one which is hidden from the public but which has sufficient influence

than an open censorship, for it is give more power and initiative to the government.

of the population; that 90 per cent

South Africa alone. These peoples thing."

of each state and its sus- Even the victory of the Unionists and railmen\_had always been sus- quite so hot as expected. ion of federal power formed the over the Confederates did not reverse picious of regular political alliances. The archbishops of King street sues on which political battles were the strong federalist sentiment, but In one state they would bargain with have not vet announced their plans. only modified it. From 1866 to 1916 the Republican candidate, in another however. Perhaps they, 100, will the National Guard, the militia raised they would support the Democrat. stage a demonstration against their by the government of each state. Even in one state or city their vote fellow-communist, whom they des-The Republican Party had always was collectively stronger than the would often be divided between the cribe as a murderer, trainor and spy. regular army raised by the central two parties. If a candidate of either

was the claim of the Dixieland states taxx One feature of the Presidential elec-

the most intelligent schoolboys in the commoner, but evidently his long This issue then, that of federalism and isolationist.

grammar school showed, according to reach such heights, they might con- were always conservative. though cratic, in both houses. The deadlock in the most intelligent 50 per cent field of industry at a workshop level. from time to time, the most pro- change of tendencies. minent of these on the Republican In this situation the C.I.O., the of them were in the top 15; and that A N AFRICAN correspondent sends Lafayette family.

40 per cent were in the top one per hus a story that is circulating widely among Negro workers, to the WORLD DEPRESSION

While Dr. Hutton made no men- annovance of the inhabitants of the tion of similar tests being conducted "white highlands" of Kenya. among scholars at ordinary council A member of Her Majesty's governschools and students at evening ment was addressing a mass gatherclasses, he claimed that no other ing of Kikuyu tribesmen in Kenya. school has produced such high He made the usual promises of more

He also alleged superior reproducting greater freedom. Each promise hamists" in comparison to other non- the tribesmen and great shouts of Strong sections of the conservative Eisenhower's allies. They are halfmanual "workers." Whether this is "N'Gomba. N'Gomba." congratulated the local chief on the build up within the party a political action. In any case, the old wage The paper, however, takes a more intelligence of the tribe; and asked tolerant view. It says, "The Wyke- the purpose of a building in the plans. Not that this drastic step was advances" will continue and the old with 1.7 for non-manual workers in He was told that it was the local always seemed to thrive on it. direct action and the instability o

Britain as a whole. In a few years temple, and that the Sacred Bull was The new sweeping measures of political alliances will be taught to the scholars will be more than replac- kept in it. On asking if he might, farm assistance, work schemes and labour once again. ing themselves, while the commoners visit the temple, the chief said this

IT'S THE SAME "You see," said the chief, "the OLD ENEMY tinually for the last six months—and he's up to his knees in N'Gomba."

superiority; his murderous weapons, units?" asked the General.

his prisons, floggings and cruelties, is The Intelligence Officer, a young robbing them, the natives, of their man, replied briskly, "The troops, country, ending their age-old customs, sir, are the British Commonwealth

were, but to their exploiters they are TF THE Civil Defence authorities against some of whom the death sen- enemies of the regime. in Europe generally? Oh no! He is latest "Bomb-proof Special" fighting exactly the same enemy as situated below Holborn, London; is education, will be increased, thus 20-30 years in prison. the awakening natives\_the same 130 feet deep and has a natty colour

enemy, the never-satisfied, grasping, scheme. grinding, murderous, capitalist class, A correspondent tells us it contains the "HAVES," the Old School Tie a number of improvements on the National Confederation of Labour brigade. These people are the cause existing 139 feet deep "Bomb-proof"

to the Roosevelt era the fierce in-

pen censorship, for it is give in the likely to get the warming-up he's been promised.

the slowness and clumsiness of Republicans was the difficulty of law certain pledges. that the U.S.A. were unlikely to be and America was without a national vote behind the Democrats, but did while the Stalinists are shouting resisting all attempts to strengthen the now the U.S. government cannot pro- C.I.O. and A.F. of L. in the State ceed against a Chicago gangster for of lowa successfully supported the The issue on which was fought the murder a state offence but only for Republican nominee for governor American Civil War of 90 years ago such an offence as evasion of income and the Democratic nominee for

tion puzzles non-Americans: the of Electors. The electorate votes for away from the Democrats, and the master at Winchester College. In a worse than the population as a tors, the College of Electors then But Ike, like F.D.R., won the "The Winchester scholar, generally from New Jersey, and so on. The won the election as a "left-winger "Wykehamists" pale of face and serious of counten- College representing the states and anti-isolationist, but the main (scholars of Winchester College) are ance is often mocked by the assembled, then selects the President. weight of the party is conservative

Hutton at Winchester College, We might add that since the not until 1932 the issue of conserva- Radical Presidents, Roosevelt and of the people and national ruin. together with tests at another major mental qualities of "Wykehamists," tism or radicalism.

The general pattern was changed they will rely more than ever upon matter what the cost. 1932. Faced by the world's greatest Political action has never been very the sovereign will of the Spaniards: sweeping measures of government unions, given up the strike weapon;

it always lies handy in American But Roosevelt won only the wage discussions. nomination, not the Democratic Party. The unions are now suspicious of wing of the party remained hostile ready to support him, but they are in any way repugnant to F.D.R., he lesson of the necessity of industrial

# FOR TITO?

are planning a demonstration against Tito during his visitato Lon-

dependent unions such as the miners danger of Tito's reception being not

party was very anti-labour, his lies against Tito, he might get that

## Against ALL dictators

Totalitarianism is the negation of human life. The dictatorship of a black gown is a mark of more than or centralism, was long the basic For twenty years American politics caste, calling itself Phalangism, Bol-Truman, obstructed by a conservative No matter what the colour of the

public school and a well-known State so well-known among themselves, In the main the two big parties majority, both Republican and Demoand death. That is what Franco has the paper, that "Wykehamists" were sider applying their talents to the each has had small radical groups is still there. There will be no done, servilely imitating Stalin, Hitler

of this retrograde and inhuman steelmen and railmen, will be tempted despotism, cannot passively watch its to return to a full policy of political own bankruptcy. It has known bargaining. More important still, freedom and wants to regain it, no And for this we can thus resume

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VATICAN NOR THE POPE NEITHER GENERALISSIMO FRANCO NOR GENERALIS-

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IKE IS ASTUTE

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other scandalous trial of 27 workers, Barcelona court to answer to the long martyrdom of the Spanish already in prison for several years, "crime" of being anti-fascists and people, subjected for 14 years to a

giving added "prestige" to UNESCO, During October four more death These prisoners, all members of the Barcelona and for the same reason. Bulletin of the N.E.London of the present troubles in Africa, and under Whitehall. He has not yet been elsewhere, and the natives will, in unable to inspect the private, and the end, out them.

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tackle the present disastrous situation. methods, a plumber and four dockers stones at the police, who replied with Their first proposal is a purely politi- were arrested. The four dockers were rifle fire.

wage to £6 a week. Since any attempt in Buenos Aires are freed!

the bureaucratic regulations of the

rule, for example, requires men to

attend the call stands twice a day-

possibility of further work—or face

for these attendances.

The tragic shadow of mass un- to implement such a claim would cracy. employment, that hangs heavily over necessitate a revision of existing dockland, is receiving added solidity agreements with the National Dock as the result of protracted negotia- Labour Board, portworkers correctly regard this proposal as demagogy of tions now in progress between the a highly dangerous character.

SYNDICALIST WORKERS FEDERATION

INTERNATIONAL WORKING MEN'S ASSOCIATIO

DOCKLAND IN

THE SHADOWS

Threat to labour scheme

exchange information."

Ministry of Labour, the port em- With unemployment affecting two ployers and the National Dock out of every five dockers, any fresh agreement negotiated by the trade The Minister of Labour, Sir Walter unions with the board would tend to Monckton, has refused to disclose the At this stage it is a victory even t nature of these negotiations, and has maintain the present agreement, and ing with the National Dock Labour the very basis of the entire Dock Board, the purpose of which was to

ports of London and Liverpool in the sopher Salvador de Madariaga. of secondary importance if they

net wages bill. Today the levy is older brothers. 21 per cent and amounts to £70,000

ever, in no way comparable to the A more practical, though partial, keep their peoples war-minded. It concerned are suffering. Of 80,000 view, would have been the introduct promise. men involved in the Dock Labour tion of a 40-hour-week on the basis Scheme, an average of 16,000 a day of a 44-hour-week's earnings, together with a sliding scale of hours agree-In the port of London, nearly ment to meet potential future 8,000 men are "bomping-on" each redundancy.

day. At Liverpool, 6,000 of the Unfortunately, the only conceivable port's 17,500 dockers, stevedores and method of gaining such an objective wage is being paid to 1,000 of Hull's is by the very type of industrial direct a degree, and in a manner, unknown including two women—were killed 4,000 portworkers; while 600 out of action which, for the portworkers, is since the establishment of colonialism in similar police massacres. At Port on that continent of 80 million inhabi- Elizabeth and in Johannesburg police

Glasgow's 3,000 men are unemployed. now out of the question. tants. The old generation of African have opened fire on the least pretext, Even worse, from the portworkers It is to be hoped that workers in Chiefs and Elders, who saw the path with the same deadly results. viewpoint, the actual composition of other industries will take note of the of progress for their people along the All acounts of these "riots," as the country. G.E.C. works at stantly changing, and nearly twice experiences of the portworkers, and road of petitions to the throne, has they are officially described, speak of Wembley, on September 26, 1952, that number are working only part take action to secure the 40-hour disappeared. In its place has risen a "heavy and indiscriminate firing" by sent the following resolution to their of the week, earning a sum equivalent, week and the sliding scale agreement generation of men and women who the police and of African workers nanagement: but not in addition, to the "fall- before the full blast of the partial sity of direct and concerted action. trade depression knocks at their door. In the Union of South Africa, co- been cleared off the streets. UNNECESSARY RULE Obviously a job for Syndicalist operation is, for the first time, taking

earned a sum equivalent to the mini- v radio and in the Press of neigh- and Indian workers have been Justice I will support them." mum, not one extra penny is paid bouring Uruguay, has led to a slight arrested for deliberately breaking Mr. Swart did support the police improvement in the position of the those laws. From the "fall-back" wage, port- imprisoned and tortured portworkers These arrests have not only placed ring to the two whites killed in the workers must pay their normal 5s. 9d. of Buenos Aires, members of the a terrific strain on the capacity of massacre, the "Observer" of Nov-

the second call and additional money but the tortures have ceased. African workers. munist dominated London Port- of their release is taking place manner conceivable. At East London, workers' Defence Committee, on the throughout Argentina, despite the Cape Province, police broke up an Negro, was convicted by an all other hand, do nothing either to repressive measures of Peron's police. African meeting, which was about to clarify the issues involved or to During an intensive distribution of begin, with baton charges. Some small provide a sound working policy to leastets, denouncing the police boys, however, started to throw

cal one, calculated to further the released after several hours' detention. Official figures put the casualties at interests of Communist Party policy: Dockers of Britain, show your seven killed. Unofficial calculations. More trade with Eastern Europe." solidarity with your brothers of which have in the past proved more The committee's second demand is Buenos Aires by refusing to handle reliable, bring the number of dead for the raising of the "fall-back" Argentine boats until your brothers up to 80, and the number of injured

## Unesco admits Spanish fascists as Franco prepares death sentences

THE DECISION by the recent UNESCO assembly to admit representation of a fascist State has produced widespread indignation and protest by men of liberal and humanist ideas, shocked at the egation by so-called democratic States of what they have previously proclaimed about fascism. We can at least rejoice that there still exists a spirit of revolt at the harlotry signified by this aid to a foul dictatorship, hatched by Hitler and Mussolini, of whom Franco is the heir.

This UNESCO decision should not. sented in that international organism, have been more false.

for its jibes and jeers against demo- these regimes-which the democracies

dmission of Franco Spain.

nowever, cause surprise, as it was This propaganda proclaimed that inevitables from the time UNO voted the "Democracies" would fight on diplomatic recognition of the Spanish until the final elimination of the last fascist regime. Such recognition itself vestiges of nazism and fascism, and great majority of the powers repre- oppressed peoples. Nothing could

> had recognised and aided-began to initiate their expansionist plans, and other States found their own interests endangered and world hegemony at

nounce that fascism was socially degenerate and had to be wiped out for the future health of civilisation. Even while they condemned-cor-Italian and German dictatorships however, they exalted the "Glorious

have such a different story to tell. Once the political power of Mussoinclude French author Albert good collaborators of today-no tional work for the general cargo Camus and Spanish exile philo- matter if they were fascists, that was

country, however, know the purpose tend, as the result of the younger Although not openly represented at As long as the fascist regime under of these "exchanges of information." men leaving the industry, to become UNO, Franco has been able to build which the Spanish people suffer limits The employers, faced with the pro- less acute. up his world trade (thus finding the itself to carrying out its slave policies vision of a "fall-back" wage of . The employers, needless to say, means to lessen his economic prob- inside Spain, and restricts itself to portworkers, are demanding the total would prefer to throw on to the received most effective support from when one does not feel another's abolition of the entire Dock Labour scrap heap of labour the older men. American "democracy". pain—Franco will continue to be who would find it almost impossible And when fascism is recognised considered a "Christian Gentleman" A month ago the levy paid by the to obtain alternative employment, and aided economically in such high a Crusader against Communism, and employers to maintain the scheme, Portworkers are, of course, united political spheres, what does it matter with the right to every assistance.

der brothers.

UNO?

The wartime propaganda of the represented in UNESCO, to the gress more than seven months, and the 81 union members (77 women and NEED FOR ACTION Western States against their rivals greater glory of education and culreal hardships which the portworkers solution, from the workers' point of lacked any social basis or moral com- phalangism-are not taken as a model, by the company:

was given a six-month susper

FIGHT COLOUR BAR



FRANCO

The Fascist dictator of Spain, whose crumbling regime is now being

"Holy Catholic Church" are now continues. "It has now been in pro-

Agreement they signed with the Trade Unions (A.E.U. & E.T.U.) on 2. That the Company will rescind

all notices of discharge. We have received two letters from

"The dispute has been a long shot, not only in the streets but in ". Mr. Britton: In the matter of the

their own homes, hours after they had dispute at Rival Lamps, we the organised workers of No. 11 Factory place between the African National The reason for these police rigret that we find it necessary in Congress and the South African atrocities is not hard to find. Speak- order to defend Trade Union condi-Indian Congress in their common ing at Klipkoppies on November 1, tions to refrain from handling orders

Since the beginning of the passive "We will not play with them, (the "This resolution should bring resistance campaign, directed by the Africans). My instructions to the about the early conclusion of the diswo organisations against the Malan police are that they should act and pute as G.E.C. are the only suppliers suspension. If they have already WIDESPREAD publicity, on the racial segregation laws, 7,546 Bantu act drastically. As Minister of of tungsten wire needed for the pro-

Meanwhile, to help bring the dispute to a successful conclusion, the courageous strikers of Rival Lamps need continued financial support. Donations should be sent to Rival Lamps Strike Committee, 71 Byron-

National Insurance contribution, Argentine Regional Workers' Federa- South African prisons; they have ember 16 writes, "One inescapable "We would like to extend our leaving £4 2s. 3d. to meet all other tion, section of the I.W.M.A. created a realisation, among white fact remains; in every case where thanks to you for the printing of expenses. These include fares to the They are now in the National South Africans, of the tremendous Europeans were murdered, Africans statements re Rival Lamps Dispute.

docks, a midday meal while waiting Penitentiary of the Argentine capital, potential fighting capacities of the had first been killed by the police." I have enclosed an appeal sheet which (Continued on page 3, col. 3) is the latest statement. Further to for innumerable cups of tea to while away the wasted hours.

Proposals advocated by the Comproposals advocated by the Compropo the factory, consideration will be given to approaching the Labour

road, Addlestone, Surrey:

cussing a possible United Nations the educational and cultural organ- State". attack on his positions, with his isation of UNO is based, one must FRANCISCO ARAGO, LUIS dical defence and under the threat of his religion, his luxuries, his booze, the line; what is their equipment like; ments in direct opposition to those BAL CASTELVI, MANUEL RUIZ, Only an international protest can his overweening and ridiculous air of and what is the composition of their principles. The moral triumph of FRANCISCO QUESADA, JOAQUIN lessen the risks they are running—a and rapidly transforming them into a Division; their equipment is first-rate; opportunity to extract propaganda FELIPE LANGAS, JULIAN have best developed the feeling of

WE ARE TOLD that the troubles parts of Children of all education and culture still merit a isation of the anti-fascist resistance related to him. North Korean General who was dis- ciples on which, at least in theory, of sabotage, of "crimes against the court, are at the mercy of their accu-

admit that UNESCO has suffered a RUIZ COSTA, JOSE ASENCIO, being murdered or condemned to heavy blow by incorporating ele- FABIAN VILLANUEVA. CRISTO- long prison terms. the fascist regime is thus turned into LLOPIS, MIGUEL HARO, SATUR- protest that can hope for no support the moral rout of the democratic NINO SANZ, PEDRO CIPRES, from official institutions of the Wesrepresentatives, who connived at this JUAN PEREZ, JOAQUIN CAR- tern States, who tolerate and flatter discredit. And once more the Rus- MONA, JOSE IBANEZ, AVENIR the dictator Franco. sian dictatorship has been given the MARGET, MANUEL ANDRES, But the organised workers, who advantage from a situation which NUNEZ, MAGIN SALA, SANTI- solidarity for those in need of it, differs not at all from its own AGO FERRAGUT. FRANCISCO can do much to avert the carrying SANCHEZ, ANTONIO VICENTE, into effect of the proposed crime; so Basutos, no Kafirs, no Mashonas, no out of his seat, "let's get out of here While the doors of UNESCO are PEDRO GARCIA, TOMAS SANZ, can all those liberally-minded people Matabele, no Hottentots, to name fast. If they are engineers, and they opened wide to Spanish fascism, the FRANCISCO CANADA and AVE. who consider themselves enemies of only a few of the various nations of take 2d. an hour, they'll take any courts of Franco are preparing an- LINO ROSELL will appear before a all dictatorships, and understand the

Eight months ago 31 members of of all their rights in order to con-

The thousands of orphaned children the C.N.T. were condemned in Barce- tinue in its role of slavedriver and whose fathers have been wiped out long for the crime of conspiring executioner. by the fascist repression, and who against the regime: five of them were have become victims of the regime shot, despite an international protest, through lack of food, shelter and and many of the others condemned to sentences were pronounced, also in

to be adapted for other people, whose (C.N.T.), underground union organ- from States which are more or less ages might be the description of limited respect. against Franco, and anti-Stalinist by The 27 men who are waiting to the following story. It concerns a I If one takes into account the prin- principle and conviction, are accused appear, at any moment, before the

ferocious State that deprives them

Libertarian

# NO TIME TO LOSE

# If outstanding wage claims are to be won by workers

reflects the critical situation with "Yes". which the working class of this The final agreement was largely They include contingency pay of still amount to 72 per cent more in workers calls for the greatest pos-

employers thrown aside so contemp- blood" being created in a defence ciple for Civil Servants, 6d. an hour criterion is the ability of individua strength and the throwing of it into tuously a pay demand by a major industry, forced the employers to for clothing workers, £1 a week for employers and companies to pay wage the struggle. How, then, can we sector of the industrial workers. come to an agreement.

have thought it possible to behave titude was adopted by employers in cal contracting workers, private bus But if the criterion is the ability It is curious but true that men in this high-handed manner, com- an industry that could well afford to company employees and others in of the capitalist class, as a whole, to most easily agree about that of which bined with the acceptance of the pay. In 1948 it was calculated, by secondary industries. decision by the executive of the the Amalgamated Engineering Union, National Union of Mineworkers, pro- that every worker in the industry vides cause for anxiety among all produced an average of £205 a year class-conscious workers.

tion by the fact that this rejection by over 100 per cent, and many increased from £6,990,000,000 in 1950 is not an isolated incident. Only a engineering firms, in order to evade to £7,735,000,000 in 1951—an increase week before, the engineers' £2-a-week taxes on distributed dividends, are of only 10 per cent-profits claim was finally whittled down to being compelled to resort to "bonus 7s. 4d. a week, later raised to 7s. 6d., share issues". the engineering unions "under pro-

## Lock-out discussed

pared to call a lock-out in answer employers to wage increases is taking separately.

In the Socialist League was John

Turner, a grocery shop manager, with

two or three other Anarchistic shop

assistants, he started the first National

favour of "Anarchist Socialism

Clerkenwell Green. How enthusiastic

optimistic though it was, was justifi-

able. Everywhere, in this country

had the best of the argument.

finally, General Secretary.

Shop Assistants' Union which, after

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arbitration tribunal, of the mine- work. A large majority of the em- of workers have had pay claims accounting for £100,000,000 a year workers 30s. a week wage claim ployers answered with a definite turned down by the employers, or have been removed from the private

due to the intervention of the Tory 1s. 6d. a day for London lightermen, 1951 than in 1946. Not since pre-war years have the Government who, to prevent "bad introduction of the equal pay prin- These figures show that, if the ing of every available ounce of

for the bosses.

Added gravity is given to the situa- Since then gross profits have risen increases. While wages and salaries

any increase of wages at all. In a plus 100 per cent to 300 per cent. questionnaire sent by the Engineering In the case of a firm paying a 300 increased from £1,155,000,000 to sibility of a lock-out was seriously would receive in one year £3 6s. 0d. Even these figures do not fully makes a future reduction in real thing of which, by the nature of

BLOODY SUNDAY

MONDAY

rejected by arbitration tribunals. sector of the economy, private profits INDUSTRIAL ACTION by the

firemen, and varying amounts for increases out of their profits, then achieve the greatest degree of agree-The very fact that the employers This "let-us-have-a-showdown" at- local government employees, electri- they can well afford to do so.

limited companies have had their grant a single penny. to £1,992,000,000 in 1951—an increase of 27 per cent.

Even more significant is the fact creased from £4,925,000,000 in 1946 for instance—then these must be made dicalist, a Catholic, a Protestant, and

for every £1 share held and pay tax represent the increases in profits. transport and iron and steel have been wages had been fluctuating around heated, wordy warfare will break out Individual employers were asked if at 9s. 6d. in the pound only on the Since 1946 coal, gas, electricity,

increase even if that resulted in a In other sectors of industry a simi- taken over by the State and figures 40 per cent since 1938, but when dispute, and whether they were pre- lar hardening in the opposition of the for these industries are published figures are available for 1952 it is aken up by wages is on the decline. I have seen two Communists, of PART TWO The standstill in wages at a time different brands, punch one another

equivalent to a cut in real wages. | could not agree as to the truth of present situation, where the employers Soviet Russia. To their shame, it consider themselves strong enough to must be said, the comrades were reject wage demands out of hand, is with great trouble and expense.

At expense of wages

declines capital is taken away.

years has been to present wage claims possibly saved from a charge of mancommand of General Sir Charles perhaps a third of the original claim, of being lured to that delectable land, and then return to the members with and the Russian knowledge of each Warren, who served in the war cries of a major victory.

## For every penny

From now on there will be no easy- In the unions, in the workshops, let to-get small wage increases. Every us keep to the main point, the wages

speaker, throwing off his cap, jacket from all parts of London was opposed is going to require ability to fight by divisions and political theologies and muffler as a preliminary to his and broken up by organised force at workers—and a lack of sabotage by should not form part of trade union. freely used against the people in In the present twilight period, ness, nor should we allow the poli-

alleged responsibility for the rioting, One man, Alfred Linnell by name, sible, but the period is going to be solidarity.

But daily unemployed meetings police and died within a few days. Workers must use this period to re- degree of solidarity, we must seek it continued in the Square. The young On this occasion John Burns of the men speakers displayed wonderful S.D.F. (not yet an M.P.), broke problems that lie ahead and to build all. Surely those issues are ones of rhetorical capabilities. Amongst them through the police cordon and was a real fighting machine in place of wages and working conditions. If we were Jim and Jack Allman, of the arrested and sent to prison for six the present gadgets of compromise. seek to make union battles on sec-

## carried on (it should always be MARGINAL NOTES BY GERMEN

Gas Workers' and General Labourers' criminal activity, and of the constant known. Union. Incidentally, they were the desire to deal with such cases by the It is often said—and generally more instructive toys is well worth first to win an eight-hour working rigorous application of corporal accepted — that poverty is a bad while. first to win an eight-hour working rigorous application of corporal day by strike action, instead of waitpunishment. Such "solutions," I deficient education and cerebral different temperament to men, but of party politics. In some unions the ing for it, as part of the S.D.F. said, were nothing more or less than poisoning by death-dealing toys from human qualities are developed in seems to be a popular idea about— surely be fatal. He organised carmen judging by recent statements and The family, home, hygiene-moral the female because the spirit of battle by lectures on China, Russia, People's One of our people, a member of public resolutions—that psychological and physical, are important elements and war which permeates boys' play. Democracy in Czecho-slovakia," sales the Socialist League and an Anarchist, disorders can be cured by means in the development of the individual. things is not present in girls' toys. of the "Daily Worker", and such like. was Ted Leggatt, a man with a which only aggravate them, I feel It is by broadening the means of . If editors and story-writers who powerful voice, who became an that it is convenient to return to the diffusing a rational culture and, at the help awaken aggressiveness in child-

Another kind of man, and a valu- The tendency to use force as a the way can be opened to finding a violence would probably be lessened; Siberian trade unionists, so remote able worker, was William Wess, only factor and element in suppressing remedy—with the exception of rare if film-makers would concentrate on from the life he knows will be the recently (1946) passed away, aged 84. violence gives the impression of cases—to the problem of delinquency. more healthy subjects in place of business of the meeting. I recall an He formed, and served as secretary, mental laziness in failing to consider etc., to a number of workers' unions more practical and useful means to a number of workers' unions and useful means to a number of workers' unions and useful means to a number of workers' unions and useful means to a number of workers' unions and useful means to a number of workers' unions and useful means to a number of workers' unions and useful means to a number of workers' unions and useful means to a number of workers' unions and useful means to a number of workers' unions and useful means and us in the East End of London. He solve the problem which occupies us. It will readily be understood that study the interests of humanity and, explain some breach of trade union belonged to the Socialist League, and On the other hand, it is often said a high percentage of criminal acts particularly, youth, the newspaper agreement at a local factory. An also to the "Freedom Group" when that those who recommend more come from families whose sons lack columns might have more space to impatient politician at the back inter-Kropotkin came to this country. humane and progressive methods are the most elementary means; in many deal with subjects of general interest, rupted him with a cry of: "What

The Socialist workers' movement more concerned with the delinquent cases it is the vice of betting, con- rather than armed hold-ups and about the Soviet Union, comrades?" opposed "red herrings" such as Emi- than with his victim. gration and Sugar Bounties. This led Starting from the premise that no or the desire to get into a higher But the real cure of hatred and rallied that night to vote in favour to the first great sensation of the movement in modern times. The paid anti-Sugar Bounty agitators at long delinquency in general, it is not the raw material for the jails.

Starting from the prefinse that he present that Barking took advantage of the general hard to reach the conclusion that Resumption of flogging may, doubt- tional methods along progressive societies. Socialist activity on the unemployed those who debase themselves and less, intimidate intrepid temperaments roads. question by calling a demonstration society at the same time are victims and physically tame delinquents, but That is the human ethic, and the only to Communist sectarianism in

The S.D.F. organised active opposition, and when the Anti-Sugar Bounty appeared, an enormous hostile crowd, who had been listening to John Burns During the recent campaign to The campaign against "gangster," prehistoric relics.

NOT LONG AGO I wrote in these resume the flogging of delinquents, military and aggressive toys is highly and issues can develop a deeper in-

organiser of the Carmen's Union. A subject, presenting a few new aspects same time, by raising the economic ish minds would change their of trade union branch might think standard of workers' families, that "lessons", the cases of criminal he had strayed into a meeting of

verted into a national business, envy coshings.

The recent flat rejection, by an to any ban on overtime and piece- place. Since January a large number Yet despite the fact that industries UNIONS

pay wage increases and at the same they know the most—that which is time engage in overseas competition. nearest to them. They disagree most then certainly they cannot afford to over that of which they know the least—that which is most remote.

men-I am thinking at the moment The economic basis of the capitalist of shipbuilders—faced by a mechaniystem requires a relatively high rate cal problem, tackle the question of profit and a constantly expanding without partisan hatred and reach volume of profit, for where profit a solution quickly and amicably without a new party being founded. It Where economies have to be made may be that within this group there to reduce prices in overseas trade are a Tory, a Labour man, a Synat the expense of wages. That is the an Atheist. For the moment such

wages have increased to an extent that But let such a group discuss some-The facts are that, until 1951, experience, and in a moment a

when prices are continually rising is until blood flowed because they The other major aspect of the certain obscure features of life in Their policy over the past twelve wing Labourite, and one of them on behalf of their members, allow slaughter. Yet neither had been to Russia or had the slightest intention was, to put it kindly, more than a little suspicious.

I remember Turner debating in ages on the way.

This action by the Tory Home penny increase will have to be fought and working conditions of all. That is not to say that at our work we must Monday" was a well-known navvy, as "Bloody Sunday," in November, Even to maintain present nominal not discuss religion or party politics. Andrew Hall, a somewhat theatrical 1887, when a combined demonstration wages, quite apart from real wages, Of course not! But these sectarian trades council and shop steward busi-Champion and Jack Williams were prosecuted at the Old Bailey, for four hundred casualties.

Detween the "easy" claims of the past and the hard fights of the future, the basis of collective action. If we John Burns, Hyndman, H. H. every direction, and the hospitals between the "easy" claims of the tical ranters to attempt to make them

Further, if we desire the greatest FRANK ROWE tarian issues, then all we have are unrelated and mutually hostile social

> This is not to say that the union struggle must be limited to "2d. an hour on the pay" or getting rid of a bullying foreman. That would be an over-simplification. The labour union

## open invitation

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. Member-ship is open to all who accept our aims and are prepared to work actively for their realisa

THE THIRD Annual Conference the olive groves. It has been ver of the Syndicalist Workers' rough going. At the moment we Federation was held in Manchester, resting in a little village between on Sunday, November 9. Delegates mountains and the sea, halfway gathered from Manchester, London, tween Malaga and Granada Ashton-under-Lyne, Dukinfield, Staly- Hitch-hiking is hell-it is virtue bridge, Northwich, Altrincham, unknown here, but the big advantage Middlesbrough and Nelson. Also has been that lack of lifts has forced present was a fraternal delegate, us to walk through small villages exiled National Confederation of contact with the people Labour of Spain in Great Britain. For sleeping we were lucky to fin Apologies for non-attendance were a mountain, but every hole and every received from comrades in Liverpool, cave is occupied, every Nelson, Argyll and Gosport.

read from the General Secretariat of camera. Every anarchist should the I.W.M.A. in Stockholm, the West visit Spain, but not as an ordinary European Subsecretariat of the tourist—one must suffer a little I.W.M.A. in Paris, the Spanish C.N.T. see more. As one looks, things in exile (Intercontinental Secretariat into the pattern of theory that we a in Toulouse), the Spanish C.N.T. in more familiar with. exile in Great Britain, the C.N.T. of France, the underground C.G.T. of Portugal, and a comrade in Switzer-

The morning session was taken up ism and modern fascism holding by the reports of the retiring secre- down. One thing surprises me, tary and treasurer and of the groups, that is the lack of viciousness covering the organisation's activity people. I expected something over the past year. The aims and "Los Olvidados." Also hardly any principles of the organisation were cruelty to animals. Especially in the

In the discussion on industrial indeed\_each one having at least to policy it was resolved that a cam- children. . . . paign should be developed against There is evidence of the Revolution overtime and piecework and for a everywhere, still bullet and shell general 40-hour week, also in favour marks and remnants of houses which

with all workers striking for object such houses, and every house is tives in conformity with its declared occupied—even one wall or a heap policy. It was further agreed that of rubble serves as the base of a the technique of unofficial strikes dwelling, with a few sacks, a little should be studied and developed. oilcloth and a few tin cans; bad the inadequacy of Old Age Pensions far as one can see no sanitation. . . . and against direct and indirect Here and there, of course, there In the British colony of Kenya, up of thousands of tribesmen, the is termed "board and lodgings."

After the election of a new propaganda purposes. National Committee, the conference closed by passing the following

comrades suffering under brutal dic- cials, police and the army. In fact published in a sensational English tarian and free society are being Much labour has been expended on acted with haste, and began to take

2s. 101d. an hour.

"no-bonus" value.

Council, which was 10s. 1d.

after things were boiling up, with

wildcat strikes and work-to-rule, and

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The rise, 7s. 4d. for a 44-hour week, methods and machines."

in" Direct Action" at the time, came same period.

tial award would be forthcoming, to twelve months.

tion bonus system by banning over- pany for union recognition.

comes just over a year after the last So the company's profits during work.

stoppage throughout the industry. agreed to the unions' demand for a

If a bit more muck was stirred reduction of the qualifying period for

workers towards calling a general Optical Industry's J.I.C. has of later closing.

wages, and abolition of the produc- approach has been made to the com- public sympathy.

Roger, K.C.I.E., circulated a state- the Great Universal Stores, to intro- workers in Kidderminster.

The letter we reprint below, sent and on huge crosses and other such. weeks ago police fired on a small hiding behind rocks and on every have been hitch-hiking across long flat stretches-dry, baked mud. was helping land the stuff.

DIRECT ACTION

Report from Spain, where workers starve...

A HUMAN DWELLING

AND EACH CAVE IS

S.W.F. meets in WE HAVE done almost 1,000 miles bridges. Instead of giving them we were angered by the delay, which some 20 kilometres. The lorry was proper we bought them bread and was preventing us finding a secluded full with four of us in the cab, so through Spain, hitch-hiking and money we bought them bread, and was preventing us finding a secluded full, with four of us in the cab, so woman in the bread shop. I looked

looking haystack is a "house." Greetings to the Conference were great regret is that I haven't carried a

the front page.

## Unholy marriage

The whole atmosphere is mediaev with a complete marriage of Catholic

could be repaired.

The S.W.F. re-affirmed its solidarity Outside Madrid is a large area of Other resolutions were passed on poverty through all this area, and as

During the afternoon session the in progress, but they appear to have organisation broadly representing their members of the Kenya Africa Union, "Economist" of October 25, said, policies in connection with the been in progress an awful long time, interests, and particularly strong including Jomo Kenyatta, the impos- "If profits were the sole criterion, the S.W.F.'s organ, "Direct Action" and one suspects that they are Franco among the Kikuyu tribe. were discussed, as was the forth- showpieces, as are many of the hos- In association with this organisation of Nazi-style mass punishment, and 2s. 8d., but they assert that the coming Congress of the I.W.M.A., to pitals—very lavish, but in inaccessible are health services, schools and the despatch to Kenya, by the British Africans are already being paid all which it was resolved that an S.W.F. though conspicuous mountain places cultural foundations, set up and paid Tory Government, of Sir Percy that is justified by the work they do."

## All for officials

monuments to Franco and the dead, the steps that resulted in the rounding-

a rise of 2d, an hour, women 14d, an "mainly due to the substantial in- on Fridays instead of the usual

This ten-shilling jump, as reported up by less than 9½ per cent over the strong picket, wearing posters and

a strong movement among cable THE EMPLOYERS' side of the issuing counter-propaganda in favour

this time, no doubt a more substan- the annual holiday from two years these rivals had disappeared from the

The cable industry is still busy and Workers at British American Optical clared their full support for the

this provides a good opportunity to Co., Watford, are joining U.S.D.A.W. union's case against later closing, and

tions in the country of Franco rising out of little holes-underneath In a little town called Chiclana a course, apart from individual police fascism. It should be read in con- is a whole village carved underground drunken b . . . asked for our papers there are various control points all junction with the leading article on Jut of the clay. In Seville two little boys aged about ripped D's passport and behaved The other day a solitary police-

One good meal

Madrid, Cordoba, Seville, there is a Gibraltar by the British police because large section that says, "Why work?" we had insufficient money, so we took thought I must be seriously ill if A labourer earns between 15 and 25 a very cheap room for the night, could live with D. for 7 years withpesetas (2s. 6d.-4s. 2d.) a day, if he is only to find around midnight that it out having children. Told him he lucky. Twenty-five pesetas is enough was lousy with bugs. We got out and could have 5s. for each child in money to buy one good meal in a wandered down to the beach to sleep. England, and he thought Bagland moderate restaurant. We have been Of course we were stopped by the must be a paradise. spending about 20 pesetas a day on police, but we indicated that we It must be said that everywhere we food and wine between us, but that is wanted to sleep and made to go past find the people here very kind and living on a very low level and one's them on to the beach.

of course. We had a lift in a car full and he brought up his gun and tory here for cracking and sorting of contraband owned by an Arab roared: "This is the gun of Franco, almonds. We inspected it yesterday, and the women work very hard from Algeciras. He was coming from understand, the gun of Franco." We and found a crowd of women bashing Gibraltar with English cigarettes and wandered off, but spent the night the almonds with stones. coffee. In two miles he "squared" propped against the wall with two There seems little enthusiasm for over a dozen police to escape a £20 other guns standing over us. Franco—large slogans "Viva Franco," ... Contraband is good busi- In Barcelona the police are the etc., painted on walls, rocks and ness, especially for the police. English thickest-about one to every five buildings seem officially inspired and

to us by two English friends who Near Saragossa the earth is red in party and killed one policeman who prominent point, sometimes miles Europe, gives some idea of condi- On some of these flats smoke is seen This police is something terrible. . . ries and search cars. . . And, of

in a very insolent manner . . . he along the road. Eds. seven came begging and said they had even more boorishly. By this time man stopped a lorry in which we o fathers, and that they slept under a crowd of 200 had gathered, and were riding and demanded a lift of

Before I came to Spain I heard of his tunic, made a motion of slap- The district was very mountainous tales of laziness, and that if the ping his face and told him to clear with severe hairpin bends, and the people worked they could be richer. off. He went, but the crowd had driver took tremendous delight-and That is all rubbish. . . . Every inch increased to about 500, practically we all quietly laughed our heads off of land, for instance, is cultivated and the whole of the village. . . . Two -in making every effort to dislodge priests came along and more police the policeman, who was hanging on, The only neglected irrigation that and tried to disperse the crowd. . . . with heavy gun, for dear life. I have seen can be blamed on a few Finally we were taken by the police rich landowners, who have criminally into a building until the crowd disallowed ancient Moorish irrigation persed a little. We discovered later irrigations near Cordoba seem to be was a newspaper correspondent on hand for the large combines. Gothenburg, Sweden, but he had been too frightened to intervene.

Another time at La Linea we had

away from a house. They stop lor-

thinking to ease the situation for the driver, we offered to get out. The I grabbed the passports, took hold man to hang on to the running board.

He worked in a pension for food and they were no longer interested. Big observed by another Englishman who four pesetas (8d.) a day. Age 13. In His father shot by Franco in 1940.

Met a man with 10 children who

They barred our way, so we In 700 miles I have seen only three The police are absolutely corrupt, laughed at them. This infuriated one, tractors on the land. There is a fac-

and German boats come in all along yards\_but everywhere they can be in fact, the character of the letters this coast with contraband. A few found, creeping through olive groves, indicates a professional job.

# Colour fight in Africa

( Continued from page one, column four )

are a few large constructional jobs African workers have established an imprisonment without trial of leading Commenting on the strike the ing of curfew restrictions, the threat companies could afford the ful-

and seem to function only for for by the people themselves. Sillitoe, ex-police strong-arm man. The "Economist" continues, "It The authorities have, in the last It is evident that the white authori- would be truer to say the work they

A large block outside Madrid did African people of the colony, and so up the developing social organisation really striking for the right to do "This third annual conference of appear to be destined for future use far as the majority of Africans are and consciousness among the tribes- more skilled work which would justify the S.W.F. in Manchester, November, by workers, but the many lavish concerned, the services in association men, just as they previously destroyed higher wages." 1952, sends its revolutionary greetings buildings nearly finished outside with the Kenya Africa Union are the libertarian system of communal The revolt of Africa can be sumto all sections of the I.W.M.A. and Seville—large blocks of flats and only ones available.

affirms its solidarity with those whole new villages—are all for offi- Several months ago a story was The introduction of "chiefs" to peoples of these three territories. The tatorships in Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria, all the best buildings in all the Sunday newspaper, describing a ruling-class, for whom these headmen come of all struggles where workers Argentina and in all lands where the smaller towns and villages are mysterious secret organisation called more often than not act as quislings, are opposed to the boss. hopes of the people for an equali- occupied by the police and the army. "Mau Mau." The Kenya authorities Formerly the truly democratic tribal Providing the workers are capable

distributing literature. Rival pickets

from the Union of Small Shopkeepers

also appeared on the first Friday.

On the second Friday, however,

scene. The local Trades Council de-

A two-week, well-organised cam-

paign brought results. The branch NAME

fifty years, done little to provide ties are using the alleged "Mau are allowed to do, and it is taken facilities of this kind for the 5,000,000 Mau" terrorism as a pretext to break for granted that the Africans are

have included the closing of native strength will decide the result. BY SYNDICALIST schools, associated with the Kenya

natives are forbidden to grow the two MEN WORKING in the electric ment showing that profit on trading duce later closing. The company most profitable crops, coffee and sisal, Flogging machines to administer cable-making industry are to get had risen by £1,352,629 to £4,585,668 decided to remain open until 7 p.m. hour and juveniles a proportionate crease both in the volume and value and the workers replied by picketing wage rates of less than £36 a year. Warwickshire. increase. This brings the basic rate of our output for 1951, the advan- the store, appealing to the public not for men production workers to tages of a full order book, and the to encourage later closing, and to benefits of a constant improvement in support shop workers in their struggle own trade unions, have been on strike this would remove the responsibility

land cultivation among the Kikuyu. marised in the struggles of the the tribe is the work of the white outcome is obvious, as is the out

ganisation had no such "leaders." of building effective class organisa-It is significant, too, that the fascist tions and clearly understand the road methods of the Kenya authorities it is necessary to take, their numerical

# INCREASE Remember, too, that in Kenya the 'HOUSEWIVES' AND fertile highlands have been appropriated by the white settlers, that the

and that more than 100,000 Africans corporal punishment are advocated are employed by the whites at basic by housewives of Sutton Coldfield, In Northern Rhodesia, African In a letter to their M.P., the local

copper miners, organised in their Housewives' League suggests that to maintain reasonable hours of for an extra 2s. 8d. a shift. If the of applying the cat or birch from demand was granted it would about prison officials, who dislike doing it award made by the Joint Industrial 1951 leapt up by some 41 per cent Branch committee officers and double their money wage, as in addi- They ask him to pass the suggestion while the cable workers' wages went members turned out to provide a tion they receive an apology for what to the Home Secretary.

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was informed that the firm would CHOP ASSISTANTS, organised in revert to the previous closing time. DEFORE the seventh A.G.M. of DU.S.D.A.W., successfully nipped So was checked in its early stages ADDRESS British Insulated Callenders in the bud an attempt by Attwoods something that might well have led Cables Ltd., chairman Sir Alexander Ltd., of Kidderminster, a branch of to longer working hours for all shop

very effective speaker to the carmen. of it.

in Trafalgar Square on February 8, of their own moral and social con- if the use of violence is to be encour- most fruitful to be carried out for the unions. That is only the worst

and other speakers, violently attacked against the natives of South Africa. some years of existence, was merged them, smashed their platform, and The unemployed were finally forinto a larger body, of which John marched through Pall Mall and bidden the use of the Square, which Turner became a paid organiser and, Piccadilly to Hyde Park, rioting and was closed to all public demonstralooting shops and rich people's carri- tions.

One of the orators on "Mob Secretary, led to what has been known for-seriously. against Herbert Burroughs of the S.D.F., in the Patriotic Club on he and a group of us young ones were! Of course, in our view, Turner

oration. He joined with the Socialist strategic points. Batons were very union leaders. Our enthusiasm, I hold even now,

and they narrowly escaped conviction. was fatally injured by the mounted very short.

and throughout the world, a great But to return to the movement itself. The great agitation which was

tary character; no State department anywhere pioneered in such efforts) led to some startling developments, in which the Anarchist Socialists took their full part. There was the "New Unionism" columns of what, in my view, there were many contrary opinions satisfactory. I am convinced that the were the main causes of anti-social expressed which should be made trouble of "sacrificing" this immense the were the main causes of anti-social expressed which should be made trouble of "sacrificing" this immense the columns of what, in my view, there were many contrary opinions satisfactory. I am convinced that the tellectual life and more developed that the expressed which should be made trouble of "sacrificing" this immense the columns of what, in my view, there were many contrary opinions satisfactory. I am convinced that the tellectual life and more developed that the expressed which should be made to the columns of the columns of what, in my view, there were many contrary opinions satisfactory. I am convinced that the tellectual life and more developed that the expressed which should be made to the columns of the colu

borne in mind that it was of a volun-

ditions. This pathological state and aged, in the name of a popular benefit of all.

reservoir of childhood battles for by the political sects.

a simple analysis of effects. As there an early age, the consequences must childhood and we may suggest that discussion of labour conditions has the male tends more to violence than been entirely dropped, to be replaced

TOM BROWN