fight of the people. capital was no longer capable of the effort.

more concentrated in the state, which plans was no money to buy, there was no sale, not production, but starvation. Permanent and no sale meant no profit, so production scarcity is proving a much better and ceased and the paradox of abject poverty easier way of handling the working-class, and starvation amidst so-called abundance keeping down unemployment, and cheapen

Had "Comrade" Churchill performed a similar,

process. This in turn caused wars to be Pianned scarcity is the only method by STATE PERSECUTES T. H. Keell.

formed with state blessing to control and We do not have to repeat the whole tragic story Keell removed the whole of it from London. This

But ex-Inspector Syme, his life's end hastened And the group appointed Ambrose G. Barket to half-an-hour for nothing.

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