

London Tribunal for Conscientious were making inquiries." Objectors rejected the application of Further on, the statement continues: a political objector to National Ser- "The prosecution of a napalm war vice, declaring that they were entailing the mass-scale destruction of "unable" to give exemption to per- whole villages of men, women and sons who oppose particular wars or children filled me with repugnance

Pankhurst, of Woodford, Essex, who which gave its support to an antibased his objection on complete democratic South Korean government. opposition to certain Government . "For my part, I come from an policies, whose morality he rejected, anti-militarist home. I am disturbed and in the implementation of which by the conviction that U.N.O. is not he could not participate. He specified being used for the creation of a peace-the wars in Korea, Malaya and Viet- ful world in the manner desired by nam, the "police action" in Egypt the pioneers of international organisaand the threatened " police action " in tion . . . I have long been an opponent Iran, the re-armament of Western of colonial wars, considering them IN 1883 I saw in a small news-Germany and the stockpiling of atom detrimental to the progress alike of I agent's shop in the Globe-road

Pankhurst declared: "I consider the me to participate in carrying out Federation. The objects and pro-Korean War a watershed both in my actions which I have long reprobated gramme of that body interested me own ideas and in the march of history. when carried out by others." telegram from the U.N. Commission, appeal. のないであるので、「「「「「「「」」」」」

Letters FROM L.P. TO SYNDICALISM Dear Comrade,

Many thanks for "Direct Action."

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I think it is very good. pondence which passed between my- as a purely political objection, such self and my Labour M.P., C. W. as that of Richard Pankhurst, is in (where I delivered my own first open-Gibson, on the occasion of my resig- fact covered by (a) above, (b) and (c) air speeches on Socialism). nation as North Ward delegate to the not being relevant. Management Committee of Clapham Labour Party.

Yours fraternally, BILL HANTON.

rade Hanton refers raises many points therefore, under the National Service Joe Lane had a peculiar style of of interest to the many militant Acts, Pankhurst should have been speaking. He used to close his eye workers in the Labour Party whose granted exemption, the measure of and slightly sway his body while experiences since 1945 have led them which would have been for the holding forth. He had come to Lonto ask themselves just where the party Tribunal to decide. is going. (We should like to publish 'SCOURGE OF POOR' it in its entirety, but pressure on space -Eds.).

London, S.W.4. To Mr. C. W. Gibson, M.P. Dear Bro.,

society.

former owners and without workers' from the register of C.C.s. P.G. some moral courage to hold Socialis control of industry can only lead to . State Capitalism and the Managerial society, and this type of society would not fundamentally alter the social status of the wage worker as an exploited member of the community.

bondholders. And the contrast be- of the Russian Communist Party. tween the wealth of the investment workers would still be glaring.

No workers' control

economic inequality is as great in injured by toughs with a Catholic bias. imperialist-minded.

I have come to the conclusion that Mr. Cohen. and the State. Not the Government Catholic?"

claration that I have come to accept Catholic Jew?" Syndicalism, and I am sure you will with tender my resignation.

Yours sincerely.

AT ITS October 3rd session, the who was the aggressor and that they

the use of particular weapons. and despondency. Last but not least The applicant was Richard K. P. I found myself opposed to a policy

rulers and ruled. Holding the views Mile End, the first number of In his statement to the Tribunal, I do, my conscience does not allow "Justice," organ of the Democratic

From its outset I was profoundly CONVINCED BUT... "Justice" was taken round to a society of justice and freedom, number of shops by Joseph Lane, a touched the hearts of their hearers. number of shops by Joseph Lane, a touched the hearts of their hearers, labour policy. what seemed to be a civil war. The Announcing its decision, the van-traveller. A tremendous amount just as the Owenite Socialists and the speed with which intervention was Tribunal stated they were fully con- of voluntary work like that has been Chartists must have done fifty years decided upon contrasted uneasily with vinced of the applicant's sincerity, but' done by individual working people. previously. the uncertainty as to who fired the that they were unable to give exemp- Though Joe Lane did not call him- Frank Kitz was a dyer by trade, first shot in a war for which both tion to persons who opposed particu- self an Anarchist at any time, so far and a few years afterwards, was emsides hungered. I was dismayed by lar wars or the use of particular as I know, his own description of ployed by William Morris, at his the failure of the British Government weapons, and advised him to take his himself will show what section of works at Merton, near Mitcham. to publish in its White Paper on the case to the Appeal Tribunal. Pank- Socialist thought he belonged to. He causes of the war the most significant hurst immediately gave notice of called himself an "anti-Statist Com- greatest working-class orators who munist," and later I shall mention a ever spoke in public, was Charles W. stating that they were uncertain as to In this case it should be borne in "manifesto" which he wrote and Mowbray. He was the first person mind that the following conscientious published under that title (" The Anti- whom I knew personally who objections are officiatly recognised Statist Communist Manifesto"). He was a member of the Labour under the National Service Acts:-(a) to being registered in the Emancipation League, which was affiliated to the Democratic Federa- Morris in the "Commonweal." Military Service Register; (b) to performing military ser- tion.

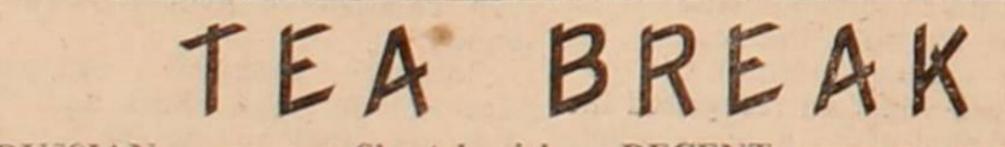
vice: or (c) to performing combatant

duties (from Form NS 14). The London Tribunal's declaration held both indoor and outdoor meetsuggests that exemption is only ings, the latter principally on the Mile behalf of the sweated foreign immi-

register for service under the present Hoxton Parish Church, in Pitfield-Acts and for the implementation of street. It was a great time for openpresent Government policy. The air meetings. The Temperance Move-Tribunal fully admitted the applicant's ment and the National Secular Society The correspondence to which Com- sincerity in objecting to (a) above: both used to hold a large number.

restricts us to his letter of resignation. While it is generally known that somehow got into contact with tribunals are especially reluctant to group of Socialist workmen who allow the applications of political formed an "International Club" and objectors, there are precedents for held small meetings in a room at a these objectors being allowed their public-house in Rose-street, Soho. legal rights under the Acts.

I have been re-examining my At the same session, Norman L. There he met Frank Kitz, one o fundamental concepts of Socialism Mackenzie, apprentice electrician, of the wittiest public speakers I have over the past few months and have London, S.W.1, had submitted in his ever known. By the way, many small that, by paying fines and costs, we as that they were attending should inregretfully come to the conclusion that statement: "War is the scourge of the halls and rooms attached to coffeethe policy and principles of the poor peoples of the world. It is mon- houses and public houses were used their campaign of persecution. Labour Party cannot lead to a change strous that people are urged to sup- for lectures and debating societies in in the class structure of present-day por the mad ideas of their countries." that period; and many young and The Chairman said that the Tribunal ambitious orators developed their gif The Labour Party policy of nation- thought his attitude more violent than of public speaking in them. It should alisation with compensation to the thoughtful, and removed his name be added. I think, that it required



wage worker whether he be exploited is reported by Moscow Radio to be Duke of Edinburgh is to receive pre- Oxford don named Faulkner, and by the State, Nationalised Boards or writing a new opera. He is stated to couence, af er the Queen, over all shared Morris's and Ruskin's views any industrial dispute. by a private company, he is still ex- have found his inspiration in the other citizens in this country, comes on Art), provided the money for the It is essential that the Bevanite preprivate shareholders or for State agenda of the recently-held conference al an unfortunate moment.

* * * property-holders and managerial types LATEST fairy story concerns a quiet at letters addressed to H.R.H. years. compared with the propertyless wage London firm of manufacturers who The Duke of Edinburgh, Buckingham The S.D.F. wanted to capture the spiritual heirs and logical successors workers would still be alorise wage London firm of manufacturers who The Duke of Edinburgh, Buckingham State while the Socialist Learnie des to Keir Hardie and/or William had difficulty in finding a suitable Palace, London, finding their way to State, while the Socialist League de- to Keir Hardie and/or William the Duke of Edinburgh public house sired nothing to do with the parlia- Morris. Bevan and his confederates commercial traveller for the Belfast in Bayswater. I have not gone over to the Com- area. When they sent a Catholic munists, as they do not practise representative, he was beaten up by Will precedence now be given to words, "the making of Socialists." Bevan has spoken decisively against workers' control or any other form of Protestant fanatics, while the previous that public house in respect of an They held the opinion, rightly, I con- direct action, for he is a careerist and workers' democracy in Russia, and Protestant salesman had been badly other public houses?

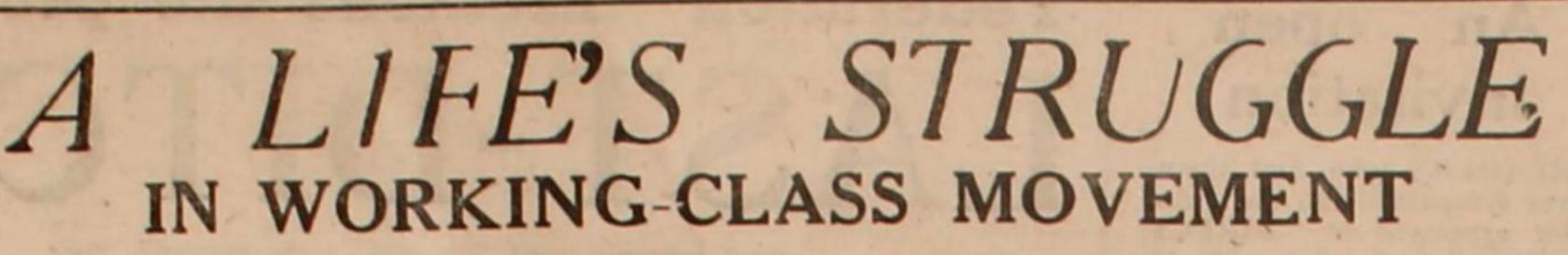
Russia as in America. Both are One of the directors had an inspiration. He decided to send a neutral- THE THREE

only expropriation and workers' con- Soon after he arrived in Belfast, a the National Executive of the Labour trol of industry can lead to a classless big man rushed out of a public house society. Not more Government and big man rushed out of a public house Party, certain politicians are consoling bandishing a heavy stick. He grabbed Party, certain politicians are consoling an extension of the State bureaucracy. Mr. Cohen by the throat and de- themselves with the following story. but the abolition of all Government manded: "Are you a Protestant or a Three men were sitting in a cell of and exploitation of man by man; only "Don't be silly," replied Mr. plight. "What are you in for?" asked the administration of goods and Cohen, "I'm a Jew." "Never mind one. "For voting against Popov," It can be seen from the above de- about that," shouted his assailant, replied the second prisoner, "and claration that I have come to accept "Are you a Protestant Jew or a what about you?" "'I'm here for voting for Popov," was the answer. agree with me that in view of this I IVOR MONTAGU, this country's They turned to the third man with cannot conscientiously remain a mem- leading Stalinist "peace enthusiast," the same question. "I am Popov," ber of the Labour Party, and here- has as yet not commented on the he said.

"peace poem," specially written for and circulated to delegates at the W. G. HANTON. "Peace Conference" held recently in Printed and published by the Delegate from North Ward to Peking. The poem contains the line, Sundicalist Workers Federation, Management Committee, Clap- "We love peace, and smash all our 25a Amberley Rd., London W.9.

DIRECT ACTION

November 1952



With this issue of "Direct Action" we start publication of a short history of the libertarian movement in Britain, written by our late comrade, George Cores. The author, who died on September 20, 1949, at the age of 82, was active in the working-class movement for more than 65 years. Eleven months after his death, one of his greatest wishes was realised-the formation of an I.W.M.A. section in this country.-Eds.

greatly.

OPEN AIR MEETINGS The Labour Emancipation League Assembly in the Mile End-roa

The Military Service Register is the ing spot, a good one, was outside with his audiences. don some years previously from Oxfordshire and, being very earnes for political and social reform, ha This was in the 1870's.

open-air meetings at that time

GEORGE CORES

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cates of bloody revolution and whole- so). He was foreman of an engineersale destruction by the use of ing firm where Tom Mann worked. dynamite bombs, and the more timid members feared that they would be

schools of thought were most persuasive and effective advocates, and He was a fluent speaker, both in usually won not only respectful atten- English and in his native Welsh tion, but even enthusiastic support (about which he was very enthusiastic, from their audiences.

P VERTY IN PLENTY Bear in mind that, amid the riches and prosperity of this land there were millions of working people, in town poverty and destitution. And so the speakers, who advocated a new

described himself as an' Anarchist- 70 comrades, the "Freie Arbeiter Communist, and he maintained that Stimme " Group (London) on Sunday, view in a discussion with William October 19, commemorated the 60th

served in the Durham Light Infantry. Edelstadt He was a tailor by trade, well known in the Amalgamated Society Tailors. He did all in his power or from the pogroms and persecution in shops. Russia. Mowbray was rather a hand- That these songs had been popular

to stop the open-air Socialist propa- short stories and essays. ganda, on the excuse of "obstruc- S.W.F. GREETINGS tion," and Mowbray was more than once arrested on these grounds and fined by a man called a "magistrate." wards, sentenced to nine months im- ing in, and recitations of poems by prisonment at Norwich for leading, and about David Edelstadt were made and speaking to, a procession of riotous, unemployed working-people. He had said that they had "a right" A letter was read from one of the ing in Lancashire.

SPLIT IN S.D.F.

I, myself, did a month for obstruc- after his death. tion then, because many of us felt M. Mindel said that such meetings

During 1883 differences of view arose inside the Federation-it had become the Social Democratic Federation on the proposition Labour Emancipation League delegates at its annual Conference-and, seceded with a number of other members, and formed the Socialist Stimme" of New York. E.M. monweal" weekly.

Philip Webb, an architect (who Continued from page 1, col.2

that its function was, in Morris's own tomorrow. the workers in all lands.

With the seceders from the S.D.F. went the Anarchistic section. Among them was Sam Mainwaring, an allround engineer by occupation, who brought Tom Mann into the move-Socialists were believed to be advo- ment (I heard Tom Mann himself say

Mainwaring, who usually spoke for chased by a violent, hostile mob if several hours at a stretch, addressed ever they showed their noses in open-air meetings all the year round. He and Frank Kitz held the first Socialist open-air meetings in South But the Socialist orators of all Wales in the modern movement.

> declaring it to be the finest language of all). In Wales Kitz spoke in English and Mainwaring in Welsh.

Mainwaring gave many years of service, and unhappily fell dead while -addressing an open-air meeting at and country, who suffered from dire Parliament Hill, Highgate. He published, independently, a small paper called "The General Strike," which indicates his leaning on industrial

JEWISH LABOUR NEWS

AT A MEETING attended by 60anniversary of the death of the Jewish He was a Durham man, and had Anarchist poet and *militant, David

Sam Dreen (chairman) said Edelstadt's songs had given expression to the rising discontent of the Jewish I am enclosing a copy of the corres- allowed for complete pacifists; where- End waste, near, Charrington's grant Jews, who flocked into the East working masses with their bad working End of London in many thousands conditions, especially in the sweat

> The other principal open-air meet- some man, and was always popular with Jewish workers in Russia and Poland was stressed by another The police did their utmost in the speaker, A. R. Rollin (former N.U.T. "eighties" to harass and, if possible, and G.W.). Edelstadt had also written

Two of the songs, "Man and Nature" and "Anarchy," were given Mowbray was, a few years after- by B. Bloom with the audience joinby comrades Yiddel Goldberg, Max Cohen and Blacker.

to "take" the necessaries of life. He group's oldest members, Doris Zhook, died while addressing a public meet- saying that shortly after her arrival in this country from Russia, sixty years ago, she had been at a commemoration meeting to Edelstadt just

were simply encouraging the police in spire them to think also of the present and future.

Greetings from the S.W.F. were conveyed by Julian Pilling, who said was appropriate that "Direct Action," one of the international novement's youngest papers, should at the end of 1883, William Morris Edelstadt, first editor of one of our take part in commemorating David oldest journals, the "Freie Arbeiter

It makes very little difference to the RUSSIAN composer Shostakovich RECENT announcement that the William Morris, aided by an BEVAN MYTH

paper and for offices, with a lecture tence of standing for the old, -true It is learned that in circles close to room, at 13, Farringdon-road, near socialism should be exposed. All the throne, there has been some dis- Holborn. This they did for about five Labour leaders at one time or another declare themselves to be the mentary politics of the time, and said are but the Attlees and Morrisons of

> tend, that the achievement of Soci- careerists are not helped by direct alism must proceed, not only from the action on the industrial front. That is interests, but from the intelligence of not Bevan's way, it is the way, to industrial democracy.

LITERATURE	
Michael Bakunin and Karl Marx by K.J. Kenafick	5s 6d
Bulgaria — A New Spain (C.A.B.A.)	9d
Social General Strike by Tom Brown	3d
Industrial Worker" and "Solidaridad	Obrera"
3d a copy ALL PRICES POST-FREE FROM: Direct Action,' 25a, Amberley Rd., London, W.9	
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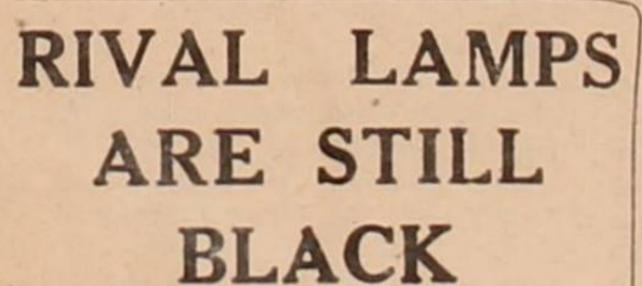
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ence at Morecambe was of no great aware of the strength of his support- wage increase. It is obvious that such several months, been building up the the Trade Union block vote. during the conference, made news of it was on their vote that two of his blow at dividing labour. every glimmer of conflict in which confederates, blond and parsimonious Bevanites were concerned.

MORRISON ... smiling through his tears?



two shop stewards (A.E.U. & E.T.U.) a good subject with which to divert Senaumont. and 29 other workers within 24 hours attention. This happened in Buenos Aires, on of different sectors have given to us considerable provocation by the man-

native but to withdraw their labour. was largely a plea not to indulge in and Solis. has been given to this by the many working part-time or unemployed. some years ago by the dictatorship. donations to the strike fund. Official Bevanism exposed recognition has been given by the executives of both unions involved.

the latest appeals issued by the A.E.U. newspaper editors will again startle Kingston District Committee, "of the us with news of Bevan's impending oppose this exaction, about which advertisements in the press which sensational bids for power. But for Rival Lamps have inserted, where working people, the issues involved juicy inducements are offered for in Bevanism are of a different nature.

aware of, including the fact that this of an INDUSTRIAL left wing. The Trade Unions."

There are no signs of weakening on politically.

RIVAL LAMPS ARE BLACK.

Lamps Strike Committee, 71, Byron Road, Addlestone, Surrey.

National Executive.

Happy and fraternal

ary exchanges.

Labour Party . . . I will allow no wages.

discussions of "other measures;" Challenge the State?

dustrial action to defend the living standards of their members.

LAMPS that this resolution contained an in-sidious argument. "Unless this movement is prepared to say that, by withdrawal of its organised power in an organised way, it is prepared to challenge the State itself, it ought to reject the motion."

Bevan represents the POLITICAL workers to come in to work for them. left wing of the Labour Party at a time "Many, many other things you are when the Labour movement has need

This support must take two forms vantage, but the class struggle has no subjected.

(continued on page 4, col.5) her father.



NCREASING thousands of workers are becoming doubtful about the efficacy of the present wage policy of the labour movement. While the trade union movement in general is pledged to the wage freeze, each union seeks a regular, periodic wage advance "for ourselves alone." To some workers it seems that every £1 wage advance is followed by a £1 increase in the cost of living, while others believe that the cost of living rises first. It may seem that such a discussion is very similar to the yet-unsolved riddle, "Which came first-the hen or the egg?" There is also a large section of the

This T.U. line on wages is

So long as the worker is tied to the But these achievements are in significance. The daily Press had, for ers and how they would fare against a system of paying some union members 10s. of every 10s. wage in- wages system, so long will he be like danger, for where is the 44-hour week story that Aneurin Bevan was going Bevan's particular strength lies in crease, and others only 6s. of a 10s. a dog chasing its own tail. We are if men work 20 hours a week everto make a bid for leadership and, the constituency Labour Parties, and rise has all the appearance of a shrewd against the wages system. No sub- time? It seems that some only wanted stantial advance in living standards is a 44-hour week so that the overtime Yet it was the trade unions-with possible so long as it exists. Only could start earlier. Harold Wilson and windbaggy Communist initiative-which, through when the workers have taken posses- The monetary benefits of overtime The conflict was there, but Bevan is Richard Crossman, displaced branch resolutions, etc., asked the sion of the means of production are more apparent than real. Who too much of a politician to court any Morrison and Dalton from the Government to introduce P.A.Y.E. through workers' control, and has not noticed that when systematic The idea, of course, was that of the abolished the wages system, will it be general overtime is worked, the first wartime Coalition Cabinet, but they possible for humanity to have that few weeks' pay packets seem a real were clever enough to put the words leap forward in living standards gain, then, after a little while, the The usual conflict between the T.U. into the mouths of others and intro- which our modern technics have swollen pay packet seems to stretch only as far as the old one. General section and the political section de- duce the stand-and-deliver principle made possible. rises in most cases.

overtime pay is cancelled out by price veloped into the T.U. bosses v. the "in response to popular demand." But, unfortunately, wage increases Bevanites and there were the custom- At this point it is well to consider are not the only means of increasing Further, overtime is used as an indispassionately the usefulness of wage the family exchequer. Other methods ducement to accept a lower basic There was Sir William Lawther increases within the capitalist system. are overtime, piecework, spare-time rate . . . " The rate's low, of course, shouting "Shut your gob!" when he Wages do not necessarily rise and fall jobs and home work. but you can work a lot of overtime. was jeered, and Arthur Deakin bellow- with the cost of living. It can be . This strikes at the root of one of It makes your money up." By and ing "You'll listen if you want to get demonstrated, as in the period of the finest objectives of the early trade large, the workers are not paid for about 30 years before the 1914 war, union movement-lightening the burovertime. Systematic overtime is But they all went home happy and that small wage increases at fairly den of labour, and leisure at the end vstematic robbery. fraternal, even Herbert Morrison, who long intervals, especially with expand- of the day's work. I remember start-Piecework is another bait to entice said "I shall continue with all sincer- ing production, do benefit the workers, ing work in the shipyards when the one's acceptance of a lower standard ity and loyalty my work for the the cost of living rising slower than working week was one of 53 hours. rate. It is to the dishonour of the raised to 61 by unpaid meal breaks. unions that so many of them have bitterness to poison my soul." How On the other hand, frequent wage Even this working week was only accepted this system, while they were touching from the former conchie, advances throughout all branches of possible because of the bitter strikes in a position to reject it. who rose to a position of Chief Cop- industry are practically worthless to to reduce the working week from one Piecework intensifies one's labour, per when over military age, and the workers; leading to further infla- of 70 hours.

increases anxiety and uncertainty, deputy Prime Minister in the Labour tion, they are themselves symptoms of Soon came the 47-hour week (5) (continued on page 3, col. 4) a general inflationary process. including meal breaks), later the 44-A resolution from Salford proposed: The writer witnessed the rapid in- hour week. These were prizes worth Mass meetings throughout the flation of German currency in the fighting for. lersons use country, calling on the Government early 1920's, when every worker had An extra hour of leisure cannot be to resign and, if this did not succeed, the money income of a millionaire and cancelled by an advance in the cost the bread income of a pauper; when of living, nor can it be taxed at 30 scab labour workers demanded to be paid daily, minutes to the hour. It is a real, sub-Monday's wage being worthless on stantial gain, of which you cannot be Support for Trade Unions in in- Friday, and when women waited out- robbed. THREE HUNDRED workers-

us from a hook nine feet from the Carballal, workers not belonging to organisation on the site and-say the The motion was, of course, rejected, floor for half-an-hour, during which the industry concerned, and whose strikers-to "conceal from the public but its appearance is interesting. they flogged us brutally in the lumbar arrested and ill-treated children had their gross incompetence in adminis-THE STRIKE of workers at Rival Those most concerned with political region of our backs "Thus begins no connection with any union or social tration, which has caused considerable Lamps Ltd., Weybridge, Surrey, which strikes-at present non-existent-are the pathetic and terrible accusation of activity, clearly show the police delay to many people waiting to be began on May 1 and which we re- the Communists, who use any strike the dockers: Teodoro Suarez, Zacarias methods. ported in June, is now in its sixth in an attempt to make political capital, Gutierrez, Victorino Javier Volpe, With our dignity outraged by this During 1952 union organisation on regardless of the issues involved, and Juan Bautista Mayorga, Honorio new crime against humanity, we raise the two sites-at Princess Way and It started with the sacking of the the Labour Party leaders, who find it Bruno Santana and Oliva Teofilo our voices in protest and loathing. Albert Drive-has been built up.

of a procedure agreement being signed Bessie Braddock, who is a very the first floor of the Maritime Sub- the difficult and worthy task of agement. between the unions and the manage- touchy person, so we will not call her Prefecture of Police, Boca and Ria- defending the cause of the F.O.R.A. Workers have been concerned at names, was obviously barking up the chuelo Section, during the 19th and portworkers. This, not unnaturally, left the other wrong tree earlier this year when she 27th August. Those responsible were CALL FOR ACTION considered-meant wastage of labour unionists in the factory with no alter- made a speech at Colne, Lancs, which the summary officials Rodolfo Mendez

The dispute has aroused widespread political strikes. There were no The crime of the dockers? To try, ested militancy of the victims, and and began calling for a public inquiry. sympathy among organised workers, strikes on at Colne, nor had there through a 24-hour strike on July 28, we call for support for this campaign both in the London area and further been for several months, and in any to gain a wage increase and the re- of solidarity and justice. Their de- Seventy sacked afield. Practical expression of this case practically half the town was opening of their union local, closed fence is the defence of whatever remains worthwhile in the country. After a series of further provoca-We know, too, that these nine victims tions, in the course of which brick-Subsequently, faced with the resolu- of arbitrary powers are not alone . . . layers were fired, then—as a result of tion of the C.G.T. to allot the day's but we are not weeping for our union action-reinstated; boot, mixer are calling for action.

HE WANTS DISCOUNT Now the Labour Party conference is over, we can be certain that on days when car bandits and razor slashers ance of the Portworkers in the capital. ance of the Portworkers in the capital, "You will be aware," says one of catch up on their domestic chores, affiliated to the F.O.R.A., issued a manifesto calling on the workers to

they had not been consulted. CRIME AGAINST

employer has sent a letter to all his industrial policy of the Bevanites is militants of the F.O.R.A., reached appendix of the Peron Government. electing to refer the case to a Disputes creditors asking for 10 per cent dis- little different from the official Labour vast proportions; their torturers and jailers aim to Commission composed of T.U. count on debts while they conduct policy, but it is often given a left-wing broken into without warrant. When destroy them physically, as they have officials and employers, the managethis 'battle of principle' with the flavour by those Trade Unionists who the police did not find the dockers not been able-nor will they be able ment then sacked 70 men, including are inclined to the Bevan wing there, they arrested their families, as -to change their activity or ideas. every steward. Excuse given was

in the case of the companions of the These men are not politicians "site reorganisation." the part of the strikers. They are As a left wing, it presents a red- workers Maciel and Volpe. The They are workers with the ideal of a The firm announced their intention holding on and, given the continued herring to many class-conscious work- latter, Josefa Gonzalez, was forced to profound and lasting social revolution; to suspend work on 23 blocks of flats support of other workers, they will ing folk, for Bevan knows how to play be present on two days at the bar- they do not compromise with those out of 27. This has been questioned on class hatred and use it for his ad- barous flogging to which Volpe was who want to subject them or turn by an Advisory Committee of the them from their clear road forward. L.C.C. . cash and a refusal, under any fronts on the political field. The son of Abraham Axman, trea- For the defence of their lives and Tersons have refused union requests circumstances, to touch work or goods | The Labour Party has a real need surer of the F.O.R.A., was held for liberty, which is at the same time the to reinstate the men fired, pending an coming to or going from the Wey- of a Bevanite wing, for without it the eight days and flogged mercilessly struggle for a free community, we enquiry to be held within two weeks. bridge firm. Until further notice, loyalty of the working men and when the police did not find his father. call on the whole people to join in Scab labour has been introduced. women would soon be transferred, as The daughter of Benito Carballal, a this campaign of solidarity and justice. and the A.U.B.T.W. has instructed i.s Donations should be sent to: Rival it is in the case of the unions during chauffeur, was imprisoned for 12 Committee for the Liberation of members not to seek or accept emhours when the police did not find the F.O.R.A. Portworkers, Buenos ployment on the sites unfil a settle-Aires, September, 1952.

Let's get back to a permanent ban on overtime and piecework

beer bottle labels.

working class which finds itself the factories to grab their husbands' The reduction of working hours and robbed, by the P.A.Y.E. system of wages, to rush to the shops before the easing of the pace of work are THE LABOUR PARTY Confer- resounding defeat, and he was well income tax, of 7s. or 8s. of every £1 their inflated marks became worthless real achievements of labour's struggles during the past 60 years.

English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, Polish, West African and Jamaican-are on DV strike at two Putney, London, building sites where the firm of Tersons is under contract to build over 1,000 flats for the L.C.C.

The implications of the dispute, however, concern workers in places far removed from Putney. The "THEY handcuffed us, they hung These two cases of Axman and management's aim is clearly to smash

Thousands of workers and anarchists Union conditions were won, despite

the waste of materials which-they on certain parts of the site. The We know the honesty and disinter- Stewards' Committee compiled data

prisoners and tortured comrades, we and hoist money withheld from navvies; the plumbers' steward trans-The portworkers of the F.O.R.A. ferred, and carpenters sacked for now imprisoned in the Maritime Sub- refusing to work the firm's bonus strength of those workers who have stated-the management threw down

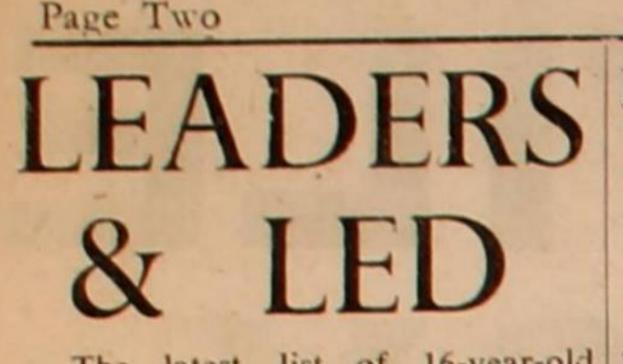
human outlook, they bravely resisted Although - perhaps because - the The persecution of the port workers, the manoeuvres of the C.G.T., men did not take immediate action,

ment is reached.

Mr. J. Crawford, President of the Boot and Shoe Operatives, declared DOCKERS FLOGGED BY PERON POLICE

HUMANITY

Prefecture represent the will and scheme-they also were later reinnot submitted to flattery, threats, the gauntlet. persecution, fear or calumny. De- Their action was the sacking of fenders of union independence and Federation Steward, Bro. B. Behan, autonomy, with a revolutionary and on the ground of "impertinence."



grammar or secondary school boys training.

of leadership.

News Chronicle. spring, 1939.

"leaders." The working man does mention the importance and funda-"leader" will be required: he will go that began on July 19, 1936. to it, or for it, himself.

big business, and all that is degradin useless, wasteful and, in last analysis, unnecessary-except to "leaders seeking "glory" in war or wealth in that they would, in due course, fill in big business.

For their " leading "-in war generally from the rear, and in big business rewarded.

Those whom they "led" in way will have had the honour of being mass-murdered or maimed for life for where there are "leaders" there will be "bleeders"-both in war and "bleed" everyone in another sense.

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We know that "leaders" have been this volume. bloodbath to another in wars and from economic stranglehold to starving misery in "business."

The silliest fools that ever breathed could have done no worse had they had the powers the supposedly-gifted "leaders" have always abused.

"Leaders" are only good to and for themselves and other "leaders." No matter from whence they spring come from the other "leaders . . to become " haves."

Witness T.U.C. "leaders." Workers tunity, and they promptly go over to the "have" class. So long as there is such a class in society, the "leaders will be in it.

They are 'haves'

yield to anything but force, either converting itself - directly or in- and social justice, it keeps intact the conquer. physical or economic.

to use. You can do without "leaders." The working class's fervent desire its federalist procedure and open You MUST do without them. Use for emancipation has, step by step, opposition to the State are a guarantee mined to end the "leader" bluff.

possessors, well, they can take a job Unite!" hollow cry of the "patriarch. of useful work-something manual Karl Marx. would do them good-and they will find they will need their brains, just

Let our aim be: The land for those who will work it, the factory for those who make it one, and let us put an end to the cursed cruel, cunning and degrading rule of leaders, of bosses and of those mass-murder specialists called generals and admirals, and the no less noxious and deadly vermi known as Big Business Men.

LITERATURE RECEIVED (Sept.-Oct.)

Solidaridad Obrera (Paris), C.N. (Toulouse), Le Combat Syndicaliste (Paris), Le Libertaire (Paris), La Libre Tribune (Paris), Espana Libre (Toulouse). Le Trait d'Union Syndicaliste (Paris), Recht voor Allen (Groningen) Umanita Nova (Rome), IWMA Press Bulletin (Stockholm), Hamnarbetare Gesellschaft (Darmstadt) Die Freie Welt (Vienna), Tierra y Libertad organised to defend themselves from against any proposals which might divert it from its historical course (Mexico), Cultura Proletaria (New The only differences we can see As it is the only union body that York), l'Adunata dei Refrattari (New arise from the effects on social de- has not let itself be won over by the York), Brand (Stockholm), l'Unique velopment of industrial progress from preachers of convention or oppor-(Orleans) Dielo Trouda (New York), 1864 to the present time. The modern tunism-always ready to weaken and La Batalla (Paris), The Libertarian social castes are not those of yester- divide-it must be alert against all (India), Freie Arbeiter Stimme (New year, procedures have changed and contingencies and must never allow York).



school boys for executive branch the Spanish Civil War-especially in years. The organisation's studies of time. English-confirms that, despite its the agrarian question, subjected to The whole course of the Spanish rinth," "Spanish Testament" was a Large numbers of grammar and great volume, there were few writers analysis in its regular congresses, and Civil War (directly related to the good book by Koestler about the secondary schoolboys had applied, prepared to provide something to the work of the C.N.T.-F.A.I. in the advance-guard in the trenches of tragedy; Langdon-Davies emphasised but although they came up to facilitate a full understanding of the collectives during the Revolution are Andalucia, Centro and Aragon) dur- the importance of the Confederation standard of the written examination causes, development and effects of the fully reported. they failed to satisfy the selection Spanish socio-political system from The C.N.T. in Spain is now a this volume, illustrates, the neo- Congress in his "Behind The Spanish committee on their possible powers the advent of the Republic on April clandestine organisation, owing to the Stalinist policy of the Socialists won Barricades" "The Spanish Tragedy" 14, 1931, to the tragic months of totalitarian regime, and its members over by the C.P. and their victims: of Allison Peers was obtuse and

Apart from a few exceptions, to aid the undying struggle against sectors opposed to Moscow, com- military questions in his "The War In Possible powers of leadership." almost all the books written by Franco fascism and to broaden the munism. Leaders. Bosses. The cry is always journalists and authors who held the organisation's propaganda. An elo- The C.N.T., thanks to its numerical Spanish; and Orwell made an eloquent for "leaders" and it is always the posts of correspondents, on the battle- quent result of this is the work of force and to "leaders" who cry for still more fronts or at the rear, have failed to which we are now speaking. not cry for more of them. If there is mental role played by the National something good to be had, something Confederation of Labour (C.N.T.) in which will be of benefit to him, no the great drama of the Spanish people

"Leaders" are always concerned in the prefaces of their books reasons blems both of a national and inter-final events of the Centro-South zone) The task of compiling this invaluwith such things as war or cut-throat for their failure fully to embrace the national character confronting Spain many facets of the Spanish Revolu- during the development of the Civil tion, confiding this task to the War. Spaniards themselves, in the hope this gap in historical literature.

HISTORY

from comfortable armchairs-they Before 1911, according to "La ated in the bloody events of May, know they will be comfortably C.N.T. en la Revolucion Espanola" 1937, reported in Chapter XXI. (Vol. 1), there was a favourable The main difference we note be- The historical document the C.N.T.

the cause of countless wars and, if The first part of the work consists mined by saboteurs and counter- The book presents many aspects dissection of Franco-ism," and these allowed to, will cause countless more. of 386 pages and 31 illustrations, revolutionaries, which served only to hitherto omitted by those Spanish talks were published under the title The "glorious leaders" have, up to most of them dedicated to the C.N.T.'s throttle the true aspirations of the and other historians who have written now, but led duped nations from one revolutionary contribution to the Spanish people - those of the about Spain in recent years.

> 88 7 I W MA IN Reviewing eighty-eight years of industrial struggle

" demands today finds its main expres- State. sion in the extension of a new bureaucracy — the very basis and

directly-into a defender of capitalism concept of Social Revolution to end Workers, this force is in your hands or the State, or both at once.

aim which gave birth and form to the If the wonderful intellects of the new organic structure, under selves, a sufficient reward to their slogan, "Workers of all lands,

New privileges

was made by that Marxist leadership stand and others, not lacking underthat leads unerringly to brutal dictaorship, are suffering the results of their mistakes. With the bourgeoisie Tsarism destroyed, new privileges grew up, creating the hierarchy of the new State, the so-called "dictatorship of the proletariat." This was imm BILL ORGAN ately converted into an iron dictatorship against the proletariat and against the most elementary rights of the about a new society, in which class, individual in society.

And, outside the geographic perimeter of Soviet Russia and its satellites, what can we find that merits value as the result of nearly a century service of a party or a class.

Social democracy, whose basis of support is the amorphous trade With its tactical and ideological unionism which provides the votes for position clearly defined, the I.W.M.A. those who scale the heights of political has a big job on hand and a leading power, differs not at all from that very part to play in the very near future. Bulletin (Gothenburg), Die Freie bourgeoisie against which the workers It must, therefore, be on its guard

even society itself seems to have itself to repeat errors we have criti-

I.W.M.A. has been faced in its "great leaders" are not, in them- banner of the I.W.M.A. and the struggle against capitalism and the State are obvious. Its environment has been one of confusion, brought about by the suicidal attitude of those who, wanting to seize power in order to make the revolution, have held back half-a-century the realisation of aims that some have failed to under standing, have deliberately sabotaged Despite these adverse conditions and despite the I.W.M.A. often being the victim of repressive acts by State nstitutions, its delegates hounded or outlawed for the simple fact of not betraying their convictions or submit ting to reactionary laws, it can justly claim to be the movement of the vanguard. It has the aim of bringing interests will no longer prevail, and where the rights of the individual will be recognised within an environment of respect, work, equity and mutual solidarity, free from the partisan in consideration of being of positive terference of political powers at the

itself but also those social demands third volume. for which our international organisation has devoted so much time and or in what manner they have attained SINCE 1864, the year when the altered fundamentally. In practice, energy and made so many sacrifices. Let us just repeat that the present "leadership," they are sure of a welworking class-having realised the however, there has been no real change With the lessons offered us by his- work presents, with trustworthy docuneed to unite their activities and forces apart from that in the superstructure tory and the conclusion to which the mentation, all the historical details in the struggle against the exploita- of the State-today more powerful, present situation must lead us, the narrated by syndicalist and political tion of capitalism and for the defence with greater privileges and decidedly postulates of the I.W.M.A. find them- works published in Spain. understood code of the "haves," for of their class interests-organised on more aggressive. selves reaffirmed. This gives us re- Important internal documents, such that is what their "leadership" is for the international field, time has de- All these events are witness to the sponsibilities which all of us must as bulletins and organisational notices; formed the real character of those utter defeat of workers affiliated to satisfy fully in carrying out our syndicalist public meetings and polihistorical efforts, which held such political trade unions . . . incapable activities. give them their position and oppor- promise of great social achievements. of solving their problems, caught in Where a member of the I.W.M.A. speeches and lectures on the state of The result of 88 years of industrial the web of bureaucracy and, as a is found, he must be a conscious mili- the country and, more especially, the struggle to attain moral and economic result, slaves of capitalism and the tant, prepared to make his voice heard distinct periods of activity of the in denouncing the abuses of which the C.N.T., popular nerve centre in the No real change workers are victims through their struggle for the emancipation of the wrong orientation, and to halt the workers and the freedom of the epitome of the incipient political The only bulwark and genuine accelerating rhythm of society towards oppressed; all find their place. There is no hope of T.U.C. methods parties with a Marxist tendency. It is representative of the organised worcourses of self-destruction which we The author keeps himself to the ever bringing about social revolution. a bureaucracy which, far from defend- kers is the International Working cannot accept in the name of civilisa- objective field rather than criticism. The "leaders" are "haves," and the ing the interests of those it represents, Men's Association. Faithful to its tion, under the pretext of defending but in some chapters there are both "haves"—all of them—will never has come to act as a brake on them, principles of emancipation, freedom a freedom the people have yet to aspects, showing us the effect on

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were accepted as against 22 public A SURVEY of the literature on social and political problems of those Anarchists, themselves at the same Gerald Brenan made a handsome

COUNTER-REVOLUTION Moscow.

As in the first volume, there are chapters given over entirely to the and to the counter-revolutionary tide fascism throughout the Peninsula. controlled by Moscow, which culmin-

ing 1937, which is mainly covered by and the resolutions of its Saragossa in exile make great cacrifices in order the P.O.U.M. and other minority feeble; R. J. Sender dealt with the

> daily activities was partly able to resist the offensive directed from

We have just read the newly-pub- conflict-sometimes secretly, some- of both the Revolution and the War. lished Volume 2, beginning with times (as during May, the crisis of the Some writers, admittedly, have given Chapter XVI, which deals with pro- Largo Caballero Government and the

> neutrality of the Democracies and the constant despatch of Italo-German editor of the youth paper "Ruta,"

WHAT OTHERS SAID

climate in Spain for the development tween the two volumes published so in exile has published so far comprises of Anarcho-syndicalist ideas, which far is that, while the second half of two volumes in the Spanish language. resulted in the C.N.T.'s formation that the first stresses the constructive force Indirect, but reliable, reports indicate Spanish refugees and the miserable year. The social and revolutionary of the C.N.T. in its battle against the likelihood of an Italian edition, activity of this organisation, and the fascism in revolt, and in the collecti- and possibly one in French: and Indians and natives of the S. American big business, the object of which is to political developments in Spain during visation and socialisation of all English translation would enable us republics. the years that preceded the Revolu- branches of industry, the second to trace, from an authorised source, - Another of his works, "The Intel-



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THE AUTHOR

able work has been that of a young It was, however, the position of libertarian militant, Jose Peirats. The author has several times been

arms and military forces to the rebels both in Catalonia and in France. organic and syndical life of the C.N.T., that made possible the victory of From the concentration camps in which he was interned on his escape to France, he embarked for San Domingo towards the end of 1939.

On his return to France he wrote "Estampas del Exilio en America." in which he tells of the lot of the social and economic conditions of the

tion of 1936, are related, and fully volume shows up the political-col- the lessons and experiences of the lectuals and the Revolution," was documented, in the first 136 pages of laborationist activity of the Anarchists C.N.T. during an unforgettable epoch published in Barcelona. During his in the tasks of a rearguard under- in the social and political life of Spain. stay in America he lectured on "The "Fifteen Short Lectures."

> Jose Peirats, who would like to search for material in the libraries and centres of social studies of other countries, is forced by the French authorities to live in the Department of Haute-Garonne; and within this limited field of movement, the author cised in others. Were we to do so, of "La C.N.T. en la Revolucion the I.W.M.A. would betray not only Espanola" is now working on its

HIS CRITICIMS

tico-military reports; historical

Peirats of a retrospective view of this A. RUIZ stage in the history of Spain and its social struggles.

You MUST do without them. Use your power of strike, of go-slow, of from reality has moved the initial generation. from reality has moved the initial generation. **BRITISH SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL** WORKING MEN'S ASSOCIATION

AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

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.

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 achieved.

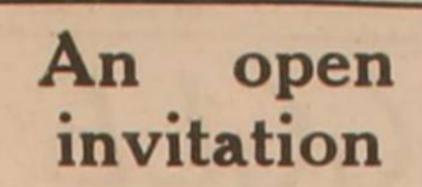
DIRECT ACTION. Victory in the fight against class domination can only be achieved by the direct action of the workers themselves. The S.W.F. rejects all parliamentary and similar activity as deflecting the workers from the class struggle into paths of class collaboration.

THE STATE. The State in all its forms is the enemy of the workers, 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.

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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 work actively for their realisation.

Where come in

THIS MONTH will find delegates of the Syndicalist Workers Federation meeting at Manchester in the organisation's third national conference.

Many questions are down for discussion on the agenda. international policy and activity . . . relations, including the coming eighth **Congress of the International Work**amendment of our Aims and Principles . . . and Press.

It's the last point we want to talk about now. "Direct Action" is one of the main means of propagating revolutionary syndicalist ideas in this country. As such, we think it of vital forced a large amount of industrialisaimportance that it should not merely continue to appear, but get a much wider circulation than it has at the present time.

to whom copies of our paper have engaged in agriculture of a very been sent are sympathetic to our ideas. Some of them have, in the past, taken an active part in revolutionar activity.

it? Why aren't you in the S.W.F. class. with us, working for the ideas in which you claim to believe? And, if you Europeans — in the main settlers daily newspapers would have us respect to Northern and Southern whole people—no one else will. tion, will you help by subscribing to pending on a plentiful supply of cheap of Whitehall for the interests of the latter country, the United Party, which the paper or, better still, by taking native labour-control the destinies of workers of Northern Rhodesia. is backed by the gold and diamond copies for distribution?

S.W.F. appeared in June we have similar to the old "bonded servant" The need to crush the rising wave The United Party is, however, not been sending complimentary copies to slavery that once existed in England. of African unrest on one hand, and making a spectacularly successful jot a large number of addresses. This Southern Rhodesia has semi- panic to build a firm dam against of defending the mining interests we cannot continue to do after the Dominion status and is allowed by Malan and South African imperialism against Malan, who treats them as of copies monthly without return. African is made.

members of the S.W.F., by helping in operation. Passes are necessary to South African Boers and potential subscription . . . and one last point - and for a hundred-and-one other trouble has been that, up till now, we've no private sources of income to necessities. help our Press Fund.

colonialism in the world arena.

African Federation of territories over the territory.

tion with an added sense of urgency. tion. who live in Northern Rhodesia have been under the supervision, in theory, practice the 43,000 European mining the stage of prospecting expeditions engineers, police officials and govern- and land survey parties. ment administrators who reside in this compelled to permit, on the instrucof native trade union organisation.

The nature of the economy, mainly copper and other metal mining, has tion, and with it the creation of a omogeneous African working class.

UNIONS BANNED

While it is true that the majority We know that many of the workers of Africans in this territory are still in Southern Rhodesia, would be exrimitive kind, sufficient are concerned hreaten the City mining interests and their European stooges in Northern want to say: what are you doing about of a conscious, organised working reap the harvest of "white civilisation" posals in their entirety-and he is not Government.

In Southern Rhodesia 126,000 engaged in large-scale agriculture deopies for distribution? Since the first printed "D.A." of the working under the "contract system," TOO REVOLUTIONARY special friend of Huggins.

We're hoping to hear from you. opportunities to unionise as effectively rederation.

LAST-MINUTE efforts are being as the relatively well-organised indusnade by British imperialism to stem trial minority in Northern Rhodesia. he rising tide of native nationalism Nyasaland is in a different position on the African continent, and to pre- to the other two territories. Nearly a head-on collision that would million Africans are ruled, via their virtually the last own native quislings, by under two onghold of classical British mousand European police officers and other functionaries of the British Plans for the creation of a Central Government, who maintain a mandate

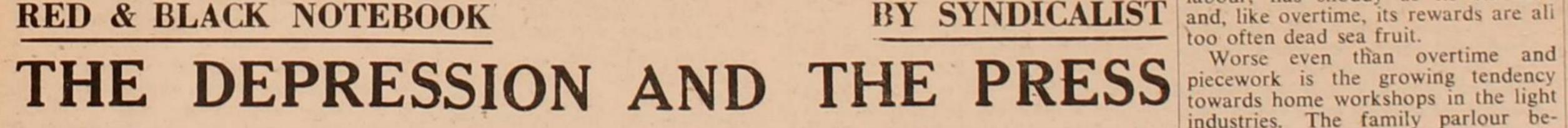
comprising Northern Rhodesia, South- The majority of the Africans in this ern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, first territory live in their old tribal comproposed by the last Labour govern- munities and are affected very little, TN. RHODESIA ment, have been pushed forward by insofar as their everyday lives are the present Conservative administra- concerned, by the colonial administra-Until now, the 4,000,000 Africans UNIFIED LEGAL CODE S. RHODESIA There is not the slightest shadow of f the Colonial Office in London. In industrialisation, and mining is still in

The Africans themselves play little territory, either on a semi-permanent role in the rise of African nationalism, S.W.F. is affiliated . . . ratification or or temporary basis, have very much and are on the whole let pretty much of a free hand. They are, however, alone by the British administrators. seen a white man-he's just a story that allow for appeals to be heard in be necessary. inal mothers use to frighten their London against too-open breaches of This is very good-so far as it goes. children into better behaviour.

African workers in Northern Rhodesia would lose their right to organise. The savage police raids, so common

would be set loose on the, until now, more fortunate workers of the north -with the full blessings of the law. Even inaccessible Nyasaland would

we do not hear will be deleted from Statute of Westminster, to settle its issue long ago, but for the attitude of today as war hysteria sweeps the our mailing list, as we haven't the own internal affairs. Consequently the European factions in these terri-cash necessary to despatch hundreds not even a show of rights for the tories. For example, Walter Reuther has From their point of view the need abandoned all pretence of militancy. So please let us know whether African trade unions are illegal. is urgent. Three out of four new is needed Reuther, president of the United Auto you're prepared to help by becoming The "pass law" system of Malan is immigrants to Southern, Rhodesia are Workers, affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organisations (C.I.O.). (continued from p.1 col.5) distribute its paper, by taking out a work, to travel, to live in any locality fifth - columnists of Malan. The announced he will ask his union conets worker against worker, and puts vention next March to bar Communist white settlers in Southern Rhodesia extra dividends in the boss's bank Party members from holding union keep the paper going, and we shall Africans working in the most menial have fiercely objected to certain pro- book and ulcers in your stomach. welcome anything you may send to jobs in industry are in a similar posi- visions in the British Government's becomes the means of rewarding the C.P. influence in the auto union is tion, and until now have lacked the proposals for the creation of the spy and sneak and of punishing the very small now. Reuther's action was outspoken. It takes all dignity from labour, has shoddy as its standard a concession to witch hunters. BY SYNDICALIST and, like overtime, its rewards are ali All militant rank-and-filers, who hate Stalinism, will nevertheless deoo often dead sea fruit. fend Stalinists' right to auto union Worse even than overtime and The union constitution already for-



ONE THING that has annoyed mouthpiece, which has also, incident-Lancashire people more than any- ally, been running a "be-kind-to- said, and was satisfied it was dropped table the production line and father thing during the slump is the way Franco" line. the Press have seized upon any favourable announcement and made headlines of it.

Let a union secretary or a mill manager give his opinion that the worst is over or that full-time work will shortly be resumed and the papers have splashed it on the front

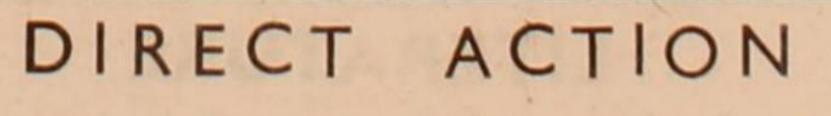
The "Northern Daily Telegraph," false hopes. A few months ago it forms. Fortunately for us there is no history about him, produced three work is often dangerous. We know rocketing U.S.A. inflation. there and absorb many of the re- called the Communist Party. dundant textile workers. What hap- The Hon. Ivor Montagu, a British carriers of disease. employed workers.

thoroughly discredited this Tory identify it.

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"NOTTINGHAM hosiery workers will save power this winter by having longer tea breaks."-News Chronicle. Well now, to think there was that excuse all the time!

THEY SHOULD KNOW



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reported that the firm British Thomas British branch of the Daughters of spiders, but these the Museum said of one case in which two women and Trade-union bureaucrats appeared Houston; which has a factory at the Republic, though unhappily we were of a genus that was common in two children were burned to death ready to end the strike if the govern-Nelson, was to open new premises have a branch of Soviet Russia, mis- all parts of the world. Neither voles when lacquer with which they were ment intervened and set up a "factnor spiders, however, are known to be covering shoe heels exploded in their finding board" which would arrange kitchen. There was no fire extin- a "compromise" between the union pened? About a month afterwards member of the C.P.-controlled World Just what purpose the spiders are guisher. and the aircraft firm. B.T.H. sacked many of its recently Peace Council, submitted recently to to serve in the Korean war, since they . We are for a ban on overtime, not The firm started to take movies of the British Museum the skin and skull- do not carry disease, is not quite cer- as a temporary strike measure, but as pickets to scare them. This sort of dishonesty has of a vole and asked them if they could tain. Perhaps the Americans or the a permanent principle. We are for a But the workers flashed mirrors Chinese-which is not very clear- permanent ban on overtime. which reflected sunlight into camera have been reading about Miss Muffet. After the 1914-18 war the engineer- lenses and ruined the movie films. Or perhaps it's just my eye and ing unions banned overtime. In spite JOHN LOEB. of a weak economic position, they

Betty Martin. resisted piecework for several years. SEAMEN JAILED JOHN YARWOOD, N. Regional To their honour they only submitted secretary of the G.M.W.U., in the when beaten by depression. Now Twenty-two striking crew memunion's magazine writes that a "true they are in a position to resist both bers of the Liberian freighter, partnership between workers and em- successfully. ployers . . . holds Britain's only hope It is worth noting that with the Riviera, have been taken into of survival as a great industrial and growth of Communist leadership in custody at Portland, Oregon, by the engineering union, overtime and officials of the U.S. Immigration to "Direct Action" 25a, Amberley Road, London, W.9. All a lot to contribute, and so would the Party politics have waxed, union Multomach Coupty iail principles have waned. Multomah County jail. workers.

just like the spiders and the flies.

What a jolly time we should have— As an immediate minimum objec- The crew of the foreign-owned tive, labour should seek a weekly wage sufficient without overtime. "liberty ship" went on strike on WE NOTICE a lot of beards being Then, if you cannot live without a Sept. 9, protesting filth and poor sported by the young "intellectuals" 12-hour day, piecework and a sweat working conditions. They were nowadays. Is it evidence of the new shop in your home, you may agree forced off the ship by a court Elizabethan Age? Are they Royalists with us—it's time to abolish the wages order. getting ready for the Coronation? system. TOM BROWN order. -Industrial Worker

Page Three



The colour-mad settlers in the south



the Czechs did with the rest of the sonnel. animal we shudder to think.

after African interests.

known to be a supporter of native It's time to take an independent the part Rhodesia and to South Africa. In the

industries. The family parlour be-He had been given it in Prague, he comes a miniature factory, the kitchen from an aeroplane in Manchuria by the old woman and the kids-yes, the Americans to spread disease. What even children of five-are the per-

Clothing, electrical equipment, Siberia and China and suggested that half-a-century of trade union gains. Lockheed Aircraft firm.

block against Malanist expansion. rather than on a victory for the United Party and British imperialism.

In Northern Rhodesia, Roy Welcnport of his all-white "unions" to the proposed Federation. These unions, it should be remembered, are designed to protect the mining managers not so much from their bosses in London, as PORT. E: AFR from the creation of skilled African workers who would threaten their position economically. The mailed-fist policy of Southern Rhodesia is just the thing the Welenskyists want.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS CAN TAKE LEAD

In a resolution passed last February, the African Congress of Northern

Rhodesia threatened "mass action." Under the pressure of public The native trade union movement opinion in this country and the violent warmly supported the resolution, and Some Africans in the more remote protests of African workers in North- stated its readiness to bring about a tions of. Whitehall, some semblance parts of Nyasaland have never even ern Rhodesia, provisions were inserted stoppage of work if that appeared to

> African land tenure acts, and the It should, however be realised that Under the proposed Federation appointment by the British Govern- the trade union movement in Northern scheme, however, a unified legal code ment of several white members of the Rhodesia is very much tied to the would come into being. In law the proposed legislative council to look coat-tails of the more moderate sections of the African businessmen, These provisions were considered intellectuals and native chiefs.

too revolutionary by a large percent- It is time the movement realised age of the white farmers of Southern that the African people will not get Rhodesia, and too much like control concessions that are worthwhile from for the ultra-reactionary element in the Administration, and that they will that country's House of Assembly. get little support from the moderate Huggins, the Prime Minister, on the sections of the nationalist movement other hand has welcomed the pro- in efforts designed to overthrow the

The delay in implementing the interests. His tie-up is different. It is road. The industrial workers can scheme is not due, as many of the with the City mining interests, both in take the lead in the struggle of the FRANK ROWE

Witch-hunt in U.S. unions New York.

present number. Those from whom the British Government, under the on the other, would have settled the second fiddle. Huggins prefers to de- AMERICAN trade-union leaders are becoming more openly reactionary

bids C.P. members to hold union

It is thought Reuther eventually may also try to bar ex-Stalinists who oppose him from union membership.

FLASHBACK

The British Museum recognised the paper goods, toys, shoes and food- In Los Angeles, 25,000 members of animal and said it was a genus widely stuffs are chief among the home in- the International Association of distributed in Manchuria, Eastern dustries. Such home factories cancel Machinists went on strike against the

if Mr. Montagu wanted more detailed In them there is no shop steward or Members of the American Federainformation, he should approach the union, no factory or sanitary inspector tion of Labour (A.F.L.) affiliated Russians, who were much better in- and no child labour law operates. union originally demanded 18 cent published at Blackburn, has been one AMERICAN and Russian propa-of the worst offenders. For nearly a ganda is about equally balanced in Not to be outdone, Mr. Montagu, NOW IS THE TIME hourly wage increases. Average pay before the strike was \$1.70 hourlyyear it has been trying to build up stupidity, though it takes different who apparently carries a lot of natural The rates are usually scab rates, the not a high wage considering sky-