against Company's 'war' declaration

The following statement has been "The same day 78 men had been "It is evident that the Managemen issued by the Strike Committee of sacked on the alleged grounds that are launching an attack on wages and K. F. H. Murrell presented delegates workers at Park Royal Vehicles, there was no work, that this was due piecework prices. There can be no to the roofers, who were already in doubt that Lord Brabazon's report,

2nd, 1,100 P.R.V. workers stopped tionist tactics of the management, the up' in P.R.V. has work on a fundamental issue of Trade 22 roofers had stopped work 10 days aim only-TO CUT WAGES AND

Jack Kielty



record the death, at the age of 45, of what is meant when he says one "We have no illusions as to what our well-known and deeply respected does not announce one's intentions we are up against. We base our-Merseyside comrade Jack Kielty. It when one goes to war,' (Mr. Black, selves on and draw our strength from leaves a great gap in the ranks of he it noted is a 'Justice of the lads who are on strike at P.R.V.

S.W.F., was a familiar figure on the the agreement on redundancy entered financial assistance and messages of street corners of Liverpool, where he into with the Works Committee. solidarity, on the age-old Trade Union tirelessly propagated, at open-air "At the 40th Annual General Meet- truth that: UNITY IS STRENGTH.

organisation, Jack threw himself into Brabazon of Tara (formerly Mr. "We repeat our readiness dockers who, last year, stood trial at speech as Chairman and Managing an honourable settlement on the basis the Old Bailey on charges of organising strike action. He gained wide Combine's profit and indicated that statement. respect among portworkers, and served on the Merseyside Portworkers' Defence Committee.

Despite prolonged ill health and Jack continued to give wholeheartedly doubtedly aware of the sentiments his energies to the working-class expressed in the Lord's report, have working class for jobs with decent reasonably-clean new-crop wheat to the present position.

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Comrade Kielty passed away on advantageous to the workers'. Vehicles will achieve victory. Wednesday, August 29, in Sefton Hospital, Liverpool. He had suffered indifferent health for over twelve months but appeared to be making slow but sure progress towards better health. As his collaborator over the last three years in propagating Anarcho-Syndicalism, I know that our movement has has left us.

previously and were still out. "In sacking 78 men without warn- "Why did Mr. Black choose

ing the Management deliberately and moment to deliberately spurn the wilfully ignored existing Trade Union Trade Union agreement? Agreements on redundancy. This "Because he, in his unwisdom

"1. RESUMPTION OF WORK workers.

FOR ALL WORKERS, INCLUD-ING THE 78 MEN SACKED AND Union recognition THE 22 MEN INVOLVED IN THE "He led with a 'left'

TO TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY TRACT PRICES FOR THE ROOF DEPARTMENT.

meet these justified demands.

Agreement broken

IT IS with profound regret that we Director—there is no doubt as to Peace.') This was in reply to a ques- the Trade Union organisations who

meetings, the ideas of Syndicalism. ing of ASSOCIATED COMMER- Need for support Moore-Brabazon), in the course of his negotiate with the Management for ne Park Royal Vehicles) was not would like to see.

over a period resisted fixing prices in wages. In mourning the loss of a fine led to the stoppage of the 22 roofers. every Trade Union organisation to wheat up to 180 per lb.

his memory, we can do no better "Mr. Black has during the present struggle we need your financial ANOTHER conference that will the Trades Union Congress at than to reprint the letter, from Dave dispute said he wanted new agree- assistance and moral support. the S.W.F. of his untimely death: Management.' More advantageous to "With your support we are con- Councils' Association. It is my sad task to tell you the Management' to us means 'less fident that the workers of Park Royal They want old people who live in outstanding difficulty.

agreements on redundancy.

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Because he, hi his agreement to which the Management is a party explicitly states that discussions will first take place with the Works Committee before redundancy works Committee before redundancy agreement to which the Management is a party explicitly states that discussions will first take place with the Works Committee before redundancy works Committee before redundancy agreement to which the Management is a party explicitly states that discussions will first take place with the Union organisation in the factory and Union organisation in the factory and the War Office, Mr. Murrell told the Union organisation in the screws on delegates:

"2. A WORKS CONFERENCE over a 'right' . . . 'wage cuts.' ON RESUMPTION TO FIX CON- P.R.V. workers won the first round "The Management are refusing to North London District Committee A.E.U. in asking the executive council to recognise the strike has won the second round. We are confident that, unionists, we will win the next round

We FIGHT:-

Trade Union organisation.

give us their support. - In this vital

speaking at the recent British week which the old people already Association scientific conference, Mr. pay. to the Psychology Section with some Government introduce legislation

Admiralty have had a naval motion people may leave. They have sent study unit. Its work has shifted from out a questionnaire to 422 local physical to mental problems. Among authorities asking, "How many old the physical problems tackled was the people died in your hostels last year loading of a six-inch gun with the and how much money did they leave."

study of field gun drill. The drill was movie-photographed and it was Thomson strikers found that number six stood stiffly to found that number six stood stiffly to attention at the back of the gun. doing absolutely nothing.

"When inquiries were made as to what number six was supposed to be THERE is now every indication doing, no one seemed to know. that the 79 workers on strike at D. C. Number six had always been in the Thompson's in Glasgow are to be by the N.U.V.B. and the support of drill book as long as they could sacrificed by their union leaders, to prevent a further drain on union "Eventually, an ancient sergeant-

major was unearthed with Boer War medal ribbons up and he said: 'I A month ago the Thompson bosses know who number six was, he was offered to lift their 26-year-old ban reinstate the striking workers. This Printing and Kindred Trades

Wardlaw at the same conference. The On September 17, however, a statement was issued calling off the ban facts speak for themselves:-The meat content of galantine and on supplies and distribution that was luncheon sausage need not be more slowly strangling the employers. It

"Full fruit standard" jam is an "The principal object of the printartificially-dyed product manufactured ing unions long-standing campaign in from a sulphur-dioxide preserved favour of the principle of freedom of nulp. Readers will note that sulphur- association having been achieved, the dioxide was used in the manufacture Federation (P.K.T.F.) express their of "stink bombs" in pre-war days. appreciation of the efforts of all those "Processed peas" are hard, dried who have contributed to this result. peas, taken from store, cooked and "There still remains the outstand-

"To defend our standard of living The addition of 14oz. of chalk to Thompson's employees who came out each 280lb. sack flour to compensate on strike in support of basic trade "To maintain and strengthen our for extracted calcium had caused a union principle. Consideration has shortage of the substance used for now been given by the Printing and "To strengthen the unity of the whitening ceilings. Flour from Kindred Trades Federation executive contained up to 18 mouse hairs per "They are aware of the result of an endeavour to cut them. This policy "We ask every Trade Unionist and Ib., and from good quality old-crop the recent meeting between repre-

cause some comment was that held Margate. They welcome, too, the Pude, another Merseyside comrade, ments with the Trade Union which "We urge every fair-minded citizen by the Association of Municipal repeated assurances of the General informing the National Committee of would be more advantageous to the to help by supporting us financially. Corporations and the County Council of the T.U.C. of the import-

DOCKERS OPPOSE EVA IDOLATORY

wage, brought the most savage police trially or politically active.

fantastic limits with the arrest of the people."

This was the first time the totalitarian method of taking political hostages had been used in Argentina. Eleven workers are imprisoned in the Maritime Sub-Prefecture and in

every occasion. . . . Demarchi. Among them are: T Suarez, J. Guttierrez, H. Santana, G. T. Senaumont, V. Volpe and J. B.

19th, from Whitechapel Station, marches to Trafalgar Square and Carrying banners and chanting Marble Arch only a few years ago, Printed and published by the found some hundreds of millions and slogans, just under a thousand of strengthens the view that the Stalinists Syndicalist Workers Federation, up till now it hasn't been necessary

Who foots the bill?

The shop I am working in is a bit good and the small space very well of a madhouse with a lot of good used. Yours fraternally, swimmers—at least they crawl on

dyed green. "Fresh eggs" may have ing point of the dispute in regard to

"offer" was turned down flat by the

sentatives of the T.U.C. and the

Prime Minister following decisions of

ance they attach to a solution of this

"The Executive Committee of the

Printing and Kindred Trades Federa-

tion have therefore decided, in an

endeavour to create conditions in

which this matter may be finally

resolved, to recommend their unions

to take such action as may be neces-

sary to end any ban imposed on

supplies and distribution affecting the

firm of Messrs. D. C. Thompson and

There has been something going on last letter. Firstly, there was a plebis-

We received "Direct Action" for cite about prohibition of purchase June, 1952, with great pleasure, as our addressed by the Argentine organisa- united front against them and it was have sent you our organ, "Heimin

"Peace" procession through the East Comparing this weak demonstra- and town. The call for emancipation on who should pay the bill . . . mira- the registry of World Citizenship. cles still happen, believe it or not, Wishing good fighting to the Engand the Government somewhere lish comrades.

Direct ANOTHER Action SELL-OUT

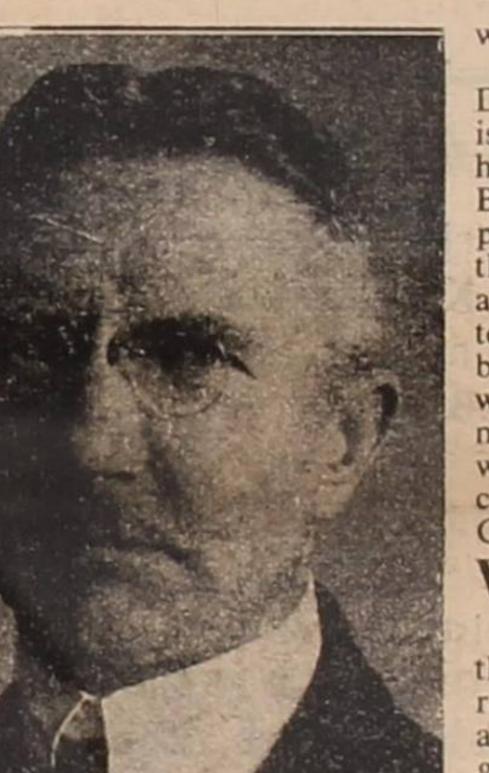
SYNDICALIST WORKERS FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL WORKING MEN'S ASSOCIATION

MILLIONS DIED -- FOR WHAT?

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soon, Krupp is to receive £14 million standard of living. by way of compensation for the slave Not only will Krupp have the guarantee that the employers will not factories where thousands of deported biggest cash balance in Europe, but still be able to tell the union officials workers died. Just to make sure that in addition he will retain control of to go to the devil-without fear of the German workers don't miss the the centre of his former armament anything more drastic than a "strong benefits of Krupp's continued ex- empire, the Gusstahlwerke plant. In protest" coming back at them. ploitation, he is to get a royalty of case Alfred has too much spare time 2½ per cent on every ton of coal that on his hands, he is to keep and take

matter of £830,000 a year.



FOR EIGHT MONTHS

SCHACHT

the nationally-agreed engineering in- Germany." G.W.U. have recognised the dispute all over Europe.

s'ewards at the first three factories on our side. that the effective blacking of these goods is essential to achieve a success. US COLOUR BAR ful conclusion to the dispute.

the Trade Union Movement. We the American Psychological Ass- tana and other libertarian militants "James Nelson's have mills in worse. immediately ensure that all Resistances Ltd. goods are no longer Washington, D.C., as the location Soon afterwards, in a typically rous subsidiary companies. Of these, time, because we have managed to handled by their members. "Had this been done when the til additional progress has been condemned to sentences of 25 years. from the slump, due to trading re-

the goods."

five years ago was found guilty as a part in the share-out to the tune of test, with the executive committees of war criminal, by his British, American £1 million each. Until payment is individual unions—not the ordinary and Russian counterparts before the finally made, they are to get a sub- members—deciding what is All in all, it may be said that Economist" is justified in writing: Nuremberg "War Crimes Tribunal", sistance allowance of £8,300 a year. "justifiable."

comes from his former mines. A an active interest in shipyards at Kiel In any case, the "justifiable nationalised industries, become

temptation to double-cross even his The compromise nature of the final best friends, Dr. Schacht has started resolution did, however, reflect the work showing the Persian Govern-

VILE RECORD

the German workers, was his speci

firm of Resistances Ltd. have been host of other cities, Heinkel recently locked out since February 13th. attended the Farnborough Air Show. In November last year they claimed He told reporters, "I would like to that the management should pay them make Comets, under licence, in

creases. After drawn-out negotiation Between three and four million the management sacked the workers, people died as a result of military offering them re-employment on terms activity in the last blood-bath. Six which included an anti-union clause. million Jews perished in the gas JOSE LOPEZ, well - known The case went to arbitration but, chambers. Another million folk died Anarcho-Syndicalist militant, died in though the tribunal found in favour on the battlefields of Spain, and Coimbra Prison, Portugal, on August of the workers, the firm refused to hundreds of thousands died in con-8th while serving a 25-year sentence. take them back. The A.E.U. and T. & centration camps set up by the nazis Another comrade, Emilio Santana, is

Heinkel and hundreds of smaller fry the clerical-fascist rising on May 28th, "We regret to note, however," says now working for the rearming 1926, but he joined the first under- Lancashire rayon firm, reported profits weeks and then, at the end of the A.E.U. and E.T.U. are employed, sale slaughter.

"We have failed to convince the even now it is not too late. Time is 1936, Lopez—with other militants of good."—Daily Express, 6.9.52.

goods were declared black many weeks ago, we should have been back at work, and the movement would at work, and the movement would at work, and the movement would at work and the work and t have won an important victory. It is APA noted that its Negro mem- the long list of the vile Salazar, that worked, 120 workers were sacked at dence. While I was getting dole and answer to blackleg labour is to black convention. Industrial Worker

Unions' wage restraint policy is welcomed by Stock Exchange

t surprising that Winston Churchill has been able to pay tribute to the "statesmanlike decisions" of this year's Trades Union Congress at Margate. Quite naturally, big business WAR CRIMINALS appreciates trade union leaders who, at a time when prices are continually rising, advocate, as the Congress has done, a policy of "wage restraint." The Stock Exchange also likes union officials who answer the truculent provocations of the Tory "economic stabilizers" with appeals for "moderation." appreciates trade union leaders who, at a time when prices are continually rising, advocate, as the

to appointments on the boards of

It is true that the General Council accepted the Union of Shop, Distri- itself, at the Congress, as a result of "We have been praised on all sides, butive and Allied Workers' amend- the need to penalise the armament even by Mr. Churchill, for the states-DEATH not only pays a dividend in respect of a limestone works and ment exempting from the general drive on behalf of Russia, rather than manlike decisions taken at Margate. -it pays compensation as well. Herr a score of other enterprises. His two standstill "justifiable increases" for as an expression of concern for the Margate Conference or other enterprises. Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach, who brothers and a nephew will also take lower-paid workers: a form of means workers' interests. Bound to the State

is again back in the saddle. Enough to keep twenty-five working Even when a particular executive economic facts, were the guiding that the trade unions were no longer Let out of prison seven years too class families on their present committee decides that a proposed factor in the conference hall. producing leaders of the same calibre are admitted to the peerage, elevated

Not serious

and Bremen, factories turning out increases" line is not regarded Cabinet ministers when the right wind extended to this loathsome individual estate together with numerous other Economist," which keeps its fingers of employers and union officials to had this to say on "wage restraint": ing labour. Meanwhile, another war criminal, "Inconsistencies in moderation were. Times have changed since Ramsey has established a "Finance Export ground of rejected wage claims, and is the privileged one now. Bank" in Berlin, with the full ap- it says much for the quality of the The new Chairman of the T.U.C., at £41,637. proval of the Bonn government, and union leaders that there was any the British, French and American moderation at all. Mr. Deakin was

workers now pressing for increases.

high and stable rate of profit is the the armament industry was another Members' needs sacrificed

> political necessities of Labour policy The foreign policy of both the Con

Syndicalists die in jail

critically ill in the same jail. as official, and Resistances goods have These men-Krupp, Schacht, Lopez was young at the time of

the underground syndicalist C.G.T., the Anarchist organisation and other "We feel that this is a betrayal of The 60th annual convention of The attempt failed, and Lopez, San- James Nelson, writes:

necessary to state that the firm is em- bers had received discriminatory miserable jesuit and fascist whose the beginning of this year and the my children were trying to figure out answer to blackleg labour is to black recent during the answer to blackleg labour is to black recent week, with about nine full weeks off birthday presents, the shareholders

restraint and meant it." political considerations, rather than "It has often seemed since the war , as they had in the twenties and Side by side with the political as they had in the 1952 Congress has at

constituted, are bound closely to the Yes, the J. R. Thomases and the State machine. Trade union leaders Ramsey MacDonalds are still with us.

POOR BLIGHTER!

Similar generous treatment is to be metal goods, a vast amount of real seriously by the employers. "The is bowing and even lead delegations MR. W.O. BRIGGS, head of "enterprises." The German workers on the pulse of the Stock Exchange, study American methods of exploit- Briggs Manufacturing Co., and a director of Briggs Bodies, Dr. Schacht the "financial wizard," in any event, the least that could be MacDonald thought it an honour to Dagenham, died in the U.S.A. is getting back into his stride. He expected against the present back- kiss the duchess's hand. The duchess and left estate in England valued

Looters' Victims



Portuguese of food from a rubbish dump in Massawa's native quarter. While thousands lived in similar pitiful conditions, British military autiorities w re looting the country of every conceivable capital asset. (See review of Sylvia Pankhurst's latest book on page Two)

Textile shareholders still get thirty-five per cent

"... James Nelson, the £4,000,000 began to work three days in three

"Solidaridad Obrera." in addition. In August some winders were still receiving their 35 per cent."

the Lockout Committee, "that at nations, both East and West-were ground anti-fascist action groups. He sliding from £881,000 to £427,000. month, were told there was no more some factories, where members of the as responsible as Hitler for the whole- took part in the unsuccessful antifascist revolt of 1928, was arrested, says £150,000 had to be used to meet not be made redundant unless they those goods are still being used, such If the men and women of the mainten- losses on stocks when the slump came. so desired. Twelve of the mainten-Standard Telephones. Boreham resistance movements, socialist and rades to the E. Indian colony of Happily shareholders have already ance staff were sacked, leaving a Wood: Stones. Deptford: Crompton- syndicalist, could have had their way, Timor. A year later he was sent back, had their dividend held at 35 per cent couple of foremen with no one to Parkinson, Chelmsford; Plessey, such men as these would have met gravely ill. —the reward, no doubt, for going toss. At the J.N. Mill over the read their end before a firing squad. But During the Spanish Revolution of without rises when the going was the weavers had been working one

"Just before Easter the manager * * * gave a talk to the workers there. He anti-fascists-tried to provoke a rising Our Lancashire comrade Julian said: 'If it's a nice Easter we'll be against Salazar, Franco's accomplice. Pilling, who formerly worked for getting some work in for you' W' it was a nice Easter and things got

would urge all T.U. organisations to ociation has voted to boycott fell into the hands of the Portuguese Rochdale, Lancaster, 'Nelson (4), "He also said: 'I think we've done Colne and Tasmania, besides nume- a wise thing in putting you on short of any of its future meetings "un- totalitarian political trial, they were the Tasmanian mill has not suffered keep you going. We did it for your

lost a truly proletarian character, AFTERMATH of the mass hysteria repression. Another motive for this was raised by its countless militants Company. breathing the old fighting atmo- whipped up in Argentina on the death was the protest of the F.O.R.A. in all corners of the country from "The unions directly concerned sphere of the I.W.W. with a live, of the ex-actress, businesswoman and dockers against the withholding, by 1901 onwards; it made history with have accepted this recommendation modernistic interpretation. Like wife of the country's neo-fascist the employers, of a day's wages for many more Anarcho-Syndicalists, dictator has been a renewed attack on a monument to Eva Peron. Jack Kielty found his way to the those workers' organisations which Houses of the best-known militants kinds, without seeking recognition of accordingly." top through the welter of left-wing have maintained their independence were searched without warrant and, its revolutionary exploits. It forced No one can be under the illusion Marxism. The bankruptcy of of the Peron-controlled General Con- when the men themselves could not the politicians, the legislators, the that, without the ban on supplies and Trotskyism finally led him to a federation of Labour (C.G.T.). be found, the police detained their parties, to change their language, to distribution, the striking workers have closer examination of our ideas. First in the line of fire has been wives. This was the case, for example, modernise their technique and to put any chance of regaining their jobs. and his words to me on deciding to the Argentine section of the I.W.M.A., with the wives of two dockers, Maciel themselves more in tune with the Until the 79 men are back at their work with us I must record, they the Regional Workers' Federation and Volpe. The injustice reached advanced ideas which imbued the jobs no "principal object" has been

are so very true: "Dave, I feel I (F.O.R.A.). have always been a Syndicalist and A strike of the Buenos Aires daughter of Carballal, a chauffeur, Anarchist. They stand for all dockers, who demanded the re- and the son of Axman, a violinistthat's worthwhile in the working- opening of their union headquarters, neither of whom belong to the LETTERS class movement." A good fighter closed by the police, and a living dockers union, nor are they indus-Fifty celebrate the 'Liberation'

End for Saturday afternoon, July tion with the thousands-strong

them marched: a big contingent from have lost strength in London

Hampstead, sizeable groups of work- especially among the workers.

On the evening of Thursday, Sep- The procession arrived at Canning This appeal traces, in simple and After that, some new laws giving supplements. tember 11th, a meeting was held at Town—where no one had turned out direct terms, the development of State protection to agriculture were In Japan we are for the world lan-Conway Hall to celebrate the anni- to welcome them and most folk car- Peronism and its corrupting influence passed by a small majority. A capital guage Esperanto. How about in your versary of the Bulgarian Day of ried on with their Saturday afternoon in the country. "Up to 1930," it says, levy launched by the Socialist Party country? It is a very necessary tool "Liberation," complete with folk shooping, unconcerned. Here the "the F.O.R.A. had organised the mass got defeated, also another plan for our comrades throughout the songs and dancing. The Bulgarian Communists wheeled round on to a of the workers in their struggles for launched by the Government to world to understand each other better Ambassador himself was present in bombed site, where they were ad- freedom and dignity; it was the nerve- finance rearmament. Some two years and more easily. After the revolution his official capacity and . . . less than dressed by Secretary Harry Pollitt, centre and thought-process of all the ago our "heroic" parliament agreed Esperanto must be our world lan-

lost much of whatever small strength from the East London boroughs. In The Syndicalist Workers' Federation it had among working people in and around London; this becomes more about enough in numbers to carry Local Federation of the F.O.R.A., a launched by the Communists. June, 1952, with great pleasure, as our taxes, launched by the Communists. June, 1952, with great pleasure, as our taxes, launched by the Communists. June, 1952, with great pleasure, as our taxes, launched by the Communists. The others—including the Socialist about enough in numbers to carry obvious with each public function it their banner, while many districts copy of the clandestine appeal Party and Trade Unions—formed a C.R.I.A. Under separate cover we were not represented at all.

who was heckled occasionally by the basic gains of the wage workers, and unanimously on a huge rearmament guage, we believe, and we are adopt-The London C.P. organised a small crowd of locals.

of Bulgaria LONDON STALINISTS LOSE STRENGTH THE COMMUNIST PARTY has ing people from a few of the north- Mayorga. All were beaten up by in the Swiss political circus since my GREETINGS FROM JAPAN

> tion to the workers of that country. defeated by about 4 to 1. . . . Shimbun," with its Esperanto leaf and of the "shirtless ones" of the country programme, but they couldn't agree ing it in our principles, together with

to take up a loan. 25a Amberley Rd., London W.9. to take up a loan.

Thank you for D.A. I found it very Federation of Japan, Kyoto.

its blood and with sacrifices of all and are notifying their members

'La C.N.T. en la Revolucion

by J. Peirats

Send for your copy to the

PRACTICAL ANARCHISM

Constructive Anarchism, by G. P. Maximoff (Maximoff Memorial Publication Committee, Chicago, \$2.50).

it provocative, particularly those And again, speaking of the effect of tions into them. cultural sphere, for Maximoff is in International: direct line with Bakunin and has much of his forthrightness and

the flowery superfluity of the inditurned more and more towards theory.

It is an attempt As a result the movement was joined the sphere of activity of the inditurned more and more towards theory.

As a result the movement was joined to lose its practical hold and its members; it has established institutions concerned with the concern Communist Anarchism and all, connected with the working Revolutionary Syndicalism and goes classes. They were idealists who sinwell on the way to achieving this cerely sought the liberation of the

Worthless fight?

The book is in two parts: the first fulfilled during the expected period, is an examination of Anarchism and they became disillusioned with group in the same measure." the second an Anarcho-Syndicalist efforts, using weapons which might programme. Much of the first part more effectively hasten the desired deals with an argument within the results. It is in this psychology that

Maximoff is critical of the anti- mass labour movement." Cyngicalist Anarchist. He says: There is no lack of criticism of the Maximoff does not accept the "no Here are two quotations: Trade Union fight for everyday in- that one can write "movements" is ideas. He says, dealing with agricul- the realities of class rule that impelled terests to be petty, worthless and even in itself a criticism. One of the princi- ture: harmful; they call it a negligible, pal charges against Anarchism is its "The socialisation of land is an "The fact that governments and penny-wise policy which only serves "inability to adapt itself to the reali- essential precondition for the socialisa- parties could be made to yield under to deflect the attention of the workers ties of life." Maximoff says: from their main task, the destruction of capital and the state. The Anarchothe everyday struggle of the working reality; he cannot exist long in mid- the product of labour also become 23). classes as of tremendous importance. air. This natural need for activity socialised, i.e. full communism be-They believe that the reduction of drives dynamic men to all kinds of comes a reality." hours of work is a great blessing deformed 'practical' activities; to The second section deals with the since, after a long working day, the bomb-throwing in France or unmoti- political sphere, and includes studies volker is so weary that he had no vated terror and expropriation in of General Politics, Defence, Public

Looting on a grand scale

Times & Ethiopia News," 3s. 6d.).

SYLVIA PANKHURST'S latest Marginal notes Eritican Ports?" provides a firstclass account of the systematic looting of "liberated" Eritrea by the British civil and military authorities who, until September 15, when that country was federated with Ethiopia, constituted the occupying power.

The author describes in detail the

wholesale destruction of port installations at Abd el Cader, Assab and Massawa and their sale abroad as scrap . . . the wrecking of an affairs of the different countries since As the result of the completion of to German pilots by the R.A.F., at an agreement was reached that the important potash factory at Fatma
Dari, and the sale of its equipment abroad . . . the demolition of 500 oil

The wrecking of an the end of the last world conflict, the experiences of people from 1914-18 the production of six atom bombs abroad . . . the demolition of 500 oil

The wrecking of an the end of the last world conflict, the experiences of people from 1914-18 the production of six atom bombs air display and the general military Spain. It is thought that Anders can development of Germany: but, as call on some 11,000 exiled Polish the destruction of a cement depends on, and is subject to, the retween 90 and 100. The present stock Powers. The statesmen proceed with works and the sale of the machinery to the Sudan . . . the removal and sale to Pakistan of a floating dock Today we have so-called "peace" figure of 350 by the end of 1954 is Such was the breath of ozone they militarisation of Western Germany, figure of 350 by the end of 1954 is Such was the breath of ozone they militarisation of Western Germany, from Massawa, and the destruction conferences as the reverse side of the formidable." or sale of every conceivable capital medal to world rearmament. asset that might be used in competition against British capitalism. It is, tetween what we might call the Confronted with this precipitate in- their plans, happy in the knowledge the differences between not only the

In addition to this material, which interested, not even the military to the Press Agencies: In September, gress, Anders interviewed Count themselves in a giant political mess is presented in a vigorous and leaders themselves, in armed conflict they said, the production of modern Potecki, member of the Polish which force alone will resolve. supported by excellent photographs of that this or that country may have.

The "before and after" type, the leaders themselves, in a fine country the said, the production of modern Potecki, member of the Poisi which to the said, the production of modern Potecki, member of the Poisi which to the said, the production of modern Potecki, member of the Poisi which to said, the production of modern Potecki, member of the Poisi which the danger of war, of 1,000 a month. A Washington Bishop Gawlina and Mgr. Mayset the best attitude is one of anti-milithe "before and after" type, the Instead of mutual understanding, correspondent states that in recent witch, official Vatican observers with tarism. And to hold firm against all book contains a chapter dealing with however, we live in a world which is years America has surrendered com- the Polish exiles. At the end of that preparation for war.

of trickery on the part of the MILLICN RESERVISTS which can launch small atom bombs; European capitalists. The British The current belief that war can be a new land and sea mine detector, variety naturally did its share—to the averted by this or that power being etc., etc.

Miss Pankhurst, who visited Eritrea prepared is simply a reason to feel are no exceptions to this general reat the beginning of the year, paints sorry for our so-called civilisation, armament psychosis. Under the direca terrible picture of the conditions Not the desire to achieve human tion of ex-Admiral Kichiasburo Nomquarters set aside for Europeans international discipline.

under Mussolini, and continued In July, according to reliable in- with 15,000 men, with an air force of Although syndicalists will not agree reservists for the most important mili- ships-primarily submarines, minewith Sylvia Pankhurst's political con- tary manœuvres held in that country sweepers and so on.
c'usions in so far as the benefits of since the war. Through the same In Germany the old Nazis are be- ADDRESS federation to Ethiopia are concerned, channels we learn that the Russian ing encouraged to produce war this book is one no socially- Navy has held important manœuvres material. The liberal Press has shown

BOOK REVIEW by

Anti-Syndicalists

destitution; where there is destitution papers and leaflets; he must keep ducted by properly organised armed fence. there is ignorance, and an ignorant, silent on daily issues—and keep his forces, capable of utilising military "Instead, the Anarchists propose RECENTLY published in America pauperised worker cannot be a eyes, while rejecting the world about science and all methods of modern the general arming of the working is the book written in 1933 by our Revolutionist because he has no op- him, on the final goal towards which war technique. But an army in the people on the basis of a militia. . . ." late Comrade Gregori Maximoff portunity to realise or appreciate his the path is still only an abstract con- form which exists in bourgeois coun- "Constructive Anarchism" ends entitled "Constructive Anarchism." human dignity, and because he can- cept. Indeed, wherever the larger tries, or on the lines of the Red Army with a list of everyday demands whose This is a valuable addition to not understand the structure of ex- masses think in concrete terms, Anar- in Soviet Russia, would not conform realisation one way or another can libertarian literature; many will find ploitation that oppresses him." chists seem bent on instilling abstract to the fundamental principles on clear the way to the final goal of

the workers. That lack, however, is military forces in the Revolution. The library that is. being met by the Syndicalist fractions It is a well-written book and lacks increasingly more evident. Anarchism of Anarchism. Anarcho-Syndicalism in comparison with Anarcho-Com- Educational Series). munism, in all the countries where it proletariat but, not having been Syndicalism will continue to extend sent round to T.U. branches, is a of the early syndicalists, who were

Well reasoned

interesting reading, it appears some- deeply convinced, have done Anar- there are two sections—one which decisive blow to the Lib.-Lab. period. dress was on the importance of direct what out of place in a work of this chism a great deal of harm and have deals with the economic sphere and Tracey's theme is that the main action. hindered its progressive growth as a gives a very well-reasoned considera- purpose of unions from the outset was It is the basic syndicalist ideas tion to all basic industries of society, the formation of the Labour Party. . many Anarchists consider the Anarchist movements—indeed the fact ownership but free access" Anarchist (Questions for discussion) "Discuss

time or energy for social problems or Russia. And how does the rank-and- Security, Marital and Family Law. Michael Bakunin and Karl Marx communal issues; he knows only one file Anarchist keep active? He rejects The question of defence is, perhaps, need-physical rest. A long working the Parliamentary struggle, he rejects the most controversial matter dealt day, indeed, transforms him into a participation in municipal affairs. For with. Here is a very realistic approach is attached by the Anarcho-Syndica- not sufficiently revolutionary since

Workers' militia

lists to the increase of wages. Where- they concern themselves with petty ever wages are low, there is fights, and are therefore a danger to Anarchist 'purity,' while in the Co- "Partisan detachments will not be operatives these comrades see a bour- a sufficiently reliable form for the full goois institution with exploitative ten- defence of the Revolution. They will dencies. And all the time the certainly appear in the Revolution it Anarchist must perforce act within a initial stages of the struggle, but they 'Toricellian vacuum'; he must be will be helpful once it takes on the ports? by Sylvia Pankhurst (" New the distribution of pamphlets, news- conditions hostilities can only be con-

second an insufficient means of de-

which the new society is to be built. Anarchism. As I said before, there is whose anarchism is confined to the Anarchist break from the First "What is missing in our movement Therefore, neither the army nor par- nothing superfluous in this book, and is a basis of realism, the ability to tisan detachments can be considered the book itself would not be superadjust theory to the practical needs of the desirable form of organising the fluous in anybody's library—reading

which are the life-blood of any union.

A union which is held up only by the

Labour Party is useless as a fighting

Trade Unionism, its origins, The pamphlet is also over-conto synthesise the differing schools of by people who were little, or not at That is the explanation for its growth and role in modern society, cerned with the legal position of That is the explanation for its success by Herbert Tracey (Labour Party unions. Syndicalism is not mentioned,

though the T.U. movement received the horizons of public activity for its potted history from the right-wing the logical successors of movements and seeing the desired liberation unmembers, to create more of its own Labour point of view and would be such as the Grand National Consoliinstitutions, then its success will grow more suited to a W.E.A. class than a dated Trade Union, of which Tracey union. It is very respectable and for- does speak. bears to dwell too long on the bitter Indeed, the invited French delegate struggles of the past. Some, indeed, it to the T.U.C. in 1910, if my memory Russian exile Anarchist movement in we must seek the roots of the anti- In the second part of the book, does not even mention, such as the serves me correctly, was from the America and, while this makes Syndicalist attitudes which, I am which gives a Syndicalist programme, "Dockers' Tanner" which gave a then syndicalist C.G.T. and his ad-

the trade union into politics (p. 16). organisation and can protect only the

interests of that party. That is what tion of labour, which would complete trade union pressure did not weaken. Discussion of this pamphlet at the process of communisation of the movement towards the establish- union branches, however, will provide agriculture. Only when labour and ment of a political organisation in- many openings for the ideas of syndi-Syndicalists, on the other hand, view "Man requires contact with ownership are both socialised does dependent of the existing parties" (p. calism to be put forward.

by Germen

LITERATURE

by K.J. Kenafick toiling animal. The same importance many comrades the trade unions are that is calculated to offend pacifists:

Bulgaria — A New Spain Social General Strike by Tom Brown First number of "THE LIBERTARIAN" (bulletin of Anarchist groups remain small. The self, and will play a useful part in the the N.E. London Anarchist Group) ALL PRICES POST-FREE FROM: Why are we destroying the Eritrean satisfied with voluble debates, with aspects of real warfare. Under such 'Direct Action,' 25a, Amberley Rd., London, W.9.

In a vacuum

AND THEY SAY THEY'RE REARMING FOR PEACE

JUDGING by the tone and charac- the U.S.S.R. has a fleet of 140 sub- being paid to the industrialist, Krupp, month (May), France received the ter taken by internal and external marines.

sults of the elastic relations between is reckoned to be about 130, and an that the trade union leaders them- For simple reasons of strategy, statesmen forces us into the arena. English weekly paper says: "The selves support the rearmament policy. while France favours delaying the

indeed, a vivid account of the way "pacifist" current and the way of crease in arms and war material—so Franco held an interview with the ex- rival forces, but the allies as well, the British civil and military strengthening it: apart from the Heinadministration carried out their strengthening it: apart from the Heincontrary to the theoretical comcommander of the Second Polish lead us to believe that, far from peace administration carried out their kels, the Krupps and so on (about munist position of pacifism — the Corps at Cassino, General Anders, being defended by the war preparawhom we're going to talk) nobody is United States gave their own statistics During the recent Eucharistic Con- tions, the ruling classes are finding the past history of European relations making weapons of destruction to pro- pletely to military and defence pretect itself, to defend itself, or simply parations: the "H" Bomb; a new

formation. Russia called up 1,000,000 300 fighters and a navy of 300 pocket NAME

There is a striking contradiction THOUSAND PLANES This consists of broken promises, to be strong. . . type of artillery on the secret list,

conscious person can afford to miss. in the Pacific where, it is estimated, some indignation at the compensation

at the lessons to be given in England Polish general and it is believed that raised by one-third. That brings an- usual, the protests have been merely officers. The fact that our very existence nual production of the bombs to be- symbolic criticism of the Western got from Margate at the recent Trades Poland has similar views about the

Union Congress.

DIRECT ACTION

ahead in war production and fully The satellite countries of both blocs Monthly organ of the Syndicalist Workers Federation

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under which the people live in the brotherhood, but military factors of bura, a group of Japanese military factors of bura, a group of Japanese military factors of bura, a group of Japanese fill up the form below and return it with P.O. for 4/6 "native quarters." These are in authority and force are to impose a experts have completed plans for strong contrast to those in the code of conduct or, in other words, reorganising the armed forces. These to "Direct Action" 25a, Amberley Road, London, W.9. All are for an army of 12 divisions, each P.O.'s and cheques should be mabe payable to M. Hawkes.

October, 1952

READERS who find themselves sympathetic to the viewpoint expressed in "DIRECT ACTION" and who wish to have further information about the Syndicalist Workers' Federation are invited to write to the Secretary, S.W.F., 25a Amberley Road, London, W.9.

Our declaration of principles and organisational basis is available on request. Membership is open to all who accept our aims and are prepared to work actively for their realisa-

doldrums

ONCE AGAIN we have seen a Trades Union Congress which was the life-blood of the working popula- were mixed indiscriminately with squad together. tion of the country, were not men- prostitutes and thieves. the trade union leaders.

If there were not, we should hear discussion on the merits of industrial unions as opposed to craft and general unions, we should hear compared plans of confederation and unification in place of the present shapeless structures of our unions.

Job organisation

any real fighting qualities we should gun if necessary." hear of direct action and the various forms that it takes. We should hear of strikes that had been "averted." nationalisation, and when financial how much had been paid out in strike half that amount.

country held the position that the reformist trade unions now hold, things would be very different for working people. The present apathy would be replaced by keenness and

Not their fault

not their fault, but is due to the was on August 12th. failure of the unions to adapt themselves to needs of the class struggle.

The growing interest in Syndicalism and its related ideas, such as workers' control, is evidence that the workers can look to their own interests. But that interest does not find its expression at the T.U.C. It is to be found in the rank-and-file and strike committees. That is the true voice of the who inspired the Jewish workers to

The Syndicalist Workers' Federation the fight for workers' control and lished in the Jewish language by the minimum, the "Worker's" explanacommon ownership of all production Kropotkin Literary Society of Los tion being that a percentage of their and distribution of the fruits of the Angeles. David Edelstadt's works and income was deducted as a "volun

Group, London, wish to express our York, are still available on request. deep sympathy with the family and It is sometimes said by politicians friends of Dr. Herman Frank, late A JEWISH Anarchist group and economists that the working class editor of the "Freie Arbeiter Stimme" Italy has offered to organise the prohave no constructive abilities. It (New York), on his sudden death. posed world conference of Jewish would be a poor do for the politicians He became editor of the "F.A.S." Anarchist groups there. It has already and economists if that were so, for in September, 1940, on the resignation been agreed, however, that the conthey would have no houses to live of Comrade Mark Mratchny and held ference should be in Paris next year. in, no food to eat and no clothes to the post until 1951, when the paper's wear. The fact that men and women management accepted his own resignatake little interest in their unions is tion after a disagreement. The funeral

> ganised by the "F.A.S." Group for struggle towards emancipation.

poems, published jointly by the tary" contribution to party funds.

ROUND THE

UNCONFIRMED report from objections to Germans making as tral London minimum represents the RIVAL to the N.U.J. which, within London real estate holdings of the Berlin states napalm bombs were many tanks and guns as they liked. dropped by British jet plane near If they don't like, he says, there may Celle, W. Germany on August 5, in be ways of persuading them. demonstration for Minister of Supply, * * * Dunčan Sandys.

RECENTLY ELECTED, General him ever since. journalists as "workers." "EIGHT-HOUR DAY is a rem- Gabor Peter is only Hungarian in Under the agreement between the Likely 1953-54 President of this the Great Maytham Estate of 2.824 nant of capitalism," said Czech three-man Hungarian Politburo. N.U.J. and the Newspaper Proprie- body, which finds itself in perfect acres for which the Duke paid Minister of Education, Dr. Zdnenek Other members are Erno Gero, tors' Association, which the "Worker" harmony with the newspaper proprie- £250,000. Nejedly over Prague Radio. It would Minister of Economic Affairs, and claims to hohour, sub-editors are en- tors, is that "progressive" pain in the GOOD ADVICE, BUT ... be an unpardonable offence for a Joseph Ravai, Minister of Education titled to three months' notice, or pay neck, A. J. Cummings, of the "News worker to quit work just because he -both Russians and members of the in lieu. When Deards collected his Chronicle." had done an eight-hour shift, he M.V.D. added. * * * * * £33—four weeks' pay at £6 10s. and

Spanish Ambassador to the W. now only a figurehead. He was Why his notice money should have faithfully toeing the C.P. line ... gun. Mr. Billingham said, "I hope delivery of German-made arms.

states unofficially that he has no World.

American Mutual Security Agency branches of Industrial Workers of the about the sum paid in lieu of notice, are-always-right pattern, alternating his advice and refuses military ser-

* MATHIAS RAKOSI, General a sum of £7, shown on his pay docket ANTONIO MARIA GONZALO, Secretary of the Hungarian C.P., is as "expenses."

The following statement was of them died. Until 1941 there was down in the street when she unknow- a relatively humane attitude towards made to "Direct Action" by a no issue of milk for them. ingly led them to him. She was re- us. But he didn't stay long. After a

IN FRANCO'S PRISONS

Refugee tells of inhuman treatment

Spanish woman who spent four Many of the prisoners were taken arrested and condemned to death. few months he was replaced. No years (1939-43) in one of Franco's away at night, and shot at the Then there was a former militia- doubt reports of his "leniency" to .. prisons, and who has now found Campo de la Bota. One girl, an woman from La Torrasa, a the "Reds" had reached higher refuge in this country. We publish Anarchist schoolteacher named revolutionary suburb of Barcelona, authority. it as a first-hand account of life Virginia Amposta, spent two months She was led in chains through the under fascism. Although the at Las Cors in 1940, waiting for her streets to the prison. At her trial, events she describes took place death sentence to be carried out. she was condemned to death with 25 some ten years ago, the same con- They came to collect her one Sunday others. They put her in a cell where ditions hold good today, and, morning, at one o'clock. I shall it was impossible for her to lie down; because of the danger of reprisals never forget her last words to us. she was only allowed to kneel.

"Listen girls," she said, "I am After she had been in prison for going to be killed. I don't want any- 18 months there was a big religious one to cry for me, but I ask everyone feast, and the Bishop came to Las Vol. 2 I WAS IMPRISONED soon after to remember my life. . . . " Cors with a choir. They forced the girl to crawl 200 metres on her knees, to beg pardon of the Bishop

Died together jail on Calle Molins—a converted Later I heard how she died. At and the Prison Governor.

convent with the nuns acting as the La Bota Camp she saw, for the In 1942 a new Governor was S.W.F. or the C.N.T. in Great appointed to the prison and, for a S.W.F. or the C.N.T. in Great last time, her husband, who had been completely uninspiring for any who At that time there were 4,000 a local secretary of the Libertarian while, conditions improved. He had hold hopes for a better future. The women in the prison-1,000 on each Youth. He, too, had been condemned ideas of Syndicalism, which could be of the four floors. Political prisoners to death, and they faced the firing His eves were bandaged, she

tioned-not that we expected them to In the room where I was placed refused to have hers covered. The be, for there is self-satisfaction among there were 400 other women, many same morning 16 other men and two with babies in their arms. Scabies other women were also killed. That was rampant. We had no plates, was at 4 o'clock in the morning. cups or spoons. We drank our water Four hours later a commutation of from sardine tins, but they gave us Virginia's sentence to 30 years arrived at the jail. It had obvious no water for washing. been held up on purpose by the 'Less than a dog'

to her relatives still in Spain, her

the fall of Barcelona to the fascists

in 1939. They put me in the Las Cors

prisoners, we were addressed by the months in jail, waiting for execution Governor of the prison. "Listen at others the sentence was carried or everyone," he said, "don't forget that almost immediately. In 1942 sever If the present unions had real value Franco will never pardon you—you'll girls were brought to the jail one day to working men, we should hear of all stop here 20 or 30 years. You've They belonged to a group of 19 antijob organisation instead of branch less rights than a dog here, and I'm fascists, all of whom were condemne organisation, and if the unions had ready to shoot you all with a machine to die. Within 24 hours they had a

For two years we slept on the loor, without covering. The space for each of us was just over a foot When they arrested me, I had bee We should hear the words "Workers' wide: Our food consisted of a few giving refuge to a comrade whom the Control" mentioned instead of chick peas, thin soup and black sweet police were hunting. He had bee potatoes. We were supposed to get sleeping at my house for about for reports were presented we should hear daily, but it was usually less than then. In prison I met his wife, who

LABOUR NEWS

WE, the "Freie Arbeiter Stimme" "F.A.S." Groups of London and New

Shot in street

THE SYNDICALIST WORKERS' FEDERATION seeks to establish a free society, which will render impossible the growth of a privileged class and the exploitation of man by man. The S.W.F. therefore

advocates common ownership and workers' control of the land, industry and all means of production and distribution, on the basis of voluntary co-operation. In such a society, the wage system, finance and money shall be abolished and goods produced and distributed not for profit, but according to human needs.

Syndicalist Workers Federation

BRITISH SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL

WORKING MEN'S ASSOCIATION

AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

CLASS STRUGGLE. The interests of the working class and the ruling class are directly opposed. The S.W.F. is based upon the inevitable day-to-day struggle of the workers against those who own and control the means of production and distribution, and will continue that struggle until common ownership and workers' control are

DIRECT ACTION. Victory in the fight against class domination can only be achieved by the direct action of the workers themselves. The S.W.F. rejects all parliamentary and similar activity as deflecting the workers from the class struggle into paths of class collaboration.

THE STATE. The State in all its forms is the enemy of the workers, had been arrested some time earlier. and cannot exist within a classless society. The S.W.F. does not, therefore, hope to use the State to achieve the emancipation of the working class; it does not seek to obtain seats in the Cabinet or Parliament. Nor does it desire to build a new State on the ruins of the old. Any attempt, by an allegedly working class party, to create a new State, can only result in a new ruling class.

> ORGANISATION. To achieve these aims, the workers must organise. They must replace the hundreds of craft and general trade unions by syndicalist industrial unions. As an immediate step to that end, the S.W.F. aids the formation of workers' committees in all factories, mines, offices, shipyards, mills and other places of work, and their development into industrial unions, federated to an all-national Federation of Labour.

INTERNATIONALISM. The S.W.F., as a section of the International Working Men's Association, stands firm for international working class solidarity.

RED & BLACK NOTEBOOK

BY SYNDICALIST

A 60th ANNIVERSARY memorial PAYING THE RATE FOR THE JOB neeting to David Edelstadt is being

SOME interesting information is sented a fortnight's money, not a Bevanism. All in all, he should make November. He was the Jewish Anar- likely to see daylight as the result of month's. an admirable President for the Instithist poet and singer of freedom an investigation which the Central Since Deards brought his case to tute

uring the darkest days of the London Branch of the National the N.U.J., another member of the Anarchist movement, and it was he Union of Journalists is carrying out "Worker" editorial staff has applied on wages paid by the "Daily Worker" for his money to be paid without to its editorial staff. Edelstadt was the first editor of the . It has long been common know- full rate. calls on all working people to join "F.A.S." A book of appreciation on ledge that sub-editors and reporters This case recalls one some years and the Dean of Canterbury, the

ing, he was fired for "disloyalty.".

action, has brought about a full-scale Deards had been with the "Worker" and put their own house in order. It offer for sale, on behalf of the Duke, six years, and has recently been draw- seems to need it. ing £6 10st a week, plus 35s. expenses. AN IDEAL CHOICE The balance of the N.U.J.'s £14 Cen-

been seeking an opportunity to sack shy at the very idea of considering agricultural land on which there is

notice money, he found it totalled

German Government, has told secretly divested of all power at the been reckoned at £6 10s. a week when more production. Second Front Now, you will never again play with fire-Franco's Foreign Minister that it end of June. Deards, as a non-party member, Long Live the Stalin-Roosevelt- arms. Go away and try to forget this will soon be possible to obtain * * * would presumably not have wanted to Churchill Combine, and what have very terrible thing. Nothing can be CONFERENCE to discuss future contribute to the Communist kitty you. done about it now.' policy will be held in Philadelphia, was not stated by the management. More recently he has switched to In four years' time will the coroner EUROPEAN representative of the U.S., on November 8-9 by eastern. When the Ministry of Labour asked rabid anti-Stalinism of the Americans- support this young man if he acts on

the management replied that it repre- this with ill-informed attacks on vice?

FELLOW TRAVELLERS

LATEST acquisition of the Stalindeductions . . . he is now getting the 1st "peace" enthusiasts is the Duke of Bedford. Along with the old hands. go, of a D.W. sub-editor whose wife Duke addressed a jubilant bunch of also a member of the "Worker's" C.P. ers and fellow-travellers, meeting editorial staff—was having a child. in a spirit of mutual admiration "To The sub asked for a rise on his, then, give the Dean a hearing," at Earls £5-a-week and was refused. On press- Court, London, on September 14th. In case anyone thinks that the Duke Before "Daily Worker" writers has "seen the light" after being reurge other workers to go on strike for duced to the ranks of the workingwage increases, they would be well class, here are the facts. The London advised to take a little direct action firm of Humbert and Flint are to

on October 22nd at the London Auction Mart, West End property worth sum "handed back" to swell the certain limitations, is an honest-to- Duke were last year valued at £5\} goodness union of working journa- million. Since then he has sold for A year ago he left the C.P. and, he lists; is the Institute of Journalists—a £1,620,000 his Bloomsbury estate. says, the paper's management has reactionary organisation which would He is understood to be buying

AT THE INOUEST on a ten-yearold boy accidentally shot while play-In wartime Cummings vied with ing "gangsters," coroner G. Billing-Ilya Ehrenburg in grovelling to Stalin ham gave some good advice. Speaking and, for some years, seemed to be to the 14-year-old boy who held the

less death duty. On such property is