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SUPPORTED Now these exiles are victimised

festival of a people who, more than French policy changed, and that a century and half ago, proclaimed which had begun as a political

MARGINAL NOTES

Europe at that time was in the imprisoned French at last recogni midst of a social, political and philo- the mistake of the treatment they h and, most important of all, Thomas struggle. Paine's famous reply to Burke, "The Rights of Man."

The French Revolution was the hope of the many and the fear of the few. Nevertheless, as with other social upheavals in which the people have trusted in political leaders, that were relived, the Spaniards which in principle had been the Frenchmen fought together. converted into the negation of those rights-or at least a threat to them.

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France, the people's democracy, found herself always besieged and invaded by foreign armies and unable, through the fault of her rulers, to spread her revolutionary popularity. Liberty, Equality and Fraternity in the French Republic became no more than a mere symbol of the revolution words as dead as the aspirations a people once in revolt against But . . . France today gives the privilege and despotism.

-which, at the end of the Spanish struggle and invasions. Civil War, interned in concentration camps, in the fortresses of Collioure and Mont Louis, in the prisons of Perpignan, Montpellier and other French towns, a suffering people that sought the hospitality of a neighbour country, allegedly friendly and Controlled by police

the concentration camps. But the circle!

TEA

IN TWO MONTHS' time France great majority of the exiles left the Even when a card is obtained, the the country, just as they did las will be commemorating the seizure camps and prisons to become legion- worker can only carry out the type time. of the Bastille and the fighting in the aries and fighters for the freedom of of job specified on it. If he cannot Tuileries. It will be the national France. But these moral qualities are denied find such work, he is unable to take But these moral qualities are denied recognition. The Spanish exiles have

Liberty, Equality and Fraternity in the struggle turned into the psychology of the struggle turned into t sophical controversy which, in its inflicted on the Spanish exiles who, turn, greatly influenced English in their turn, always loyal to their thought. Of the Revolution were born societies dedicated to its defence and opposition groups. Pamphlets, essays and manifestos were published rest and provide the turn, always toyal to the authorities. The first suspe-transferring the first suspe-transferring to the authorities. The first suspe-sion was for three months; the sound opposition groups. Pamphlets, essays and manifestos were published rest supposition groups and provide the turn, always toyal to the desires that Europe should be freed from fascist tyranny (of which Spain was and still is the most suffering country) joined in the common the common to the first suspe-sion was for three months; the second for an indefinite period. Theyr're anti-fascists

Revolution relived

First in the Maquis, then on the barricades of Paris, where historic events of the Revolution conquest of the Rights of Man was paid with their lives the greatest possible tribute to freedom, others went on to wrest France from the hands of the Nazis.

in France, and the "Marseillaise" dictatorial forces, would retreat to the concerned in the fight for liberty, had the genuine ring of a revolu- mountains, incite the people to equality and fraternity be treated in tionary song. The concentration struggle and fight for the freedom of a more human manner. camps which had held thousands of Spaniards remained empty, and onl the barracks and barbed wire, ha ismantled, gave a mournful and storic touch to the countryside . the skeletons of a tragedy.

impression of being ungrateful. Her Dear Comrade, It was a government of the Popular politicians have quickly forgotten Front-according to its leaders the lessons of the past and the sad of Nov. 17, 1952, and your pamphlets. But this doesn't seem to be getting Enquiries to 'Direct Action' friendly to the Spanish Republic- experiences of the five years of And I translated "Social General us anywhere, so perhaps it would be

The national festival is still joyfull commemorated every year and every body sings of the principles of the Revolution, but things are not as they

Fom Brown, the author. munist?"-which necessarily involve 10, Laystall St., London, E.C.1 Two big strikes of Coal Miners' lengthy explanations of one's own Union and Electric Production Union particular interpretation of such (Off Clerkenwell Rd. just finished. The coalminers of all "isms," or even "What is a Syndinear Holborn Hall) Woman and children, old people Many Spanish exiles are condemned coalmines fought very strong during calist?"-which necessitates first a Fridays at 7.30 and sick, wounded and mutilated, all, to live in a restricted area, are for- two months, also electricians too. definition of aims and then a descrip- May 1st: Murray Edghill without distinction of sex or physique, bidden to move from the district or But at last their leaders was so idle tion of methods. The SWF & the D.C. Thomson were herded together behind walls or department where they reside. Every as they could do nothing till govern-" Well, what is an Anarchist, then? barbed wire. And this on top of the move has to be notified to the police ment intervene by law. And strikes An Anarchist is a person-any Dispute bitterness of defeat. No one who and their papers carefully stamped failed in poor conditions. Leaders person-who really believes in liberty May 8th: C.W.Burn lived through it could possibly forget and controlled. Work cards are have been busy for parliament elec and equality, who has thought out the experience of those tragic days, delivered to them reluctantly and, in tion movement of Socialist Party, so The Anarchist contribution to When France was invaded by the many cases, are refused. That makes they did not make best for labourers. Social Science Nazis, and those responsible for the conditions economically impossible | Labourers now beginning doubt tomerely find them convenient terms conditions of the Spanish refugees for those who want to work, but are leaders, we see this is good chance to for something else. May 15th: Frederick Oughton were threatened with persecution for unable to do so without this docu- offer the idea of revolutionary syn-Libertarian Communities. their political ideas, the gendarmes ment. One needs a card to get dicalism. In this moment we publish Names convenient and Senegalese guards still brandished employment, but without employment your "Social General Strike," we are their bayonets at the key points of one can't get a card. A truly vicious very glad although our poor finance I sympathise with the sentiment Argentine cannot let print, and we are stencil- behind the editorial in the March ing, getting few hundred copies only, issue of "Direct Action." Mere yet we are propagate this important words should not keep us apart. dockers idea with our best among labourers What matters is the spirit behind through Japan. them. But all the same names, like In this country our Anarchist other words, are damned convenient. released Federation of Japan, we separated Just think how awkward it would be orthodox individualistic anarchists if our friends kept changing their IT IS WITH great pleasure that from our organisation, and now we names, or the baker gave us a jam are going straight to systematic ahead tart whenever we asked for a loaf of we belatedly report the release, on February 11 last, of the six port to gather labourers to revolutionary bread. worker militants of the Regional novement. We are joining to The name Anarchist is more precise

earn ESPERANTO, and to make other people, but for the libertarian general people we have adopted regis- know, and even he might not believe day's pay from their wages as a is effect for against war idea as most what, I am dealing with. concrete way. (We don't agree World Government.)

That they have been released is DONOVAN PEDELTY. We hope to know what idea you I have but one comment on Argentina and abroad at their treathave about Esperanto and its pro- Comrade Pedelty's letter. This is on ment by the Peronist police, who torletarian organisatio Sennacieca Asocio item 2. As a founder of the present Tutmonda (Non-nationality Associa- Freedom Press in 1939, I know that attempt to get information about tion of Whole World) in Paris? Herbert Read has for years been c other Syndicalist militants. I am self-taught in English from closely and intimately connected ny boyhood, but still my English is with Freedom Press-quite, quite UNITED CAMPAIGN like this poor. I cordially wish your sufficient to speak of him as "of The campaign for their liberation organisation adopt Esperanto as the Freedom Press." Certainly he is in . Norld Language of labourers, because the controlling circle, which most has been conducted by a committee from next day of social revolution we spokesmen of Freedom Press are not. composed of all libertarian groupings in Argentina. The Anarchist move-

must be managed world economy TOM BROWN. nent of that country, for long split NAMES AND DESCRIPTION OF TAXABLE AND ADDRESS OF TAXABLE ADDRES and divided, came together in their Jewish Labour Celebrate fence and all tendencies were repre-With greetings, fraternity. nted in the "Commission of Agita-THE FIRST OF MAY T. YAMAGA ion for the Freedom of the F.O.R.A. Portworkers."

among members of the National Mineworkers at the recent announcement that their Stalinist National Organiser, Mr. Arthur Horner, is shortly leaving for Russia to undergo medical treatment.

While recognising the generous instincts which motivated the Executive Committee of the N.U.M., and not for a moment suggesting that they had anything but the best interests of their colleague at heart, it does seem they have selected an unfortunate moment to sanction and finance this proposal.

Since last January the reliability of the Russian medical profession has, Gad sir, Winston's getting justifiable suspicion.

U.S.S.R., that Professor A. I. Feldman and eight other doctors, described as customary feature of Stalinist "trials, arrested and charged with mudering by illegal means." "Pravda" al Zhdanov and other Russian leaders told its readers that the award of t and plotting to murder Stalin.

It was also announced that the nine been revoked. accused had all confessed to the What the mineworker who is con charges and that the chief prospective cerned with the health-and, indee "trial," been awarded the Order of know is which of the two sets of

murder of their patients, but they the nine doctors, and the Minister of with harmful results, one imagines, of "white-washing" the nine accused even for those patients whom they The future health of Bro. Horne, had no intention to murder.

At the beginning of April, however, world that the accused had retracted London suburb was being addresse



to say the least, been the subject of dangerous! We shall have those It was then announced, by the damned Reds bribing our men not Ministry of State Security of the to let themselves be killed next

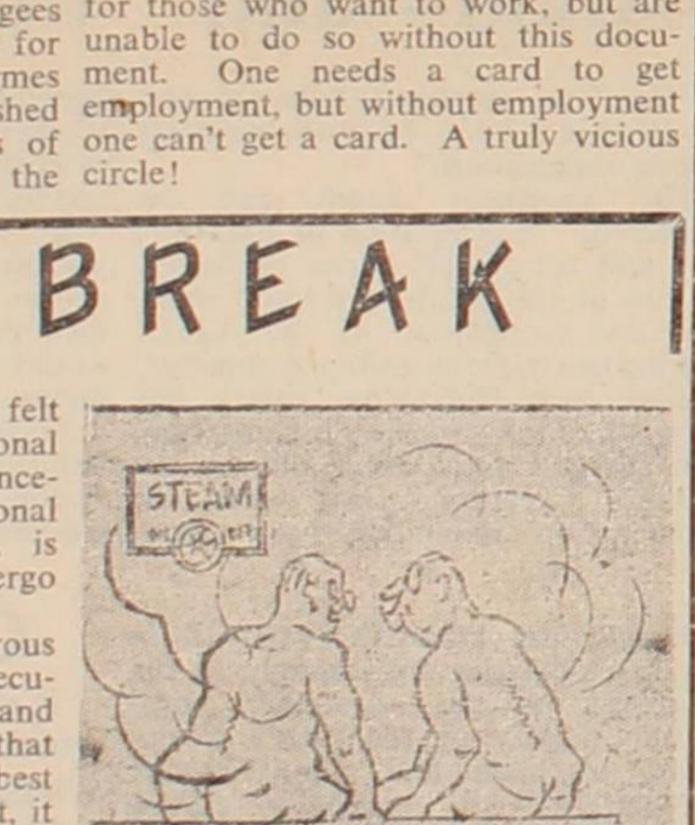
mainly "of Jewish origin," had been had in this instance "been obtained Order of Lenin to Dr. Timashuk had

witness for the prosecution, Dr. L. F. the continued existence - of Mr. Timashuk had, in advance of the Arthur Horner will now want to

charges and confessions is correct. Kyoto, Japan. Not only were the doctors accused Are the Minister of State Security of plotting and carrying out the and his associates guilty of framing were apparently taking time-off from Internal Affairs and his colleagues the their legitimate duties for "wrecking, guardians of justice? Or is the terrorist and espionage activities," former innocent; and the latter guilty will certainly be of interest.

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is infallible confessions, which are a "His mother ought to have been." taste.



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Anarchist?

(1) When his name is Sir Herbert Guest speaker:

the Ministry of Internal Affairs of A CONSERVATIVE PARTY meet- Read. This we can all readily the U.S.S.R. announced to a startled ing held recently in a North-East accept, because by common consent I we judge a man by his actions, not their confessions and been released, by the Chairman, a well-known merely by his words, though strange while the Minister of State Security "Tory working-man." The Chairman to say Read's writings on Education, and his associates had been arrested announced with some enthusiasm; Art, and Anarchism remain-and will as "Enemies of the State" and "Now, the next speaker is a very remain-of great value to libertarians. charged with cooking-up the whole well-known man. I'll give you one (2) When he belongs-as Sir Herbert does not-to Freedom Press. Organised by the Freie Arbeiter Syndicalist Workers Federation, "Pravada" later announced that Voice from the back of the hall: This is definitely a matter of personal

DIRECT ACTION

MAQUIS :

The victims of this arbitrary policy otalitarianism and friends of demo- people of the world. cracy and freedom. They are, in Let those who wish to work have

BY GERMEN

well earned the right to be considered Another case. During recent sons of the country, but they are

Vain sacrifice?

French politicians should rememb the hundreds of graves in which lie the Spanish refugees who died defending their soil. They should recall Charing X Rd: (junc. Goslett Yd) that French and Spanish blood flowed in one stream then, and see to it that the sacrifice was not made in vain.

are those same Spaniards who, only The best remembrance would be a few years ago, were fighting along- moral recompense and humane treat- Readers interested in activity in side the French for the liberation of ment for those who remain as exiles. this area are invited to contact; the country. They are the Spanish Let it not be said that the French anti-fascists, proved opponents of are numbered among the ungrateful

short, those who nowadays have the the facilities to do so. Let "Ruta" greatest love for the faraway echo of have the freedom to continue in the Parisian voices on the French barri- vanguard of the struggle for the cades. They are the men who, should freedom of Spain. And let those who Then the sun of freedom dawned France again be invaded by foreign daily and hourly show they are still

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

GREETINGS FROM JAPA'N

With thanks I received your letter lectual, like William Godwin.

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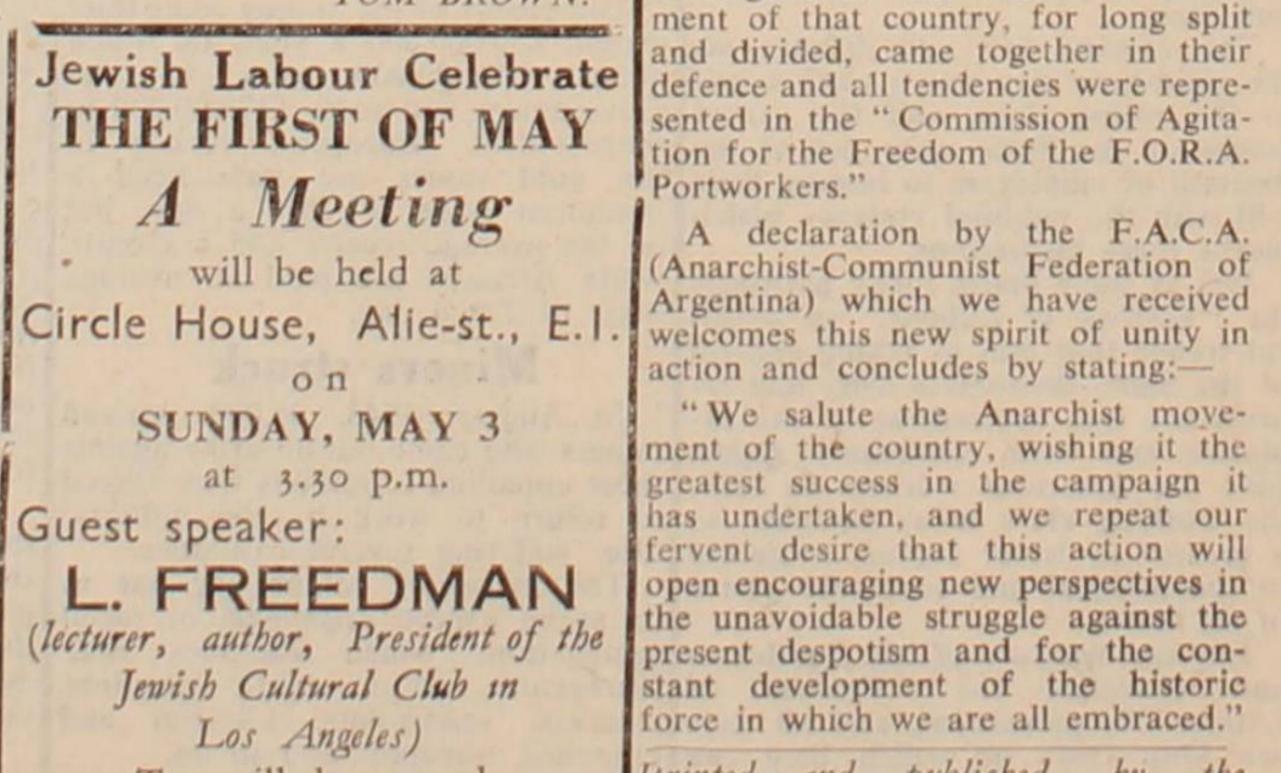
Favour Esperanto

WHAT IS AN **ANARCHIST?**

To the Editors. When is an Anarchist not an (3) When he is a middle-class intel-

Strike." Herewith on separate cover more profitable to enquire when an I send you two copies of our paper Anarchist is an Anarchist? This is "Anarchism," No. 2, on which you very much easier to answer than the will find this article. I many thank questions, for example, "What is a THE GARIBALDI GROUP ou to transmit our thanks to Com. Socialist?" or "What is a Com- Meets in the Garibaldi Restaurant

than any of the other names mentioned in the editorial, and for those who really want liberty and equality We believe our movement must be I can see no insuperable obstacle to Yours sincerely,



Tea will be served

What's on

SYNDICALIST WORKERS **FEDERATION:** LONDON GROUP

OPEN DISCUSSIONS on INDUSTRIAL MATTERS Sunday 10th May & alternate Sundays thereafter at 7.30.pm

at the SWF CENTRE 25a, Amberley Road Paddington, London, W.9. (Buses 6 or 187 to Sutherland-Ave or Bakerloo to Warwick Ave.)

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS Hyde Park: Sundays at 4.15 Sats. at 7.30

MANCHESTER

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Jack Macpherson, 3, Barlow Road, Dukinfield, Cheshire.

OTHER BODIES: N.E.LONDON ANARCHIST **GROUP:**

Discussion meetings in East Ham Alternate Wednesdays at 8 pm. Next meetings:

May 6th: Ron Wheeler The Communities in Palestine. May 20th: Jack Robinson

The more violence-the less revolution

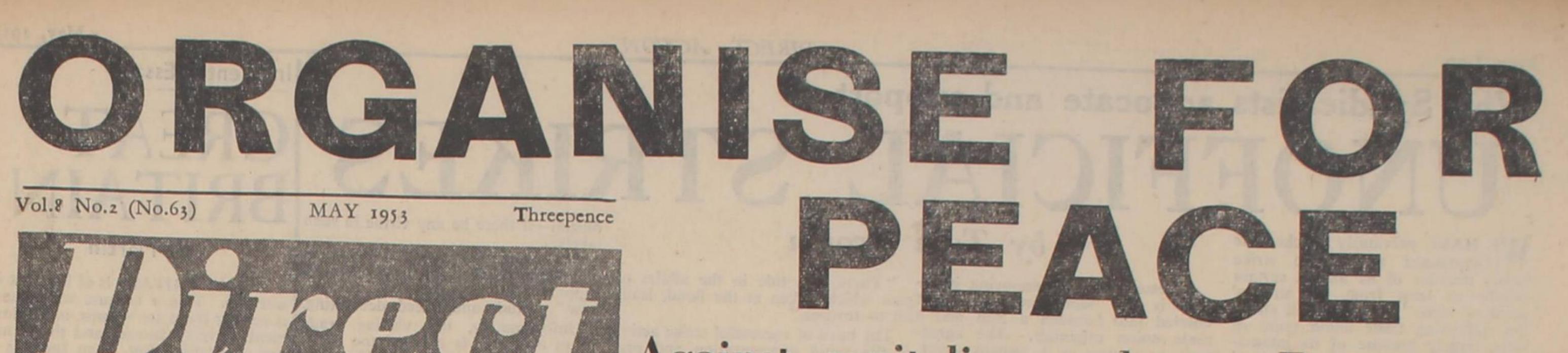
Workers' Federation of Argentina (I.W.M.A. section in that country), mprisoned in Buenos Aires since August last year.

worldwide scale, so we are effort to accepting it. Incidentally, all the No charge was brought against the dockers: their sole " crime " had been videminded idea of labourers and might be authoritarians for all I to protest against the deduction of a ration of WORLD CITIZEN, which in equality. I like to know who, or "voluntary" donation towards a nonument to the late lamented Eva

A declaration by the F.A.C.A. (Anarchist-Communist Federation of Argentina) which we have received action and concludes by stating:-

"We salute the Anarchist movement of the country, wishing it the greatest success in the campaign it has undertaken, and we repeat our ervent desire that this action will open encouraging new perspectives in he unavoidable struggle against the present despotism and for the constant development of the historic force in which we are all embraced."

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SYNDICALIST WORKERS FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL WORKING MEN'S ASSOCIATION developing and strengthening their terror of Bolshevik totalitarianism is of civilisation.



McKay was sacked from Messrs. does not imply recognition of the increasingly reactionary. The number macabre," which may mean death to which is the dearest wish of the D. C. Thomson & Co: at Glasgow: Unions," he wrote in a letter to the Seventy-nine of McKay's colleagues Minister of Labour. also lost their jobs through sympathe- This was made known to trade tic action. They are still victimised. unionists on September 11, Over 26 years ago D. C. Thomson BUT . . . Thomson did not reinstate introduced his "document." Every McKay and his colleagues. He still employee had to give an undertaking has not done so. not to join a printing trade union. If he was found out, he went the way of McKay and his gallant band. Almost Executive climbs down every year since, this subject has been At this point the P. & K.T.P. iss brought up at the T.U.C.

unionists throughout the country Trades Federation have decided. rose as a man to support Thomson's victimised employees.

N.A.T.S.O.P.A. pickets turned out in Glasgow, Dundee, London, Manchester, Bristol, Sheffield, Watford, and other places.

Widespread support

dockers gave full support. The T. & G.W.U. refused to assist Journal writes: in the delivery of supplies. The "Within our ranks we have men N.U.J. was also involved

The N.U.P.B. & P.W. decided to Thomson & Co. Ltd. amounts to anycease work at Donside Paper Mills, thing up to 36 years, and it is very rather than make paper for the difficult for such men to adjust them-Thomson printing works.

million workers pledged solidarity was lifted at the suggestion of the with the printing trade unions. The T.U.C. after the talks with the Prime result seemed to be a foregone Minister." conclusion.

Eventually the T.U.C. stepped in. Our appeal A committee was elected at Congress Our appeal and saw Churchill. Thomson then F.O.C.s, M.O.C.s and members of

Quarter-million workers on strike in Brazil

WIDESPREAD strikes, about of Journalists; Scottish Typogram ing place in Brazil.

have been on strike.

flict has been the low purchasing offices and chapels. power of Brazilian wages.

President Getulio Vargas, many Declare D. C. Thomson black until workers expected his accession to McKay and the other trade unionists power to bring improved conditions are reinstated! for them. The contrary proved to be Reimpose the ban on raw materials the case.

the workers turned to direct action. action and agitation. D. C. Thomsor First the transport workers, then the CAN and WILL be beaten! manufacturing workers, then a section of the engineering workers came out on the streets.

struggles with the police, who used tear gas against the strikers.

Rio de Janeiro harbour has been tied up by a ban on overtime imposed by the dockers there. Object FRANCO SPAIN of the struggle is a wage increase. The Brazilian Government has Don Juan Luis Rodrigo, minister

lar struggle is taking place in Anto- The two prisoners were given eight until April 30 to do these things. miners are out.

a statement. "The executive com-When the dispute broke, trade mittee of the Printing & Kindre an endeavour to create conditions which this matter may be fully resolved, to recommend their unions to take such action as may be necessary to end any ban imposed on supplies and distribution affecting the firm of Messrs. D. C. Thomson and Company."

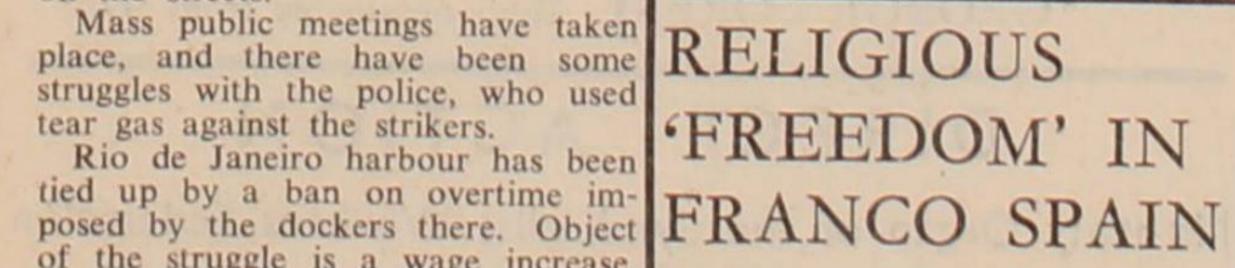
Rank and file members of the London portworkers, stevedores and printing unions, repudiate this statement. McKay himself in the Natsopa

whose length of service with D. C. selves to the situation which has pre-T.U. organisations totalling over 4 vailed since the ban on raw materials

the National Union of Printing, Bookbinding and Paper Workers; Typographical Association; National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants; London Society of Comsositors; Amalgamated Society c Lithographic Printers; Society of Litho Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers; National Union Union of Electrotypers and Stereo- (wage freezing) Board.

Support McKay and his colleagues After the election promises of by demanding their reinstatement!

for Thomson's! Fight Thomson with



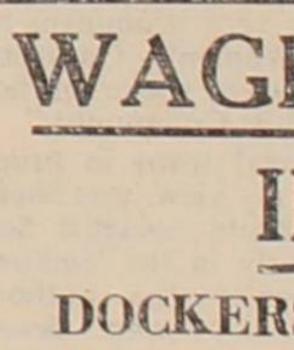
I.W.M.A's MAY DAY MESSAGE THE present international situation is most alarming. This is a fact, even though some rays of light, here and there, seem to hold out to humanity the faint hope that the problems causing so much strife in the world may eventually be solved peacefully. The antagonism between "East" and "West" has brought vast military rearmament and, in some places, warlike complications. Both the present great power blocs

are devoting all their energy to of fascist countries is increasing. The millions of people and the total loss nilitary machines. Weapons are extending and becoming more brutal. The will to live in peace is, howbecoming ever more cruel and des- The people of the "People's Demo- ever, very strong among the great Tructive. If war once starts on a cracies "have been blessed with wages mass of the population. The people wide scale, whole countries and fixed by the State, summary laws, the simply do not want war. They wish whelming catastrophe.

money to finance rearmament, the freedom suppressed. people are being taxed and robbed PEOPLE'S DEAREST WISH be put to the account of the dominant to a degree never before dreamed of. PEOPLE'S DEAREST WISH State and Governmental system. The cost of living is continually ris- The people are treated as playthings The thirst for profit, inherent to



Celebrating a local vietory ver Franco during the Syanish Revolution are these libertarians and Syndicalis's. With workers' control achieved. they had good reason to commemorate May Day.



AMERICAN WORKERS are cele- However, the right-wing A.F.L. which little or nothing has appeared Association; Printing Machine brating because President Eisenhower leaders would only form anothe in the British Press, have been tak- Managers' Trade Society; National abolished the Wage Stabilization trade union-rather than a real indus-

trial union. Focal point of the struggle has typers; Association of Correctors of Ike probably did this because It was thought the A.F.L. counci been the country's second largest city, the Press; Monotype Casters and capitalists now believe they can use acted only because of very bac Sao Paulo. There, more than 250,000 Typefounders Society; National Union other methods to keep wages down. publicity received by the dock union manufacturing and transport workers of Press Telegraphists; and Sign and Nevertheless, Ike does want to as the result of recent New York Display Trades Union; we appeal to pretend friendship for labour-and State Crime Commission hearings. The main reason for this huge con- you for militant action in your shops, labour pressure helped to get the RANK AND FILE wage freezing outfit ended. S One result of his order: 40,000 PRESSURE New York dockers received 17 cent

hourly wage increases retroactive to

Oct. 1, 1952. The Wage Stabilization government to allow the old State justice fight in those totalitarian Board had held up the increase—and cost of living index to determine countries. Above all this refers to the board's end allowed the increase automatic cost-of-living raises for a our brave comrades in Spain, who h to take place. Disillusioned with political action, the only weapons we have: mass East Coast won a 17 cent hourly "readjustment" period. (These carry on a bitter struggle against the Tugboat workers on the American "escalator" raises are given when tyranny of Franco. ever the cost of living index shows wage raise after a 10-day strike. prices are up.) The new index is The tug workers belonged to the veighted against labour-it doesn't MURRAY EDGHILL Marine Division of the Internat show how high the cost of livin Longshoremen's Association — an really is under American inflation. American Federation of Labour (A.F.L.) affiliate. Dockers struck in hetter sympathy.

BAD PUBLICITY

The executive council of American Federation of Labour ordered the racketeer-ridden Inter- new index immediately to determin ordered naval dock workers to take of the Baptist chapel in Madrid, and to oust all ex-convicts, oust union over the overtime work when the a member of his congregation have leaders who took bribes from em- an excuse to demand more money dockers and stevedores leave the job at the end of their working day. Commercial life in Porto Rico, West Indies, is paralysed by a strike of 120,000 plantation workers, who are demanding higher wages A similar to the changel The ultimatum gave the dock union fagasta, Chile, where 3,000 nitrate days in which to pay the fine, with The A.F.L. said that if dock union heavy rank-and-file pressure. the alternative of a term in prison. leaders didn't comply, the A.F.L.

Against capitalism and war: For workers' international solidarity

IN AMERICA DOCKERS, TUGMEN WIN INCREASE

New York would oust the dock union and possibly form a new union for the docks

against labour, Walter P. Reuthe Congress of Industrial Organization (C.I.O.) president and leader of th United Auto Workers, wanted th automatic cost-of-living raises.

Because this would have given him

Reuther, of course, wants to demand more money because of

JOHN LOEB Stockholm, April, 1953.

tructive. If war once starts on a cracies" have been blessed with wages mass of the population. The people peoples will be faced by an over- prohibition of strikes, civilian forced to live in peace with one another. labour, censorship of the press and The responsibility for the antagon-Economic pressure on humanity has labour duties for women. Labour ism between nations, for the current become greater. In order to provide has been totally militarised and developments with their tendency towards totalitarianism and war, must

ing. At the same time, the struggle in the hands of the politicians, totali- capitalism, and the fight for raw for higher wages is held back, and tarian oppressors and the capitalists materials and export markets is at social services are limited or put to and imperialists. And they are offer- fault. This system has shown its IT IS A YEAR ago that James withdrew his "document." "This Internal politics tend to be become dragged into this international "danse brotherhood of peace and liberty,

There will be no peace and no freedom in this world as long as the State and Government system is supported. It is a system which gives a clique of political adventurers the chance to invest themselves with zuthority, and send the people off to new wars.

This system of State and Government, coupled with lethal nationalism and rivalry united with profiteering, has shown its incapacity to give peace and liberty to humanity.

ORGANISE RESISTANCE

The people must wake up. And this particularly means the organised workers. They must unite and meet the present drift towards war with organised resistance.

International solidarity and action is more necessary than ever before. Never before has there been such a need for international working class solidarity as now. Internationalism nust again become the principle of he labour movement.

But this internationalism must be built upon independent and free organisations. The workers have too long linked their own struggle to the interests of the State and the viewpoints of their own Governments. The result has been international powerlessness and a collapse of solidarity. The world must learn the lessons from this, and the workers must break off co-operating with the governments, follow their own interests and look to their own direct strugglefirst as producers, for it is in this capacity that they keep the machinery of society going.

SOLIDARITY IS NEEDED

The workers must see to it that their organisations become mighty and powerful weapons against capitalism and the profiteers and against the tyranny of the State.

The revolutionary Syndicalist movement is carrying on its struggle in that direction, and it should be obvious to the workers everywhere that its policy is the correct one. We also call on the workers to be alive to the fascist danger, with which we link that of totalitarian Bolshevism in the so-called "Peoples' Democracies." We must strengthen and The A.F.L. won a fight to get the aid the groups that for freedom and

CANNOT SLEEP

But we should also remember the struggle for freedom in other totali-Neither did the old one-but it was tarian countries. The conscience of the world cannot continue to sleep in Although the new index is weighted face of the regimes of terror which exist in these countries. An international movement of opinion and action must be launched

> AGAINST capitalism and sweatshop systems! Against war and militarism!

> Against totalitarianism and terror! For uniting in a fighting Inter-

Association,

For the Secretariat: JOHN ANDERSSON.

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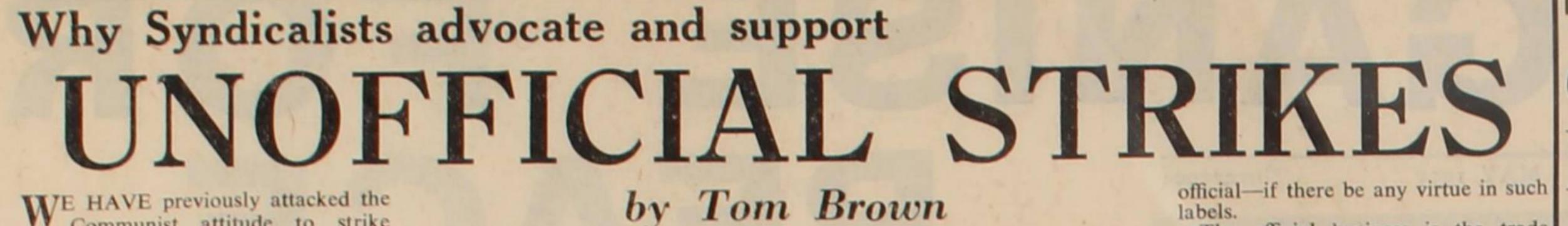
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Communist attitude to strike tactics because of its almost certain point of view. Now we must attack tion is the semi-secret agreement men which, taken at the flood, leads supports his pontifical "I am the GREAT BRITAIN is at her best in failure-at least from the strikers' and semi-legalistic procedure.

majority of disputes were so labelled, ment. dispute.

When workers in a coal mine, factory or bus depot take, of their own will, strike action, the management usually send at once for a trade union official who, though you may not have seen him for years, addresses you all as brothers, denounces your strike action and declares: "We have sacred agreement, and you are breaking it. Go back to work! We must not break agreements."

Well, certainly one must respec agreements freely arrived at. But an agreement is an arrangement made by two or more parties who are equal, and not subject to coercion by any one of the parties. If my neighbour and I arrange to rebuild the fence dividing our gardens, sharing the coercion.

watch. Would that, then, be an opportunity goes by. agreement? Of course not! The parties are unequal, force is applied or threatened.

And most industrial agreements have been made in similar circumstances, where one party has been forced to submit to the will of the been used, but an employing class has | HAVE SO far spoken as if the credit of the famous editor of the groups of workers. Most of them agreement, I will starve you and truth. your wives and children. I will I think Manchester deserves prihome will be taken from you and a clerk, and Herbert Stockton (odd your families driven to the poor- job man and later an industrial house. Now do you sign?"

Bosses' howl

If I later meet one of the cos boys again and claim my watch, may cry: "But you agreed to give to us. What about our sacred agree ment?" Doubtless such a charact would be laughed at. But an employ sacred agreement."

even in years of deep depression, are years. Communist.

A lesser, but still annoying irritathe right-wing trade union point of entered into between a firm and a on to fortune."

our sacred contract."

overwhelming majority of unofficial proof skulls. an agreement with the employers, a strike cases. But the charge of bad faith and the label "unofficial" often cause doubt or hesitation in some at least of the workers. In We have vet is in a difficult situation.

Lessons of struggle

bound to carry out the agreement, advantage at such a moment all too these things may be. for it has been made by two persons, often turns victory into defeat. When free, equal and acting without time and apathy is all the employer Having been "unofficial" most of union head office is not the whole needs, the trade union official says, my life, the label holds no terror for of the trade union. But, if I am stopped in a dark "First start work, then we'll nego- me now. In any case, the workers How such action may be organised street by a couple of cosh boys who tiate." A return to work, negotiations should decide whether or not to is the subject of further study in demand my watch, I would certainly month after month, some grow hope-hand it over-that is, if I had a less, some forget and the golden the golden strike, and they should decide what is be considering, and one which I hope

> assurance agent), commenced, with a group of other working boys and It

Park Gates on Sunday mornings, to Manchester and spoke at several Stevenson Square on Sunday after- of their open-air meetings. I felt very noons, in St. Augustine's Parish on bashful, in the presence of so many Sunday evenings, and near the Mar- charming and enthusiastic girls. I ket during the week. This was about was supposed to be very good. I Kodak firm, who provided him with have been attendant on the second

the workers at pistol point, will not sincere, brave lads, and worked hard Eleanor Barton (she married Alf nine issues. George "Barrett" was h hesitate to cry: "My agreement, my in the propaganda for many years. Barton), was a very prominent mem- an engineer by trade. Recklessly, he The purpose is the same and the It is nothing against them that they ber of the Women's Co-operative made long journeys on his motor-Thousands of agreements, made supported the I.L.P. in their older Guild. She always spoke of herself cycle in the worst of weather, which

still being used against labour, and Bert Stockton went to prison for a the parrot cries of protest against month in the fight for "Free Speech" Next provincial town in order of movement lost an inspiring personthe parrot cries of protest against month in the light for Free Speech their violation are still being repeated time. An ironic feature was that his There the Sheffield Socialist Society by trade union bosses, right-wing and father was a warder in Strangeways

Syndicalist Workers Federation 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 field Anarchist." It was probably the the "Marseillaise" added to its can only be achieved by the direct action of the workers, themselves. most outspoken paper ever published programme. The S.W.F. rejects all parliamentary and similar activity as deflecting in this country. 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, cribing him as a villain, etc. For this and cannot exist within a classless society. The S.W.F. does not, he was charged with criminal libel. therefore, hope to use the State to achieve the emancipation of the At the trial, at Leeds Assizes, he 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 biased against him, and only waiting 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 madman. end, the S.W.F. aids the formation of workers' committees in all 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.

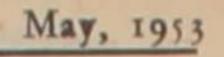
Price 6d post 1d GEORGE CORES Both obtainable from 'DA' He attacked a local lawyer, des-DIRECT ACTION defied the judge; said that he was old. Any attempt, by an allegedly working class party, to create a for the moment when he would pass Monthly Organ of the Syndicalist Workers Federation sentence upon him. Strange to say, he was not sent to prison. I fancy Subscription rate: 4s. 6d. for 12 issues. that the judge regarded him as a In Leeds were John Sketchley, an Please fill up the form below and return it with P.O. for 4/6

factories, mines, offices, shipyards, mills and other places of work, and aged chartist, backed by Dave to "Direct Action" 25a, Amberley Road, London, W.9. All Wormald, an engineer, Jim Sweeney, a boot operative, Bill Allworthy, an P.O.'s and cheques should be made payable to J. Scott engineman in a cotton factory, W. MacQueen, grainer, and other NAME workers whose names I forget. Other provincial towns, like Norwich, Leicester, Hull, had similar ADDRESS

view, largely because of its infatua- trade union organiser. The agree- The basis of successful strike action Unfortunately, the visiting trade is no war there are slumps, unemploytion with "official" action and legal ment, or clauses in it, remain secret is the rapid concentration and org- union organiser is allowed too big a ment, poverty, hunger and things are until the workers strike. Then it is anisation of our strength, the selec- part at strike meetings. If he is not so pretty. But when there is a Since 1926 more than 90 per cent produced with the old cry: "We tion of the right moment for action, allowed to speak at all, and some- war, the finest qualities of the nation of strikes have been denounced as must respect agreements." I don't the throwing of our greatest strength times I doubt the wisdom of allowing are in evidence. "unofficial." Even before 1926, the think I would have sleepless nights at the weakest point of the enemy's officials to take part in unofficial The first thing that happens is year of the General Strike, the over the fracture of such an agree- defence, and swift and rapidly increas- gatherings, he should not be allowed that lots of people get jobs seeing ing action at that weak point. The to direct or dominate the meeting and that everybody else is doing some-Our main study must be, therefore, The keeping of agreements is, all following through without hesitation, should be followed by an efficient thing such as firewatching, entertainan examination of this class of too often, one-sided. One may see until our limited objective is won, speaker, who is capable of putting ing the troops, nosing out fifth agreements being broken by an these are the ingredients of success. the strikers' case in a straightforward columnists and blood donating. employer, right, left and centre, when- This may sound like a manual of manner, cutting through the verbiage All these people are given badges "Agree - or starve!" ever he feels strong enough or we tank warfare, but a strike is warfare of the union-employer agreement to show their patriotism and, in fact, during the last war one irate gentleare slack enough for him to do so. and, in case anyone is thinking of lawyers. Any protest at breakage of contracts accusing us of being educated by the Some say that our first task in an man, seeing a lot of men wearing a will be laughed at, until we take German General Staff, let us assure unofficial strike should be to make it badge with the initials A.I.D., wrote action-then will come the howl from him that we learned these lessons in official. Certainly, that may be a a stiff letter to "The Times," under the housetops: 'They are breaking the field of bitter strike struggle a task. We cannot ignore the possibility the impression it stood for Artificial couple of decades before the British of strike benefit and other trade union Insemination Donor. He had even seen men of sixty wearing it, he said From a purely ethical point of Field-Marshals had the principles advantages. Then people are expected to stand view, the workers are right in the hammered into their thick, shrapnel-But we should not place all our while God save the King or Queen, hopes on this slim chance. While or whatever it is, is being played. gladly accepting such benefits if-IF-One man who didn't was once burned Debunk officialdom they are available, we must at the d at the stake. It turned out later that same time seek assistance inside and he was an orthodox Jew of German most cases this is a fatal weakness, charge of being "unofficial," an outside the trade union movement. origin and a member of the Comfor such strike action often comes at accusation expected to make us shake money, speakers and sympathetic nunist Party, though the "Daily a propitious moment, when the in our boots and our knees rattle action. Worker" said he was an Irish workers are strongest or the employer like dustbin lids on a windy night. Catholic fascist. Whichever it was, Such charges have always left me Get support however, it is obvious he was not a cold. I could never see virtue in a Yes, inside as well as outside the e good, sound Englishman.

thing just because it was official. I trade unions, for unofficial action can labour and cost, then I am morally Any failure to press home one's and office notepaper, useful though district committees, trades council

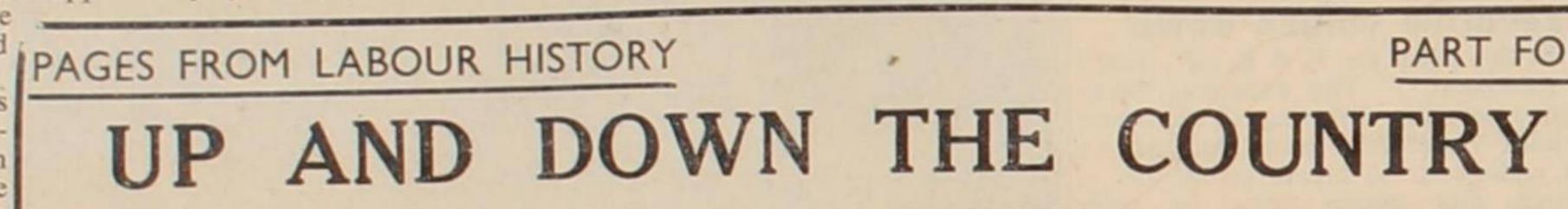
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to be official and what is to be un- to develop in our next issue.

The official business is the trade of union boss's ace card, with which he

see no magic in rubber stamps, seals be supported in trade union branches, Heavenly diplomacy and shop steward committees. Trade



article in sympathy with Stockton. to their memories, Barton and Stockton were the fear-

It was the custom to look to Lon- went to Glasgow. girls, to hold meetings at Preston don for public speakers, and I went

only hope that I was. as an "Anarchist-Communist."

was formed early in the 'eighties by

through the action of Fred Charles (a couple of years before his im-Rotherham and in the miners' vil- strong.

Yorkshire Anarchists

spoken advocates of Anarchist thought. Tom May, an engineer's Tom Brown reminds me of him.

been able to say to the wage movement was confined to Lon- "Manchester Guardian," the late were my seniors in age, and I wish it workers: "If you do not sign my don. That is quite contrary to the C. P. Scott, that he wrote a leading were possible to pay adequate tribute

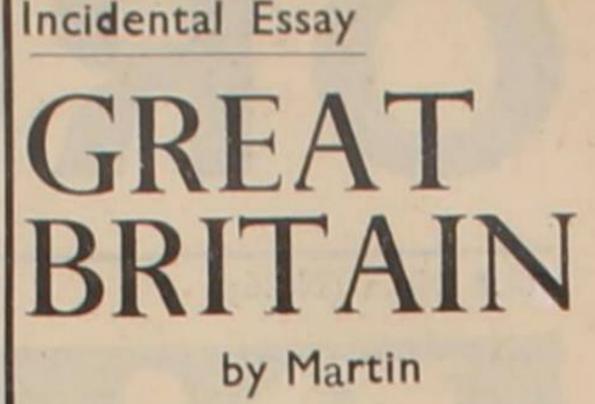
"Bloody monstrosity"

He was favoured by a rich man unmarried. named Davison, a director in the Unfortunately, no such wonders the means to publish the "Anarchist," Elizabethan age, and the nearest the having forced an "agreement" on Barton and Stockton were very One of Stockton's sisters, Mrs. a weekly paper. I wrote for the first resulted in illness and death. Th

> Gaol when he was there. It is to the was formed carry in the eightics of as James Harrigan, a handsewn ing royalty to the gutter. It is Edward Carpenter—the author of as James Harrigan, a handsewn ing royalty to the gutter. It is "England Arise" - who described boot-maker, who travelled from town obvious from remarks made by himself as a non - governmental to town. He held open-air meetings royalty and reported in the press that "on his own." We used to laugh there is nothing commonplace about The S.S.S. became an active at a favourite phrase of his, "this them. Anarchist group. I went there bloody monstrosity—government." For instance, when the late King through the action of Fred Charles But when we think of the colossal George VI was introduced to Bud and terrible crimes of the State- Flanagan, he immediately said to prisonment) and for several months governments of the world, we must him-quick as lightning in factshared in their activities in Sheffield, admit that the words were not too "Where's Allen?" Only a king

> > Ponder, a cabinet-maker, who used those two words: "Where's Allen?" to speak at meetings at Hackney and Islington. He had the reputation of Charles was clerk and cashier in being a terror to "Marxian Socialthe brothers Bingham's wholesale and Democrats": I do not know about retail grocery business. The brothers that, but I am sure that he proved

abourer, was a most popular speaker. There were other more or less unattached speakers, like Jack One of the most remarkable indi- Walsh, who finally linked up with a vidual characters there was Doctor blind organ-grinder, and had the Creaghe. He published the "Shef- tunes. "The International" and



Law" attitude, and it needs debunking. wartime. This is because when there

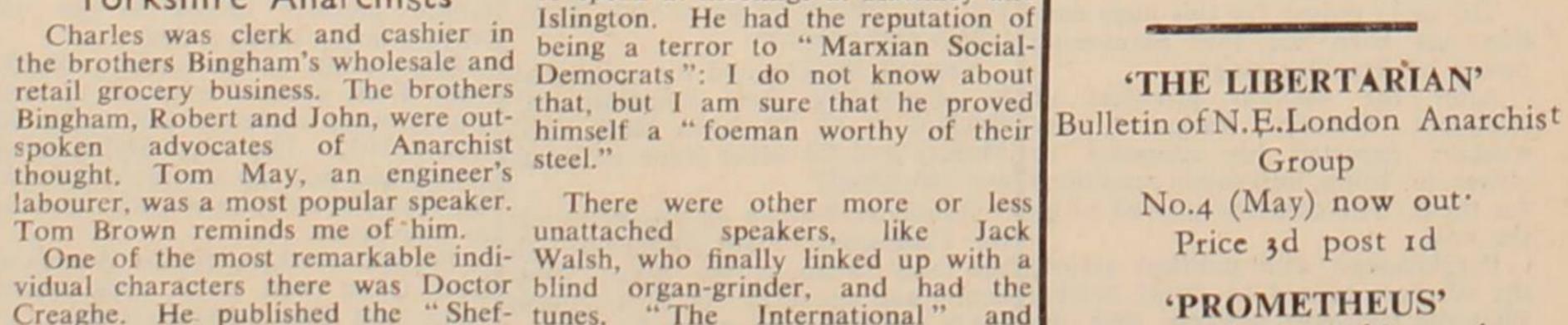
But of all qualities in which the English excel, it is surely leadership that is the greatest. Mr. Churchill is a supreme example. In the 1914 war he was particularly noted for his eadership at Gallipoli, where many nousands of men went to a certain death. Only a great leader could have been responsible for that, and became an obvious choice for a PART FOUR war leader in 1940, apart from his political insight, as when he made his memorable speech saying that one man alone was responsible for Italian fascism. The fact that he had previously lauded Mussolini only shows his diplomacy, another essentially English quality.

In all, the qualities of the English are such that for quite a while now God has had English nationality as less pioneers in Manchester. The Bristol must not be overlooked, for His choice. This came about during reduce you to such poverty that your ority. There, two lads, Alfred Barton, S.D.F. made their initial start in thence came George "Barrett" (his the reign of King Henry VIII, when Salford. All the other movements real name was Ballard), who flashed God broke off relations with the Pope came along later-" Clarion," I.L.P., like a brilliant meteor across our for not allowing Henry a divorce, and horizon. He came to London, then it was further strengthened by the Elizabethan age, when history repeated itself and the Virgin Queen gave birth to a child. It is obvious that she was a virgin, as she was

present Elizabeth gets to wearing a red wig-as did her predecessor-is in having her photographs touched up. necessity likewise.

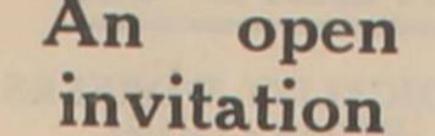
Many periodicals run regular features on the Royal Family and what a homely lot they are and suchlike tommyrot. This sort of nonsense There were also individuals such should cease immediately; it is bring-

ould have made such a remark. In London, there was Walter There is the stamp of regality in



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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 available on request. Member ship is open to all who accept our aims and are prepared to work actively for their realisation.

Launched by American workers in support of the eight-hour day on ir May 1, 1886, marked a step forward tional issues involved in the South farmers for 6d. a day, or, if serving to be a Communist can be debarred spoken leader of the Transvaal in the struggle for the moral and African elections, but remarkably longer sentences, to other private from public activity and has no Nationalists and probable successor economic claims of the world prole- little of the brutal social realities employers for 1/6 to 2/- a day. right of appeal to the courts. tariat. But the passage of time, behind them. The Union of South coupled with lying propaganda, has Africa has a population of nearly those who are set to work on public ment Act any person taking part in white we must make sure we remain tended to mask the real character of 2,500,000 Europeans, 8,000,000 services. They receive no pay and a campaign for the repeal of modifica- masters. To do this we must not those proletarian days which ended Africans (Bantu), 250,000 Asiatics and are still liable for their tax arrears tion of a law-or inciting others to extend the vote to non-Europeans." in tragedy.

ing called by the strikers in front African or Asian blood. of the McCormick factory in Chicago, a worker was killed by repressive police action. The following day, when the workers were protesting in another meeting, held in Haymarket Square, a new police attack took place and a bomb was exploded. killing one of the assailants and gravely wounding seven others.

In reprisal, and without regard to the question of guilt, eight workers who declared themselves Anarchistshanged, the others to long terms of I "example" of capitalist justice.

INCITEMENT AND

PROMISE

they should be admitted to be guilt- driving the Africans from the overless, seven years after the hangings, crowded Reserves. was a shocking affront to the eight For the vast majority of African RED & BLACK NOTEBOOK victims of the bourgeois State and men, forced into virtual slavery for _____

It was then tacitly proved that the dispossession of their land but tragic event of Haymarket Square through laws which oblige them to had been a vile strategic act, organ- pay an annual poll tax of 20/- and ised by American capitalism and the a hut tax of 10/- plus smaller taxes police institutions of the State, to so justify their repressive activity and to 10/-, there are only two kinds of Company at Hucclecote, recalled to receive delegations." threatening their interests.

dered for defending a fine and worthy a month. cause.

May 1, 1886, has remained engraved in working-class history as a Should-he break his contract or run moved to Hucclecote. There, also, chapter of stimulus and accusation. away, he can be arrested, flogged, the firm and its subsidiary refused to Since then other martyrs in defence imprisoned, and then sent back to his accept workshop delegations. I went POSTWAR DEVELOPMENTS in of freedom have crossed the stage of master. When a farm is sold, the there to work in the spring of 1928, several industries are strongly in the social struggle, revindicating the African labourers go with it, like The rate of pay was the bare T.U. direction of the automatic push- Revolutionary Syndicalism, State.

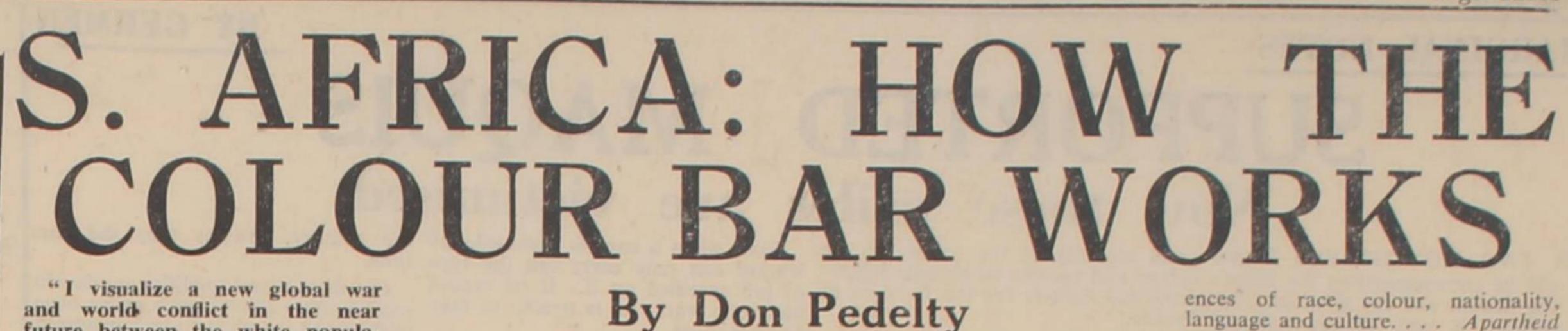
"FESTIVAL"

Today interested parties try to hide the mining companies. the true significance of this historic They live in compounds, sleeping others. A minority were A.E.U. But, as the process workers on the basis of free communism date and to mask its moral aspect. on concrete bunks, receive rations members, but none could raise his diminish, so do the maintenance on the basis of free communism Any political or trade union ten- costing about 6d. each per day, and voice, for instant dismissal would workers increase-though not, of through the revolutionary action dency now claims the right to the are guarded by overseers armed with follow. Action of an undoubted col- course, in proportion. An extreme of the working class itself It First of May as a "festival." Some hide whips known as syamboks. They lective nature was needed. States celebrate it with great pomp, are not eligible for most of the and stage noisy military parades as benefits (such as unemployment assistagainst the exploitation of capitalism trades. and State.

disposal of employers to impose their the gold mines are guaranteed will with the habitual violence which minimum wage of 20/- a day, but marks these institutions.

the "Festival of Labour," so politi- wage of 2/8 a day. cal trends that aim at taking control of the State, themselves deny and repress the true aspirations of the exploited and their elementary rights. miners who came out on strike agains Like the American workers in 1886, these appalling conditions were forced the working class today remains, to to return to work by the military, a greater or lesser degree, subjected after suffering several casualties. to the political and economic power The industrial colour bar has as the time, looking through the half of all States.

and countries the "Festival of Europeans from white theatres, At first three or four, then a few Labour" is permanent, and all days cinemas, restaurants, libraries and dozen, then a flood. are May Days on which they can churches, transport and so on. emulate and be worthy of the fighters To cross these barriers is not merely demanded dispersal of the crowd. We who, in Chicago, took the path of to transgress a social taboo; it is to asked him to receive a deputation, direct action in just defence of rights break the law. which, then as now, are denied to the More than 2,000,000 landless recognise trade unions or receive working class.



future between the white population and black if this inhuman and uncivilised racial discrimination continues in any part of the world."-Jawaharlal Nehru.

Maay Day Halan's Nationalist Party has been ment. were sentenced to terms of ir returned triumphantly to power by Slave labour the South African electorate. The THE HISTORIC General Strike, volkswill has prevailed.

There has been much discussion

he South African Parliament (all of whom must be whites) are elected by on-Europeans who fulfil certain operty and literacy qualifications.

Criminal offence

of South African society naturally Scene," Times, 16.3.53.)

Africans to occupy land outside the italics.)

to the working class in general. the white man, not only through the labourer or that of miner.

Can be flogged

expenses (averaging 15 to 20 per cent eyes aglint.

on the average receive £45 a month. Just as some States today patronise while Africans are paid an average

Miners struck

In August, 1946, 80,000 Africa

Africans live in segregated townships deputations."

or ghettoes. They must have identi- pass, curfew, and segregation laws. each other's rights and was also the fication passes, passes for travelling, Mr. C. R. Swart, the ruthless best guarantee of friendship and working, and staying out after 10 Nationalist Minister of Justice, has mutual helpfulness. o'clock at night, and, in fact, passes declared: "A relentless struggle will Mr. Strauss, leader of the vanfor doing almost everything. have to be fought against those quished United Party, repeating the lie In 1947 more than a million natives people who plead for the abolition of of natural superiority of whites to THE white man in Africa is sitting were prosecuted for transgressing discrimination between the races." blacks said that the natives had to on a volcano, stoking it up. It pass, taxation, labour, or other laws And for this purpose he has armed accept the fact that in the mass they may be that in South Africa he has just signed his death warrant. Dr. which, for the most part, do not apply himself with one of the most formid-Malan's Nationalist Party has been were sentenced to terms of imprison- assembled. Under the Riotous and social development in this Assemblies Act he can arrest and highly civilised country. banish without trial any African Slave labour 'Master' class " creating feelings of hostility between These prisoners, like those in Soviet Europeans and Natives."

Russia, provide a constant supply of Under the Suppression of Com- words and high-flown phrases, here, in the British Press of the constitu- slave labour. They are hired out to munism Act any person he declares obligingly, is Mr. Strydom, blunt-Most luckless of all, however, are Under the Criminal Law Amend- Malan: "If we want to remain more than 900,000 Coloureds, or and court fine when they have do so-is liable to a heavy prison Men like these must surely walk On May 3 in that year, at a meet- people of mixed European and finished their sentences, so that they sentence, a fine, and a whipping. can be arrested again as soon as they

No warrant needed Yet, after all the tumult and the have been released. shouting, the brutal, boastful words What is life like in the African Under the Group Areas Act officers of "strong" yet frightened men, who townships, the shanty towns, as they can enter any premises whatsoever can doubt that the last word of all are so aptly called? "The 'shanties' without previous notice to make sure will rest with the long-suffering, are of cardboard and wood, and the that whites are not consorting with sorely oppressed African? dirty brown sides of tar barrels blacks. flattened out; they are waterlogged On one fundamental question, that "We, the oppressed people of in winter and are a prey to fire in of Apartheid, all the South African South Africa," declare those brave The social and economic structure summer." ("The South African political parties-indeed, all but a volunteers who are taking part in the handful of the South African whites Defiance Campaign, "solemnly ollows the lines of the political set-up. "Scarcely a single family exists in -are as one, though the United pledge ourselves to carry on a relent-Of the Union's 472,494 square miles which at least one member is not Party and its collaborator, the Labour less struggle to repeal the unjust and opposed to the explosion that had of territory (excluding South-West suffering or dying from tuberculosis. Party, prefer to call it segregation. laws. . . From this day forward taken place-were put on trial. Five Africa) only about 12 per cent has The natives must pay for medical The more statesmanlike leaders of we, as disciplined men and women, of the eight were sentenced to be been set aside for needs of the treatment. There is no provision for the parties have done their damnedest dedicate our lives to the struggle for pauper patients. About 65 per cent to convince public opinion in this freedom and fundamental rights." imprisonment, to serve as an The Native Land Act of 1913 and of the native children die before country and America that Apartheid Such courage, such resolution as the Native Service Contract Act of reaching two years." (Alexander is something other than political, this should be taken to heart by all « 1932 made it a criminal offence for Campbell, Empire in Africa.) (My social, economic and even legal in- men who claim to love freedom and equality carried to a point where it their fellow men. "The cause of Reserves, except as agricultural In 1947 the African National Con- is scarcely distinguishable from liberty is indivisible." There is only labourers. The passing of these and gress joined with the South African slavery. one struggle, against oppression, and Seven years later, Governor John other native laws of an almost un- Indian Congress in a country-wide Opening the Government's election the sooner we realise it and act as Altgeld declared them to be innocent, paralleled viciousness has had the Defiance Campaign, in which thou- campaign, Dr. Malan, the Nationalist if we have realised it the sooner will as the person who threw the bomb desired effect of destroying the sands of men and women have been Prime Minister, said that Apartheid men live as brothers in peace and had still not been identified. That foundations of tribal society and imprisoned for deliberately breaking was founded on . . . natural differ- freedom.

United

attempt to end the conflict that was occupation open: that of agricultural me the first strike at that firm's aero- The argument could not be and E.T.U. answered. A deputation of four was' If the unions were industrial, drome there. Capitalism gained a partial victory, Some 2,500,000 Africans are Before moving to Hucclecote, near met and we gained a rise of wages, instead of trade or pseudo-industrial but the outcome of those events employed as farm hands. Under the firm was sited at an end of the regular "terror" sack- unions, this change would not affect touched liberal opinion and the work- Native Service Contract Act every Cheltenham. There, a strong trade ings and recognition of the A.E.U. their power, for maintenance workers ing class on the international field, African living on a European farm union committee had operated, but, and the newly-formed shop committee. would be in the same union as their creating a great wave of sympathy for must work 180 days each year for weakened by economic depression, Since then Hucclecote 'drome has fellow workers on the process line. the eight martyrs, treacherously mur- his master. His average wage is 10/- they were all ousted by 1927 and always had its workshop organisation, Trade unions divide the workers the firm refused recognition to work- and often I read, as I did in the into unrelated sections, even in one "Daily Telegraph" last week, of factory. Syndicalism unites the shop delegates. By 1928, half of the firm had been some action which they have taken: workers, irrespective of trade. * * *

9-12 months, and their travelling who walked the hangars, his eagle process workers.

sacked, perhaps to encourage the processing and chemicals.

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they degrade the memory of workers by the 30,000 European miners, and THE MEN about my corner of the USA automobile factory in the are capadle to carry out this task who, in Chicago, showed themselves are virtually excluded from all skilled hangar were a mixed crowd from U.S.A., where the assembly line and it therefore appeals to the Lancashire, Devon, the North-East, workers had been reduced to 550, but workers as probucers and creators The profits of the mining companies London and one Welshman, but most the engineering maintenance had in- of social wealth, in opposition The demand for, and defence of, exceed £50,000,000 a year, of which of us had one thing in common: we creased to 450. the eight-hour day was a clarion call about £27,500,000 goes to the were young and we liked singing at This development naturally weakens to political qarties, which are not to the ruling class, and the armed Government and some £17,000,000 to our work. I soon introduced them to the bargaining power of certain concerned with economic reorgforces of the State were put at the shareholders. European workers in the songs of the I.W.W. After that, unions such as the Transport and anisation.

talk of organisation came easily. Then we learned that a subcontract, undertaken by the firm, had a time limit set to it. We did not know the limit or the penalties of its failure, but we judged the time to be right for action. We agreed that our section of the works, about onefth of the staff, should act on the

ollowing afternoon. At 2 o'clock we marched in a body to the manager's office. He was, at its social aspect Apartheid, or racial glass door. Much to our surprise, For the workers of all Continents segregation, which excludes non-the other sections began to follow.

The manager met us half way and

but he replied: "You know we don't

language and culture. . . . Apartheid served as an effective protection of

But lest we be seduced by fine to the blood-spattered mantle of in fear of sudden death!

stood-and we

THE RECENT token strike of "Yes," we answered, "that is why General Workers and the Chemical

ometimes amounting to a further 4,000 workers at the Gloster Aircraft we came in a body, because you don't Workers, for most maintenance workers are organised in the A.E.U.

wages

BY SYNDICALIST

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Our method

drama of Chicago, a banner which the livestock and agricultural minimum, at that time the low scale button factory of the boss's dream. which bases itself on the class and promise of social emancipation About 400,000 Africans work in the than the wages was the minor reign mechanisms are gradually cutting struggle, seeks to unite all manfor all victims of capitalism and mines. Their contract is usually for of terror exercised by the manager, down the labour force-especially ual and intellectual workers in economic fighting organisations This is particularly true of certain for their liberation from wage of their total wages) are deducted by Every day some persons were industries-brewing, soft drinks, milk slavery and State oppression. Its aim is to reorganise social life example of this was quoted at a considers that only the economic recent production managers' con-ference in Scotland. The speaker told organisations of the proletariat

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