to the end of May.

10s.; J.P., 15s. 6d.; T.B., 10s.; E.R., the issues involved, while those of 15s. 6d.; J.D., 6d.; F.R., £1 5s. 4d.; whom this could not plausibly be demand renders the offender liable T.B., 10s.; M.B., 2s. 6d.; NELAG, R.W., 3s. 6d.

gress collection, £3; J.P., £1; A.G., ally supposed. Many of Southern without having had it endorsed he is discrimination against Africans by although a quarter of their number £1. SHEFFIELD: M.S., 7s. 6d. Rhodesia's native laws, for instance, can be fined £10 or sent to prison for European firms and Government were migrant labour, the union, PORT: F.G., 10s.

TOTAL: £40 16s. 1d.

PRESS FUND | Federation and its background in

state before the Apportionment Act of 1930 Africans township an African must submit to The third battle had a happier outthe paper has been published largely year is out is virtually a foregone can only buy or rent land in certain having his fingerprints taken, and come. The average monthly wage of conclusion. Three months ago the areas. The original distribution of once there he must not go outside Europeans employed in the mines is white settlers of Southern Rhodesia land gave 29,000,000 acres to the prescribed areas after 9 o'clock at £89 for surface workers and £108 for We don't like begging, but we must voted for federation by nearly a two- Africans and 50,000,000 acres night. Sir Godfrey Huggins, the those working underground, while again point out to readers that we to-one majority, and the Tory (naturally of the best land) to the Prime Minister, whom Mr. Attlee, until recently two-thirds of the face a heavy deficit on each issue of Government is trying to push its bill whites.

£1; T.B., £1; M.E., 2s. 6d. E.M., £1; is predominantly British as a very fail to find work within thirty days vide concubines to attract labour to In October last year 37,000 ifferent kettle of fish from South they can be arrested as vagrants. The the mines. Africa, the land of Apartheid and African is issued with a labour certiracial repression. But the difference ficate which he must produce on and Nyasaland, though similar in organisation of the strike was in

ON KINGS AND QUEENS WHAT was probably the most see some of them accepting gratefully pation, not their subservience to the to meet an increase in the poll tax. That the Tories are determined to

our own cake. So let us help to successful strike by the European and the Rev. Michael Scott. Oppoties of the Royal Family continue to How easy it is to see—if only we hasten, not hinder, that day of tri- workers, the Africans demanded pay- sition to the scheme has been parflow from the National Press and the remember to open our eyes—that the umph when social inequality and ment of an extra 5s. a day in place ticularly strong in Nyasaland. Earlier popular periodicals as if from an in- predictions of Bakunin have been political subservience will be things of their meagre rations, and when this year a deputation of chiefs exhaustible cornucopia, and a proved right, that the state socialism of the past. GOD SAVE THE this was turned down they asked to visited London and tried to gain audithousand-and-one purveyors of the advocated by Marx has proved to be QUEEN—but let us save ourselves! be paid off. The companies refused ence with the Great White Queen to

That the central African territories tsetse-fly-infested reserves of Mata- strict in Southern Rhodesia as in between troops and police and the

Africa." It is well to remember skilled work. In 1948 the Dalgleish these words when so many glib commission recommended that T.B., 4s. 6d.; E.P., 2s. 6d.; A.R., 5s; said are dismissed as nationalists, to a £10 fine or three months' "equal rights for all civilised men" ties for advancement; but, frustrated

> backing. The companies offered The chief industry in Northern about 4d. a day, and after the strike Rhodesia is copper mining, which had lasted three weeks the dispute Africans in the almost waterless, The native pass laws are almost as employs some 40,000 Africans and went to arbitration. In January the 4,000 Europeans and provides about Africans were awarded increases of 90 per cent of the country's revenue, from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 8d. a shift, and In the short history of the copper belt they may well look upon this latest the African miners have fought three battle as an important victory and a

> > DOV to do this and recruited blacklegs to lay their grievances before her, but break the strike. In the clashes this pathetic and futile protest has been followed by more vigorous

action. Recently Chief Gomani told his people to stop paying taxes until federation was abandoned. The Governor of Nyasaland suspended him to be removed from the district. ations (C.I.O.) and the United Auto Those with criminal records should A crowd of natives rescued him from Workers, suffered a defeat when the be denied employment, the Crime the car in which he was being taken away, and he fled across the Portu-Governor Dewey scheduled June 8 Michael Scott. The Portuguese and Michael Scott was deported from Rank-and-filers pointed out that the country, while Gomani and his only workers' control-not capitalist sons await trial. Chief Msamala, who legislation—could clean up the docks. attempted to emulate Gomani's Stalinists struggled with Reutherites Rank-and-file and public pressure example, was dissuaded from doing and Stellato men for control in the forced the American Federation of so by a council of chiefs, but Chief Labour (A.F.L.) Council to demand Mwase, president of the Nyasaland place beside the sceptre. In spite of parasitic institution and is the hub of Reuther actually takes a centrist that the International Longshore- Chiefs' Union, who declined to their high calling, the story runs, the a parasitic class who reap but do not position between militant workers on men's Association clean up or face attend the Coronation, has resigned Royal Family are really just ordinary sow, a class which holds all the the one hand and extreme Right-wing loss of its A.F.L. charter, but the as native authority in his district, and shares in the gigantic combine of the groups like the Association of Catho- A.F.L. Council postponed again the has told the Governor that no assurance that Africans will not be against the colour bar. Africans have The boss of the I.L.A., Joseph P. entered cafés and hotels which only

> passed through an era of crises. With Thus, though the cost of living all union officials with criminal re- conditions of the natives are better in cials who took "gifts" from dock should not be assumed that the had the legislative powers of the The I.L.A. officials engineered a Southern Rhodesians. Federation is would abolish the corrupt hiring atives and three specially appointed representatives, while 26 seats in the

> > Thus, the vegetable and fruit firms resist—not this form of government whose agency the few rob the many

CENTRAL AFRICA

the vast majority of the 1.866,000 their wages.

House of Commons as a "liberally- and £5 a month, though it must be minded" man, once told the Colonial remembered that their lodgings and

are being bandied about. Incident- by the standstill agreement, the There is a general tendency in this Africans born in other countries ally, it was at his instigation that a African Mineworkers' Union decided A.G.B., £5; M.E., 2s. 6d.; J.Sc., £1; country to regard those territories of must obtain permission before enter-P.G., £1; D.P., 10s.; K.H., £1; J.St., Africa in which the white population ing Southern Rhodesia, and if they the establishment of brothels to pro- work.

> is certainly not as great as is gener- demand, and if he leaves his job kind, are less severe in degree. There itself a triumph for the Africans, for are based on the ideas of the South up to two years. There is a similar departments, but the labour laws are which has only been in existence for less vicious and African trade unions a few years, was given 100 per cent

> > major battles. In 1935, when they source of encouragement in the long came out on strike for higher wages struggle which still lies ahead. troops brought in from Southern force federation down the throats of

AMERICAN LABOUR NEWS

WW the Congress Industrial Organis- dockers. Ford local 600 unit re-elected Commission said. Reuthers's foe, Carl Stellato as local

main, but the rolling-pin has come supposed to stand. into its own at last and taken its Make no mistake, monarchy is a Ford local elections.

Whether this pleasing picture is their expression of loyalty to the zig-zag course. levant. What we should ask ourselves judges and the generals, the news-demands, won new gains from themselves.

is why it has been painted at all, and paper proprietors and industrial mag- General Motors. painting it. As recently as fifteen or idolise the Queen?

twenty years ago it was a ten-to-one chance that a man who called him- the ruling classes in this country basic wage of 350,000 workers. There can be no doubt that the self a socialist was also a republican. a loyal subject of His or Her

for we have witnessed the decline It is not hard to understand the cost-of-living raises. and fall of socialism; we have seen reasons for this, and with the excep- The auto union made similar fraudulent "vote" in which New to remove most of the control from its leaders kneel before their tion of the tendency to idolatry they arrangements to improve its con- York dockers voted to retain the the Colonial Office and give the sovereign, Vanity, to receive the ac- spring-like patriotism-from the tracts with the Ford and Chrysler "shape-up." Later, however, the 6,000,000 Africans in the three terricolade or accept a peerage; we have best qualities of human nature: from firms. And similar agreements with I.L.A. bosses indicated they still tories six directly-elected representseen them fawn before the arch- love and loyalty, from the spon- smaller firms were expected.

What some of us don't realise is wanted his job.

military service to the Court, he attacked British colonial policy, men- Let us rejoice by all means-but jobs. gle of the working-class for emanci- urged the New York State legislature

military medical examination.

sumptuous coronation in history the largesse so generously distributed ruling-class. is over—but by no means done with. by Sir Winston Churchill. (But then We do not want the crumbs from Rhodesia killed six Africans and the Africans is evident from their Articles, "news" reports and com- we have even seen the dubbing of a the tables of the capitalists. We want wounded 22. In 1940, emulating a ruthless action against Chief Gomani

cheap and ill-considered word con- ninety-nine per cent state and only stantly remind us that this is the new one per cent socialism. The corrup-Elizabethan Age, as if there were tion of equalitarian principles by high some profound significance in that office is almost as certain as the laws fact. Never before has a sovereign of Nature.

It is not, perhaps, of such great The past decade and a half has vantage—that the financial cost seen the creation in England of a new maintaining the social anachronis myth of sovereignty to reinforce the of monarchy should run into severa old one. The might and majesty of million pounds a year; it is the co kingship have proved insufficient to in the spirit of independence that retain the lovalty and devotion of the matters most.

The pomp and circumstance re- those things for which socialists are

all too here-and-now social evils, the have.

terests of the nation"; and now we that we naturally welcome them with

rejection by the London C.O. Tri- the greater part of our lives is spent receive jobs though only a few are Public Contracts Act wage standards. enslaved and exploited will arise and bunal we reported in a previous issue, in scraping together enough money chosen.

tioning particularly the atrocities let it be at our own victories. Let us Dockers, of course, want a worker- latest action. against and ill-treatment of the native hold festivals—but to celebrate the controlled hiring hall. people of Kenya by British armed great historical occasions in the strug- The State Crime Commission also man.

Stellato sometimes has appeared mission plans. more progressive than Reuther-but recently Stellato has sounded like an

extreme Right-winger.

with such painstaking attention to nates—to realise this. Why, then, do The giant auto firm agreed to im- (King Joe) Ryan, is under indictment serve Europeans and transgressed the detail, and who is responsible for so many of those without shares prove its five-year contract with the of charges of stealing union funds. traditional segregation in post offices. union by freezing 19 cents in cost-of- Ryan and other I.L.A. bosses failed At Broken Hill they boycotted the With the rapid decline of religion living hourly wage raises into the to satisfy A.F.L. Council demands Coronation celebrations.

working-class came very near to Union pressure also forced General employers to keep wages low and to settlers in the north are in general bringing down the whole crazy edifice Motors to raise wages of 40,000 prevent needed strikes.

ment cost-of-living index to figure mand: Ending the "shape-up."

enemies of the working-class, the taneous expression of joy at the Elsewhere on the American labour Tory capitalists, and beg their own bright things of life.

misguided followers to restrain their

We all like festivals, and there is New Jersey.

Scene, more blood spined on the docks into the ocean at Hoboken, the A.F.L. Council might urge the A.F.L. convention to expel the northern territories fear the same

was fined £5 at Stratford Police Court to pay for the privilege of living un- A State-controlled hiring hall to will pay lower wages and employ or that, but all government, by on May 20 for refusing to submit to der a roof and eating, while by far replace the "shape-up" was recom- child labour.

NEW YORK. to license all stevedore firms and him as a native authority, and later, WALTER REUTHER, president of dock superintendents, and register all when he refused to comply, ordered

and 9 hearings on the Crime Com-

clean-up deadline. It is only necessary to consider The few Stalinists in the union August 10 was set as the latest encouraged to break the law will be children. Kingship is their misfortune. those who are most vociferous in pursue their usual treacherous and clean-up date. At that time the A.F.L. given unless federation is dropped. Council had scheduled a hearing at In Northern Rhodesia the African true to life or not is supremely irre- sovereign—the party leaders, the Reuther, spurred by ranks' which I.L.A. officials could defend Congress has launched a campaign

> no red herrings of the life hereafter goes down, the workers will not lose cords, establish greater union Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland to distract their attention from the that 19 cents as they previously would democracy and sack all union offi- than in Southern Rhodesia.

of capitalism. The monarchy has skilled workers 10 cents hourly. The International Longshoremen's the south, but up to now Whitehall stepped into the breach, taking the The auto workers and General Association officials did indicate they has exercised a restraining influence Yet that such is very often the case place of religion as the opium of the Motors agreed to use the new govern- would satisfy one A.F.L. Council de- over their actions, and they have not

It was thought that following hear- Federal Assembly are for the repredered by another racket group that wanted his job.

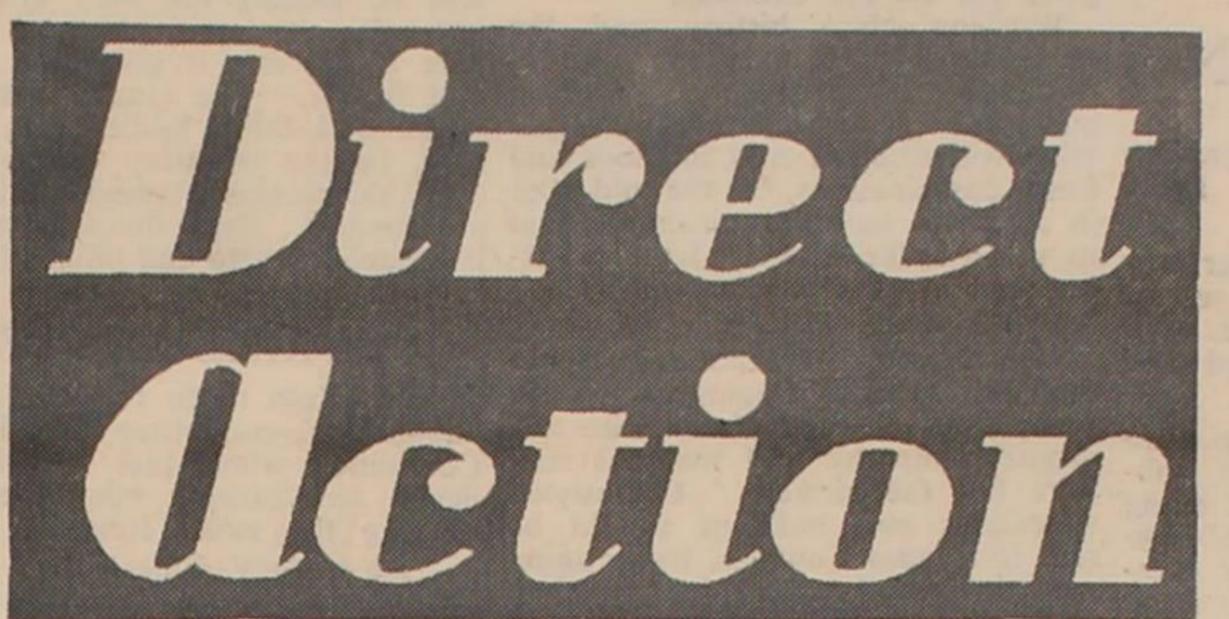
Secretary of Labour Martin P. absolute domination that has been burkin, labour faker and former the lot of their brothers in the south. boss of the A.F.L. Plumbers' Union. But federation or not federation is that by misdirected enthusiasm we The job gives big profits: Hiring acted like a Big Business stooge when not the real issue. Freedom or are helping to perpetuate a society in bosses charge dockers large sums to he ruled that fruit and vegetable Domination is the real issue. We which most of us have little oppor- give them jobs during the "shape- canners working on government con- look forward to the day when RICHARD PANKHURST, whose tunity for enjoying ourselves, because up "-in which men daily line up to tracts don't have to abide by Federal Africans and all men who are

> the greater part of the products of mended by the New York State Durkin's action is no surprise; of the fruits of their toil and their our energy falls into the laps of kings Crime Commission. State control President Ike named Durkin to his right to freedom. would provide "patronage" political Cabinet to sell-out labour.

Even the A.F.L. opposed Durkin's Printed and published by the Durkin is a well-known R.C. lay- Syndicalist Workers Federation

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PEACE and PLENTY?

voked great uneasiness among indus- mass unemployment.

from New York told us that it had In many places there has not been caused a sharp fall in the value of enough manpower to keep production shares—especially in the armaments up to the desired standard. industry—on the New York Stock CRISIS IS THREATENED Exchange.

the prices of those raw materials important to armaments production. went a similar crisis, and the Tokio One newspaper wrote of th crisis: "The rumours of peace in Korea alone were enough to make

Stocks fall like autumn leaves on the Tokio Exchange." This gives an idea of what may different countries take a more peace-

Army,

'Heimin Shimbun," weekly organ of the Anarchist Federation of Japan claims that the bourgeois Press of possible to encourage a war mentalit among its readers. The Press ha organised "Gallup Polls" and say that the results show 70 per cent o the Japanese people favour rearma-

But the Schoolteachers' Union h attempt to make a proper check of public opinion.

The results showed that some 80 ONE BOMBER per cent of the people were opposed to rearmament and war. Among other problems, the questionnaires President Eisenhower recently mad dealt with that of the police. The a speech as a kind of answer to the materially and morally. Neither people were asked whether they notes of peace from Moscow. With- sectarianism nor privilege of any kind ment into the armed police. Parents speech as a whole, we would like to That is why S.I.A. has gained such were also asked for their opinions extract—and endorse—this extra- broad sympathy. of compulsory military service.

The results of this survey can't "What is the cost of the cold war? members of the C.N.T. in exile mu have been very encouraging for the This world in arms is not wasting government. The great majority money only. It is wasting the sweat organisation, if they have not already declared that they wanted neither an of its leaders, the genius of its done so. Our comrades must do cent were without any firm opinions school in more than thirty towns. and only 6.8 per cent claimed that means two fully-equipped hospitals and the Spanish colony. they considered war inevitable and or 20 miles of paved roads. We pay thought the country needed arms, as much for a destroyer as for police and military defence.

ter in Japan. Union activities are it is essential to the good of task of practical solidarity. S.I.A.

by contact with politics and has for the greater fellowship of judged necessary in 1937 to offset the per cent as compared with 0.27 for of 1952. gained much useful experience humanity. during the past quarter century.

THE PEACE OVERTURES from crisis, with corresponding shrinkage nationalised industry.) Moscow after Stalin's death pro- of production, closed factories and One of the full-time members terday created a very good impres- British boycott of trade with Franco

ble. New industrial areas have Immediately after the first Moscow sprung up like mushrooms, and all T.U.C. Blessing overture had died away, 'a despatch available manpower has been needed.

The next step was a similar fall in of manpower have helped raise wages. This, in turn, has created important developments in other, non-armament branches of produc tion, resulting in an improvement of the general economic situation.

But now? After the whispered words of peace, it all seems to fall to pieces and industrial crisis and unemployment are threatened. It's a terrifying thought that war nappen if relations between the should mean a high level of employment and wages, while peace involves discord are essential to good Solidarity, S.I.A., is an organisation British section of S.I.A. has recently the steel unions favours nationalisa-

apitalist shareholders than peace and helps its good work. production: that is the explanation of The Inter-continental Secretariat

or goods would still exist. An exile to give S.I.A. effective assistance normous variety of products is in its work. We are quoting the eeded to build a peaceful world. following passage from the appeal We need only point to the huge because of its relevance to comrades equirements of the underdeveloped in other sections of the I.W.M.A.:ountries, whose people need outside

id, to show this. A real demand for goods exists,

ordinary passage:-

The Japanese working class has be directed, then, to the aim of existence of an independent anti- tered provisionally as C.O.s out of a ments, show a total of 23,984 comnot had the time to be contaminated creating and producing for peace and fascist organisation of solidarity, total of 71,744 registering, being 0.30 pared with 27,828 in the first quarter

UNIONLEADERS DESER

Accept jobs on Tory steel board, against members' policy

CHURCHILL'S Tory Government was able to use the Coronation as an opportunity for bestowing a few more knighthoods. Sandwiched between the President of the Law Society of Scotland and the Lord Mayor of Belfast in the "Honours List" was Mr. Andrew Naesmith, General Secretary of the Amalgamated Weavers' Association.

Why is this union official to be made "Sir" Andrew Naesmith? Let's have a look at his other activi- T.U.C. General Council, despite the pick up his £1,000 a year for helping

A week or so before the list was steel was in direct opposition to later, Mr. Andrew Naesmith, just by published, the Tories announced the union policy. names of those they had selected to serve on the new Steel Board. A Beard Removed chairman at £7,500 a year, two fulltime members at £5,000 and eight (It's worth noting, in passing, the cle" were headed: "New Steel men Evans, except that if he moved any hypocrisy of past Tory criticism of please City."

Among the eight part-timers, six of The patternmakers weren't so them big-time company directors, pleased. And as a result of their pro- Workers Betrayed

lames Owen, General Secretary of withdraw from the Board. nakers' Association. one. None other than Mr. Andrew steel trade unions.

INTERNATIONAL

ANTI-FASCIST SOLIDARITY (I.W.M.A.) International Anti-fascist The possibility of re-forming the like it or not, the accepted policy of

important work of helping fascism's of that organisation in this country. have ratted on their rank-and-file Such a reality is clear evidence of victims, in particular the Spanish Readers interested in supporting such members by accepting the jobs given the stupidity of the present system comrades. It is also represented in a section are asked to contact us. them by the Tories. of production, wherein profit, not other countries, by active sections. need, is the cardinal factor. War In Sweden, the Syndicalist Women's ndustry gives higher profits to the Union maintains relations with S.I.A.

PRACTICAL HELP

of the Spanish C.N.T., at Toulouse,

URGENT APPEAL

approved of the daily mass enlist out passing any judgment on the interferes in its work of mutual aid.

n known its work. Members must be houses necessary for 8,000 persons." Eisenhower emphasised the results "Comrades are urged to maintain obtainable from peaceful ends, friendly relations with S.I.A. This, "Heimin Shimbun" also reports instead of the production of war with efforts to get new members

JOHN ANDERSSON. ant at the present time."

coincidence, became "Sir" Andrew Naesmith. Well, well! Lincoln Evans got his "Sir" pre-On the following day (May 23) fix in the New Year's Honours List,

fact that the de-nationalisation of to "unscramble" steel. And a week

further to the right, he'd be rubbing the high salaries of officials in "One circumstance," wrote City shoulders with Sir Waldron Smithers. Editor Oscar Hobson, "which yes- Shortly after the war, when a named was Sir Lincoln Evans, sion was the constitution of the new Spain would have unseated the trialists throughout the world The During the international armaments General Secretary of the Iron and Steel Board. . . What im- Spanish dictator within a few months, capitalists instinctively reacted in this race, production has been boosted to Steel Trades Confederation and pressed the market most . . . was the main opposition to such direct way, without really knowing if the the uttermost point, in order to pro- chairman of the T.U.C. Economic willingness of three trade union action by the trade unions came from Russian words of peace were meant vide as much war material as possi- Committee. More of him later. leaders of high standing to associate Lincoln Evans. Such international themselves with the new system of working-class solidarity, he said, control of the steel industry." would harm "our" export drive.

were two other T.U.C. officials, Mr. tests, Wilfred Beard was obliged to So it's quite logical to find Evans sitting alongside Sir Percy Lister, Sir the National Union of Blast-furnace- But the Tories weren't worried. Archibald Forbes and the rest on a The amount of work and the lack men, and Mr. Wilfred Beard, General They knew there were other fish in Board whose policy will be the direct Secretary of the United Pattern- the T.U. Sea, and they soon netted opposite of that favoured by the

> The three trade union appoint- Naesmith. The Weavers' secretary He leaves his trade union job ments received the blessing of the said he would be quite prepared to (£1,600 yearly) to become a Steel

> > All this should not be taken to mean that we favour nationalisation as opposed to de-nationalisation, or vice-versa. We have said many times before that the worker gets robbed just the same under State ownership as he does under private ownership. We believe that the alternative to private capitalism is, not State capitalism, but workers' ownership and

control of industry. But that doesn't alter the fact that, conditions throughout the which, in France, carried out the been discussed among sympathisers tion and that these three union bosses

EDITORS. Never mind, the City is pleased.

Spanish Revolution 1936-1953



army nor police. Others said that scientists and the hope of a future everything they can to help S.I.A. by ON JULY 19th, 1936, the organised workers of a large area enough already existed and that re- for its children. The cost of a heavy making propaganda for it and making of Spain seized control of their factories, transport, and public services and administered them for the common good. This condition contined to a great extent until the military victory of the fascist insurgents brought the present dictatorship into being. Those who struggle against it still need our help; see accompanying article on International Anti-Fascist Solidarity.

that there are high hopes for revolu- material. It is this peaceful productionary action of a libertarian character tion that should be kept going, for ation is considered an anti-fascist More objectors — fewer recruits

was born in Spain, and supported our. The number of young men regis- Recruiting for the first quarter of

reminiscent of that in Western But that would mean production revolution; for this reason we must tering as conscientious objectors has 1953 (usually the best quarter) shows Europe during the early years of the for need, not for private profit, and do all we can to increase its possi- reached its highest post-war level a fall which is "particularly serious," present century. The approach of that pre-supposes a different system bilities of carrying out its good work, with the release of the figures for the reports "The Times," May 19th. the social revolution is daily of society, based on a doctrine other and make sure that it becomes known December 6, 1952, registration. Figures for men in the three serthan that of profit. Let our efforts wherever we find ourselves. The On that day 216 young men regis- vices, including short-service engage-

Bolshevik Red Aid, is doubly import- the previous three registration days The National Service Act, 1948-53,

ends this year.

Free Thought

Words are

ORGANISATION

IN our study of strike action we In its favour we may say that a have reached the stage when we crisis leading to a strike brings formay suppose that an unofficial strike ward often the vigorous characters has been decided upon by a mass who, normally, may not be attracted meeting of workers in, say, a factory. by trade union routine, while, on the

shop stewards' committee becomes committee. districts.

SUPPORT CAPITALISM

organisations, A.F.L. and C.I.O., in industrial activity and tradition,

representatives from these two organ- effective. isations took part in a study course in Germany, run by the organise were criticised for not supporting the from the North to the South; since

best means of raising production and giving the consumer the best products. at the best price. Considering that this is our position and our opinion we cannot propose supporting efforts and demands which are so similar to THEN came what was known as Samuels, a ladies' tailor, who was Guy Bowman, the editor of "The Wales had always been more backthose of Russia and the satellite the Walsall Anarchist bomb plot. simply an advocate of violence—by Syndicalist," and its printer at ward than Durham in trade union states. After Hitler's dictatorship, Fred Charles, a clerk and cashier others. He ruined the paper and his Walthamstow, were prosecuted and organisation and the men, brought in we wanted to see freedom reigning (from Norwich), visited Walsall and, editorship came to an end when his imprisoned. Tom Mann also was ignorance of the true condition in again in Europe. It is a big mistake in conjunction with two French brother-in-law, Bourdin, a young imprisoned at Manchester, at Strange- the coalfield were eager to end their to destroy free development of anarchists (Cailles and Batolla) Frenchman, accidentally killed him- ways Gaol, for six weeks. industrial life, for with it would dis- undertook the making of bomb-cases self through a bomb, which he was and batchas and b

the workers may be able to enjoy a Wesley was acquitted (latter two local the decision, by the "Commonweal" London was found who was prepared if you will join us, and when we go part of them. We study industrial men). life in detail and we examine each industry, to be able to judge its exact

the anti-socialist policy of these two ford Jail.

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The first thing to decide is who other hand, an efficient shop steward

spot, of a strike committee. This idea experience and knowledge of detail through a strike. Strike tactics, even ing and plenty of it. is older than the shop steward move- accumulated in a shop stewards' com- the simplest, must be studied and

such cases. Circumstances of time and

After the election of a strike com-

spot is the only way.

set out in this article will seem picket committee. lementary and even unworthy of discussion to some readers steeped PICKETING ESSENTIAL may not be within the strike com- decide whether to distribute the funds A short while back, a party of learned too late in the strike to be

course, the American representatives was a great movement of industry picketing. "We, American representatives of class, such as catering workers and home, and of home picketing when struggle.

place should be allowed to deter- mittee it is usual to form sub- arouse sympathy and material sup- Committee, whose task it will be to nine the application of either committees. One old way of doing statements and believed devise and execute other means of Of course, there are cases of strikes committees who expand their comwhatever method is used to pick especially branches of the unions strike benefit. In some unofficial involved in the strike. The latter strikes I have seen the payment of Most of the principles and ideas courageous persons to serve on the

> horrified by the careless, sloppy, willing to help. indifferent attitude to picketing disSometimes political parties have funds should be widely distributed. South were led by Communist

selves on the free market and we believe that free competition is the PAGES FROM LABOUR HISTORY

Next in order of importance comes the Propaganda Committee which This brings us to consideration of this is to appoint conveners of sub- statements and bulletins should be swelling the strike funds. or need, committees and trade union branches, committee will be the payment of

taking control of the strike. Such the most needy cases do not apply but, to industrial differences, of has never been, or ever will be, the and, in any case, it smells like a case with the S.W.F.

In addition to circulars a rota of The older method was to give each speakers should be organised to speak striker a definite proportion of the at trade union branches and factory fund with, sometimes, a little extra demands of German workers for 1939 many persons who might have Few strikes can be won without gates. Let no one be disheartened for a wife and each child. Somesocialisation of the Ruhr industries. been clerks or shop assistants have picketing, early, mass, severe and at lack of experienced speakers. times this was little, bitterly little, In the discussion which followed, entered industry, large numbers of regular picketing. There also used Many a tongue-tied novice has but the principle was fair, it was Stassfurth, the C.I.O. representative, women too have taken up factory to be a tradition of procession picket- learned public speaking and forgotten understood and it was indisputable. work and sections of the working ing, when a blackleg was escorted his "nerves" in the warmth of such

Marxist millionaire

means test. Most important of all it

undermines the solidarity of the

cases, appeal having to be made by

PART FIVE Durham there is an example of this.
The miners in Lord Londonderry's pits had been on strike for several months. Their strike fund was a tragic pittance when miners were imported from Wales and given train

Instead of this the Geordies went in peace to the Welshmen to tell them Group, not to restore the editorship to print the paper. And then a back you will go with us."

to Dave Nicol when he was released from Chelmsford Prison. It certainly strange thing occurred. An American The Welsh agreed, the Durham man took them into their homes and Nicol denounced the infamous affected him mentally. The Socialist "Marxist" Socialist named Gaylord shared their meagre strike pay with millionaire - came forward, and strike was won and Welsh and undertook to print the paper at his Northern miners marched to work

had a surgery in the Edgware Road, getting the papers out. So Fred the names familiar in Welsh valleys representatives of the American trade Then the "Commonweal" un- near the Marble Arch, and en- Large, an old Anarchist comrade, mingled with the family names of fortunately fell into the hand of F. B. couraged a number of younger comand myself, were sent to see Wilsher the North. Those men are dead now them into the knowledge of picric at his house on Hampstead Heath. and their sons have joined them, out the promise was not forgotten, acid and other explosive agents.

In the earlier years of "Freedom"

Movement faded out and the "Commonweal," some He had all the copy, and we asked valley was welcome where men won ardent young spirits around King's him either to get the paper out, or the coal from beneath the wild North

GEORGE CORES of the loftiest moral manifestations known to man.

'SOLDIERS, DON'T SHOOT!'

Anarchist doctor

Railway strike

Jack O'Malley, a carpet cleaner,

and W. W. Banham, an insurance

agent, were two of the most promin-

A daughter of Rosetti, the poet,

ent of the "alarm" group.

tributing the leaflet.

The A.F.L. member, Chisholm, police agent named Auguste Coulon Observatory. who lived in London. He was conSamuels' conduct was deplorable, together and resolved to print and had already the usual forces of police nected with Louise Michel's Inter- and laid him open to the gravest publish "The Syndicalist." national School. The upshot was a suspicion. The police took no action "We don't want to give the boss sentence of ten years' penal servitude against him. what we want is that he should reap years on Cailles and Batolla, and paper, which soon ceased publication. Money had to be raised and pay is but a few pence a day, but the highest possible profits, so that eighteen months on Ditchfield. A most unpleasant occurrence was guaranteed. A printer in the City of we will share what we have with you

Judge denounced

culties in its struggle for existence, judge, Hawkins, in the "Common- League, at that time, faded right out Wilsher—reputed to be a gold-mine shared their meagre strike pay with millionaire of the picture. After much suffering the we refuse to make its situation more weal" and declared, by implication, of the picture. sentenced to twelve months' imprison- upon the period by mentioning that He engaged a small office in Fleet PRACTICE SOLIDARITY These two speeches clearly show ment, which he served in Chelms- a doctor named Faucet MacDonald Street, but was rather dilatory in In that part of Durham one finds

difficult by demanding wage increases. that he deserved to be assassinated. If, on the other hand, the industry is Nicol and Mowbray (publisher) flourishing, we fight energetically for were both arrested, and Nicol was A sidelight, I think, can be thrown

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 rooms weekly, and put their shillings who composed the group. Of course, the three outlined above are essential class and the exploitation of man by man. The S.W.Fl therefore into a common fund until they could in those days Jack Tanner was an These three are all direct expurchase enough type, and other Anarchist-Syndicalist and all means of production and distribution, on the basis of voluntary | printing accessories. 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.

Alarm," which lasted some months.
One thing they did which lasted some

CLASS STRUGGLE. The interests of the working class and the years was to hire premises down a were given away outside police to our fellow workers and to pracruling class are directly opposed. The S.W.F. is based upon the S.W.F. is based upon the Ossulston Street, Euston Road, which faded out as it had no organisation. This principle raises a strike from inevitable day-to-day struggle of the workers against those who own was taken over by the "Freedom"

This principle raises a strike from was taken over by the "Freedom"

This principle raises a strike from and will continue that struggle until common ownership and workers' control are Group," achieved.

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

THE STATE. The State in all its forms is the enemy of the workers, and cannot exist within a classless society. The S.W.F. does not, therefore, hope to use the State to achieve the emancipation of the also published a small paper on the working class; it does not seek to obtain seats in the Cabinet or Parlia- same lines for some time. She called ment. Nor does it desire to build a new State on the ruins of the her paper "The Torch." old. Any attempt, by an alkegedly working class party, to create a new State, can only result in a new ruling class.

organise. They must replace the hundreds of craft and general trade men, and there was a general fear unions by syndicalist industrial unions. As an immediate step to that the soldiers would be ordered NAME end, the S.W.F. aids the formation of workers' committees in all to shoot the strikers down. An factories, mines, offices, shipyards, mills and other places of work, and Anarchist wrote a very fine "Don't their development into industrial unions, federated to an all-national Shoot" leaflet, which was distributed Federation of Labour.

were stationed. A railway worker, INTERNATIONAMSM. The S.W.F., as a section of the International Working Men's Association, stands firm for international named Crowsley, was arrested at working class solidarity. Aldershot and sent to prison for dis-

TOM BROWN

position with regard to the system principles are only half understood, strikes. This is due, not to racial taking something pointed parties have funds should be widely distributed. stewards who were more interested workers of that country. During the Between the two world wars there in oratory and typewriting than in

a scab was met, not at the factory It follows that the strikers' envoy gate, but on his doorstep.

will be seeking not only sympathy, Working class history and the but, also, material aid, and to be memories of old men are rich in sure if the first is given the second examples of ingenious picketing will follow. The circulars to trade methods. Discussion and imagin- union and other bodies will, thereshall direct and co-ordinate the strike or dues collector in quiet circum- clerks, who were once considered to ation will discover new methods and fore, be the mainstay of the strike activities? In many cases the existing stances may be a drag upon a strike be strike-proof have taken strike fresh combinations of the old, but fund, the speakers' rounds an importin all cases we must remember that ant support. Such financial support, the strike committee, but another, Against this, it is argued that a We can, therefore, no longer rely to win a strike we must have picket- if organised early and diligently, may and older, way is the election, on the new committee say be robbed of the upon habit and tradition to see us ing first, last and in between. Picket- be considerable.

that allows the most vigorous and should be circularised on a national strike benefit limited to hardship

Typewriters and duplicators and the applicant. No doubt, in the case the necessary skill in handling them of a slender fund it was difficult to mittee's means, but here the Syndical- to such cases exclusively or to divide As a Northerner I have often been ist Workers' Federation is able and them equally among all strikers.

strikers.

appear freedom in other sectors of to be used, it was said, in Russia. carrying, exploding in Greenwich against these sentences. When Guy North would, as was their tradition, This was at the instigation of a Park, in the vicinity of Greenwich Bowman went to prison, some at once begin a savage battle against Anarchist workers in London got the newcomers and the coal owners

> Cross, London, yearned to print a hand the copy over to the group.
>
> Sea.
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> There are, of course, several more with the mentality of the poor work
> There are, of course, several more committees which may contribute to ing people such as themselves.
>
> regret I forget the names of the the success of a strike. These may They met in a coffee and dining workers, British, French and German, vary in different circumstances, but

The paper was sold at meetings to insist on the principle and prevent This they did, and printed "The and demonstrations by members of any selfish minority violating it, to

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A TALE OF TWO WOMEN quite unconsciously, come to accept it as the truth.

"News Chronicle" reported the in the editorial columns of the paper hell any of them should get a rise

Bradford, with the body of her still- the majority, instead of being merely Times" points out that:born baby in a parcel. Destitute, she that of some young (or not-sowalked round the city with that young) puppy of a journalist or, more parcel under her arm, trying to raise probably, of his director-bosses. the 7s. 6d. burial fee."

On Tuesday, June 2, 1953, Mrs. Salutary shock Elizabeth Mountbatten was crowned by the Grace of God, Queen of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the churchmen and politicians—the Lords temporal and spiritual-proclaimed the glad tidings to her joyful subjects and universal rejoicing was the order of the day.

in this summer of 1953, the flags flew judges' remuneration is supported by You know, Sir Hartley, when the and the bands played, and no one a majority of both Parliament and heads began to roll! gave a thought to the lone woman

crown are linked together in a com- than a century ago." mon symbolism, expressing the two! "Could it not?" cries the small privileged." opposed elements of our society. spoil-sport voice of doubt. "How The crown symbolises the majesty, would I care to live on a paltry Different story the power, the violence of the State £5,000 a year?" it asks, cautiously.

Anyway, as he very rightly points from the £50-odd a week distributed mon humanity—the oppressed.

NO SLAVES - NO MASTERS hundred on ermine robes."

Therefore, in these days when the State idea is predominant, we can of the Government's proposed industry." but make our passionate protest on behalf of the Mrs. Peacocks of this violence and oppression, is basically evil and wrong, whereas the free society, founded on justice and equality, is basically good and right. And we say, with Michael Bakunin, employed four Polish fellows, called to discuss strike action, the majority died away, leaving only the

Our aim is Social Justice and workers against whose employment a chief support of the Communists was hatred of the few. A few months No. 5 (June-July) now out strike was once threatened. It hap- recruited from Roman Catholics after starting work at that plant the festations of pomp and privilege as the Coronation. For without slaves ployment according to length of ser- of laughter by his serious denuncia- may be sure they all have ignorance tion of "foreigners." Only he could as their foundation stone subjects there can be no royalty; these men to the larger branch, in The proposal to strike was defeated without such as Mrs. Peacock, there which the union had asked, a strike a week later. They were given the A B. against the honouring of the agree- heaviest work to do and did it quietly can be no queen.

PATRIOTISM

workers asked the manager if he four Poles had "fought for Hitler reason for preventing them from would give them Monday as well as in the German Army." It was true working. Tuesday for the Coronation holiday. that these men had fought all It would, the shop steward told him, through the war, but first in the Ignorance the cause give him an excellent opportunity of Polish Army; then, for several years, The Poles have now been working vears." demonstrating his patriotism and set under British command. It was here for three months and are comever, he wasn't that patriotic. knew any of the Poles.

public. Indeed, the increase could "Judges," says Sir Hartley, "are There follows the usual blarney one grows older.

When the firm proposed to transfer not see the joke.

epresent public opinion. There is, done by a tax-free payment, or whose arithmetic is not too good, is f course, no foundation whatsoever should it be done by increasing the barely £48 a week! for this arrogant assumption, even present salaries of High Court judges So much for the worthy judges. supposing that the concept had any from their present pittance of £5,000 But when it comes to the unworthy meaning; but it has been reiterated a year to £10,500, the Lord Chief workers, "The Times," like the so often and with such bland assur- Justice's meagre £8,000 a year to politicians, has quite another tale to ance by every newspaper from the something over £28,000 and the Lord tell. In a leader portentiously Ambrose G. Barker, who was one of the World" to "The Chancellor's dole of £10,000 a year entitled "Perilous Proposals," it says the earliest, and to the end of his Times" that very many people have, to £31,000.

but engineers' two pounds a week claim is 'unreasonable!'

Privileged class

They may not themselves agree "The dignity of the Bench must

be upheld by a certain way of living, which must extend as much to the last month for which there are pub judges' home lives as, for example, lished records)". to the manner in which they travel to

istly claim even to know public society. On the contrary, we live in against repeating the "transparent one in which, in the lower ranges surely have administered such a salu- distinguishing different occupation And so, in this civilised country, "that in principle the increase in such differentials 160-odd years ago.

walking the streets of Bradford with hardly be grudged by anybody who and ought to be in a very special and about decreasing exports and the However, I cannot agree with his parcel under her arm.

But for all that, Mrs. Peacock's live in 1953 on the salary considered heavy responsibilities and it is essenparcel and Mrs. Mountbatten's appropriate to his occupation more tial and inevitable to their function that in certain respects they appear

pathetic parcel stands for the surely by now have swelled into the out, £5,000 a year is "not so much so generously to successful lawyers humility and hidden dignity of com- deep boom of emphatic dissent. "By as the State pays to some officials in and businessmen, officials of national-God," it cries, "would I care—even the nationalised industries and it is ised industry and High Court judges. though I did have to waste a few far less than is earned by many in would stick to humour. Its fourth But the only serious criticism of successful practice at the Bar, in the leaders are almost invariably funny, which "The Times" can conceive is other professions or in commerce and and there is no danger of taking them

AMID ALIEN CORN

IN the factory where I work are At the union emergency meeting Gradually the opposition of the

pened that these four men were em- from the Republic of Ireland, who factory meeting asked me to become

ployed in a smaller branch of the themselves claim to be aliens in union representative, a post I had

and union agreements gave them and Their chief spokesman, speaking in of the alien worker, the objections to

other workers some guarantee of em- a music hall accent, aroused howls him are usually the same, and we

and well amid a great deal of cold-

firm which had to be closed down. Britain, having no part in the Com- never sought.

born parents.

Of course, the source of the oppo- ness and even hostility. It seemed

sition was the Communist Party strange to me that one of the accusa-

which did everything possible to tions against these men was that they

aspects of modern mass-democ- £1,000 pocket money into the palms fellow has been taxed, he only gets is the claim of the Press to of their noble judges. Should it be about £2,500 and this, for those New branch of

WCHIEFS TO HAVE

Society that the Amalgamated Engineering long life, most ardent and active Union "have decided to go forward, members of the Free Thought Society stubbornly and shortsightedly, with (founder and hon, secretary: F. J. their claim for a 15 per cent wage Corina), it is proposed to form an ON FRIDAY, May 15, 1953, the with every comment which appears in case you are wondering why the increase, and to press, in addition, East London Branch, with headfor the immediate introduction of a quarters at his house, 29, Verulam they read, but they are often credu- when most of us are struggling along forty-hour week without loss of earn- Avenue, Walthamstow, London, E.17. "Mrs. Florence Peacock was dis- lous enough to believe that such on a few hundred a year, desperately ings, in place of the present forty- Will readers interested please comcharged from St. Luke's Hospital, comments represent the opinion of trying to make ends meet, "The four-hour week. This would mean a municate with Ella Twynam at that further increase of 10 per cent in address. wages an hour. The first claim alone e on average earnings last October (the LETTER:

INCREASE

The writer naturally quotes with approval the warning of Mr. Jack Tanner, the union's President, Dear Comrade Editors, I must express my agreement with Comrade Pedelty when he says he a week made last year, "when," says finds names and other words damn useful. I remember the difficulties I had in social intercourse before I ance by the employers, was in the earned to use them. Many was the end accepted by the unions. . . . The time I was hard put to it to make new demands are doomed to failure, myself understood, except, of course, because on every count they are when in the company of politicians, plainly unreasonable and impractic- for then I was able to use a natural expression which becomes taboo as

. . Judges carry interests of the nation in its "cam- appreciation of "Comrade" Sir Bert

For a simple man like myself, it Pedelty's predilection for names and is difficult to see why the engineering say I do not find him a good Read. workers earnings of £6-£10 a week? should not be subsidised from the Sometimes I wish "The Times"

Direct Action gets results

Read. Dare I take advantage of

Yours fraternally,

MARTIN.

Workers at Jersey's Ann-street Brewery, St. Helier, went on strike on June 9 demanding a 10s. rise. The BY SYNDICALIST firm offered six shillings—the workers stayed out. They got the ten bob after being idle two and a half hours.

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coordance with an agreement for and the Polish workers started work PRINTING NOTES

Whatever the race or nationality

WHEN THE 'DAILY HERALD' SUPPORTED STRIKES arouse hatred of "these foreigners," did not want to work, preferring life HE "MANCHESTER The Herald first appeared on

At a certain Yorkshire factory the even spreading the slander that the on the dole, which seemed a strange GUARDIAN" proposes to Wednesday, January 25, 1911. Its print a London edition. This is to early editions ran to 13,000, but be done by lithography. Say the before long the figure was boosted Guardian. "We cannot hope to have to 20,000; it sold at a halfpenny a the project running for three or four copy. The pages will be made-up in compositors, weekly hours were

a good example to the town. How- proved that not one of the accusers pletely accepted into the community Manchester and the northern edition reduced from 52½ to fifty. of their fellow workers. The only one printed. Clean proofs of the pages Then the paper came under Lans-I know personally is quite a favourite will be pulled and sent photographic- bury's editorship. It was a militant among his mates because of his toler- ally to London and printed litho. It paper, speaking on behalf not only ant and good-humoured attitude to can be done more cheaply than of the Labour Party, but of the laying down a second letterpress whole Labour Movement. It was It is strange that men hate those printing plant. This particular idea syndicalist in tone, with a real fightthey don't know, then like them when has been in the minds of the manage- ing policy. It was not content to they do, but even though ignorance ment for over thirty years! record trade union history, it made

5s 6d and prejudice are the breeding Now that newspapers are to be it. for a little while, had been an alien unions to grab the new process, as a glamour boy. took the form of boycott, then de-

veloped to physical attacks against CHARLIE KENNELL which I did not hesitate to defend myself. Strangely enough, the men retired from the "Daily Herald. who objected to the foreigner were, He was one of the few original nearly all, the children of foreign- founder-members of the Herald to

As a result of a strike by the

grounds of such hatred, the seed is printed by litho, members will see What a sad story Charlie Kennell usually sown, watered and nursed by the introduction of new processes could tell! The early Herald was into the domain of letterpress print- even known to be mildly republican. Perhaps I felt strongly for my ing. It is to be hoped that this will The present Herald has been running Polish fellow workers because I, too, not result in a mad scramble by stories of a grossly overpaid ship of

in a region where many hated my happened with the Honeycomb Even the agenda for the 1952 English race. The opposition first Mounting Base. a number of resolutions critical of the "Daily Herald." There was a time when the Herald was even known to support strikes! Perhaps

Charlie Kennell will write us about it. R.E.M.E

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