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### Women Behind Bars

The photographs tell us more than words can of the unbearably drag routine Here are the prisoners-goulish figures in shapeless cloaks taking their dealy exer cise, their glimpse of the world outsid on the other, the prison Here are the warders, the the long suicide-proofed galleries going to cell unlocking the doors And here is the cell, 14 f by 9 ft. where the prisoners spend hours out of the 24, "What eve prisoner longs for is something that wi stamp it as her own. So she puts is of her family, picture post old Christmas cards." are the tin bowls of dinner being hande out, here the girls sitting in rows stitching mailbags. Their heads are bent over their work at a uniform angle as tables are not provided. And here in the pictures we see the sickening and infuriat ing hypocrisy of our benevolent priso system. The first shows Sunday morning in Holloway, with the prisoners at th Church of England chapel. The secon photograph shows the prisoner mother babies in a row. in prison. The babies spend the day in the ward and go back to their mothers' cells prison, other came in with their mothers." One thing is striking about this photodoing the same thing-bathing their universities of crime.

individuals-despite the obscuring of their faces, done to avoid identification-whereas in all the other photographs they seem

"Humanity on the Bench", the story of an expectant mother sent to jail by three women magistrates. The mayor told her "We have no alternative but to send you to prison. We are sure you will be well looked after and it is really the best thing for your"

We are reminded of Chesterton's verse: "Your vicious things shall melt in air-But for the virtuous things you do The Righteous Work, the Public Care It shall not be forgiven you."

The two men sentenced to death for r part in the murder of Mr. Alec de quis, have been hanged. "Justice been done and a crowd of about a hundred waited outside the prison for e notices to be posted on the gat At the inquest on the executed men (how vpical of the law to hold an enquiry into he cause of death of the men it has just cilled), the coroner (surely outside his legal function?), said: "It seems to me that a conviction in a case of this kind may act as a deterent to others who may be like-minded, and it is your efforts and those who work under you that save the public at large from a recurrence. And, as though he had just won the cup final, Superintendent Fabian replied: "I was only the captain of a good team.

In the face of all evidence and ex-

perience, the coroner thinks that this case will act as a deterrent to further crimes factors that made criminals of these boys (ages 20 and 23) and their accomplic who was "detained during the king's leasure" (age 17), will have a similar

mined-petty theft, Borstal, robbery with violence, and so on, ending, tragically and dramatically in their case, with murde graph-although the mothers are all Prisons, as Kropotkin said, are the

> N Australian paper, recently received, reminds Lus of the tireless activity of our old comrade J. W. Fleming, who has been carrying on anarchist propaganda at Melbourne for 50 years.

> "Yes, 'Chummy' is still dishing it out from Melbourne's most famous Sunday institution."

organised the first May. Day procession there. He was already a veteran when, during the First World was a wave of police persecution of our away from the town. A police inspector War, he addressed crowds of up to 100,000 at Yarra Bank. Year in, year out, and maintained their right. This was an despite frequent visits to jail, he has kept up his agitation against the who ever heard of the commercial news-State, against the so-called "Labour" paper sellers being prosecuted? government which works hand-inglove with capitalism and militarism, and against the obscuranticism of the

Catholic Church. During the war, on his 80th birthday, "Chummy" wrote to us to give us a laconic account of his activities. "Last May Day I led the May procession with a banner on which was friend at Marble Arch, Blake refused to written 'Long Live Anarchy'. I had move along when requested to do so by CORRECTION proceded a short distance when the a policeman and said: "You can't move police put me out of the procession. I ran down two more streets and got entitled to stand here as much as you in again in the march to the Yarra I have been circulating Bank. in their A.Z. News Letter that figures of Freedom among the University the number of persons detained without students, with success. They invited trial are published. The figures quoted me to lecture on Anarchism and were pleased with the lecture. Australia 207 men, Bethlehem (Palestine) 36 is not England-the Roman Catholics Prison yesterday afternoon. No decision women. Total 548 detainees. To-day, are strong so I continually attack has yet been arrived at by the Minister their superstition. The war has of Home Affairs regarding what is to be caused a boom, wagse are high and the workers cling to their chains."

We send our warmest greetings to arrived by 'plane from Dublin. our old comrade and to the other anarchists and anti-militarists who are 78 days in Belfast Prison. He was then keeping up the struggle "down under".

**ARRESTS WITHOUT** TRIAL IN PALESTINE

Reference has frequently been made in the columns of this paper to the numerous arrests of Jews in Palestine and their detention for indefinite periods without trial. An organization was formed earlier this year to provide legal aid for these detainees and financial assistance for their dependents often destitute, and it is as at 1st March, 1946, were: Asmara (Eritrea) 305 men, Latrun (Palestine) according to the Committee the numbers have risen to something between 700 and 800 detainees. It is interesting to note that 145 detainees were under 20 years of age and the rest between 20 and 40. What is "freedom loving" British public opinion doing in the mattter? Remember that some of these people have been detained without trial since 1943!



Australia

### LIBERTY RENOVATED BY WALL ST.



### Justice Is Done



the same old rock platform, under the same old elm, under the same red banner proclaming ANARCHY to the four winds . . . At 84, he can still draw the crowds at

"Chummy" Fleming was one of the earliest revolutionary propagandists in Australia and



"It shines just as bright, and ain't so incendiary"

### "Hands Off My Dad!"

A street ice-cream salesman, continu charged with obstruction, who as a protest chained himself to a lamp-post, has again been fined. He arrived at the court with his seven children who paraded outside with placards stating his case. In court, he said, "I have paid about 50 fines in less than three months, and have got a right to grouse."

The magistrate said: "If all of us decided to air

grievances by chaining ourselves up, it would be impossible for life to carry on. There would be so many peopl chained up that there would not be enough to cut them free. "What I don't like to hear is the way

you brought your children into this It is wrong for a man to try to breed spite into his children."

But it is evident that the elemen spite in this case is provided by the police in their continued persecution of the icechildren a service in disabusing them at a tender age of the illusion of "justice"

### What Is "Obstruction"? This issue of "obstruction" is of

importance to us. A year or so ago there comrades selling this paper in the street, their determination to stand their ground police station to release a prisoner. obvious case of political persecution-

An amazing case of "obstruction" was DIVIDED LOYALTIES reported last week in the Evening

It is against the law to stand on the pavement, even if you are talking to someone.

Herbert Redford Blake, aged 24, was told this at Marlborough-street court to-day, when he was charged with obstructing a policeman.

Evidence was that while talking to a me. This is free country, and I am a citizen and I know my rights. I am When Mr. Paul Bennett, V.C., the

### I.R.A. HUNGERSTRIKER

David Fleming, a former I.R.A. leader, was still on hunger strike at Belfast done with him. He has been refusing food since his arrest at Nutt's Corner Airport, Belfast, on Saturday, when he Fulham: F.C.D. 1/-. Last year Fleming refused food for deported to Eire. Manchester Guardian, 24/9/47.

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magistrate, had heard this evidence, he said to Blake: "Quite wrong. You have no right to stand still on the pavement "You have only a right to move up and down. He fined Blake 2s. 6d.

The magistrate overlooked the fact that Mr. Blake had not right to stand on the pavement, neither had the policeman. A writer in the News Chronicle summed it up thus:

"The combined effect of the law of the highway and the law about obstructing the police (which means, very often, not doing what they tell you) is that this is only a relatively free country." Our ice-cream man was told that life couldn't carry on, if we all aired our

grievances in the way he adopted. We may be sure that if all of us resisted. the intolerable and stupid restrictions placed, in big matters and small, on our daily lives, then the system that imposed hem couldn't carry on.

### SALUTE THE SOLDIER

the 1st Batt The Green Howards were warned by Derby magistrates to-day that they had better keep the anti-conscription rallies at the in particular, at Marble Arch, and only the troops had attempted to storm the Star, 15/9/47.

from an approved school at Redhill, arrived at his home in Hanwell, in time After giving him a meal his mother telephoned the police and handed him

over to them.

A bad misprint occurred in the caption to the cartoon ingsome copies of the last issue. It should have read "My dear, you're charming but stupid" the Royal horse said, very stiffly. "For you it's always work and want. For us its simply spivving and living."

### Press Fund

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A 16-year-old boy who had absconded for breakfast to-day.

Star, 15/9/47.



TT is becoming impossible to escape the conclusion that the govern- For since the government controls raw ment-not simply the Labour government, for the same compulsions would apply equally to any other administration-are in the grip of larger world-wide forces. Step by remorseless step, down staff and so create "redundant" this country is being driven down a path which those who have workers-to use another contemporary observed the already established totalitarian States recognize only cuphemism. The government itself too well. Cripps Plan represents State capitalism and its development brings in its train features which have already been that does not alter the facts. To quote demonstrated in State capitalist regimes elsewhere; in Russia after the Manchester Guardian once more: 1917, Italy after 1922, and Germany after 1933. Government has always meant the political control of a population by a favoured class; as State capitalism has developed it has meant that the privileged class also takes into its hands the economic administration of the raw materials and the labour units as well. "Labour units" is a way of saying workers.

In the last issue of Freedom, the Cripps Plan was shown to represent the definite taking over of economic planning by the government-the privileged class. And it was pointed out that economic planning inevitably meant that the lives of workers would also be planned, not by themselves but by the government. When this has happened in other lands it has been called totalitarianism,

dictatorship, fascism, or some other more or less opprobrious title. When it happens here it catch such "the necessities forced upon us by the Crisis", "a distasteful but patriotic duty", and so on.

### Labour Direction

Obviously, such a trend towards totalitarianism is of desperate importance for workers, and it is therefore proposed to examine one aspect of it-the compulsory direction of labourmore closely. Having done so, more general reflexions may be permitted.

A planned economy directed towards (in this case, an export drive) inevitalso be subjected to State direction. Industries which produce exportable goods (what the State calls "essential" labour, and workers must be directed via direction from the labour exchanges.

to such industries and away from non export ("inessential") industries. Hence ompulsory direction of workers be-

comes a logical necessity . The press has praised the "moderthan real. At present the only people who can be directed are those who fall out of employment and hence have to apply to the labour exchange for a job. They will be "offered" a choice of jobs; a phrase which may well mean no more than a number of equally unpalatable alternatives. If a worker refuses he comply is liable to a fine of £100 3 months imprisonment.

### An Alternative to Unemployment

The Manchester Guardian points out that "The 'essential' industries will realizing a particular production plan not get much out of the Government's measures for controlling labour unless ably requires that the producers should the Government can quickly create a large volume of unemployment." Obviously, if the export plans are succes ful there will be a drain from industries) must have a reliable pool of "inessential" to "essential" industries

- Behind the Slogans -----Workers of the World Unite-New Version

of the first victims of war. And it is Communist Deputy, M. André Savar understandable, since without the propa- who demanded of the Sub-Prefect of th ganda of hate and blame it would be Meuse that the sugar should be unloaded almost impossible to fight wars. Since M. Savard added: the end of the war a wave of nationalism "If necessary we shall lie down befor has swept over Europe, and in these the lorries to keep them from passing. periods of economic crisis this nationalism this sugar is American, America is giving can be used by politicians, for they proof of its desire to rebuild German naturally shift the blame for their own before France. incompetence on to the wickedness of the "America has her eyes on France. T

been reported from those countries con- main the historic city in which 'They cerned with frontier changes, Poland, shall not pass'." Jugoslavia, Italy, etc., but the latest Such are the depths to which the Comincident of blind nationalism of the munists, whose slogan was once "Workers meanest kind comes from France where of the World Unite", have descended. hundreds of miners in the town of There may be subtle "tactical reasons Bouligny are on strike to protest against for the present Communist action (for the shipment of foodstuffs to the French instance, the municipal elections ne zone of Germany. Many hundreds of month), but for Anarchists there can them, according to a News Chronicle no justification on any grounds report, poured into Verdun on Monday "tactics" when millions of lives are last to reinforce the barricades and prevent stake. The present action of the French French zone of Germany.

has been loaded into 142 Army lorries serve their political ends. by the troops who on Saturday seized the barges in which it came. They were expected to move during the night.

The people of Verdun have thrown up street barricades around the port area and have blocked all roads leading out of

A meeting of 3,500 people was held at body.

INTERNATIONALISM is always one the barricades and was addressed by the

Verdun incident, already national, has not Already ugly nationalist incidents have become international. Verdun shall r

400 tons of sugar being moved to the Communists is yet another proof that the "brotherhood of man" is an emp During the past two days the sugar slogan to be bandied about when it can

### STOP PRESS

The 142 lorries have left for Gerand we understand that the town to prevent the forries from Savard was not killed by the lorries running over his prostrate, protesting

materials and fuel it can gradually strangle the "inessential" industries which will therefore have to cut sequences of its planned economy but "The Government does not, of course, will lead to unemployment in the nonessential industries but it is not plan ning for it. It prefers creeping paralysis to the electric shock of drastic measures to cut down our luxuries."

This raises immediately the vexed question of incentives, which Labour Ministers describe as bunk, but which is a crucial isssue to workers and their families. Under capitalism the incentive to labour is always fear. In the past it was fear of unemployment. Lacking massive unemployment at the created another kind of fear. oss of one's job means direction. workers will tend to cling to the jobs they have and not jeopardize them by "untimely" agitation for higher wages, better conditions, etc. Employers may well say to such rebels, "You watch elf directed!" That direction is reremark that "anyone who wishes to escape direction can volunteer for the mines"

### The Soft Soap

Needless to say the order ounded with all kinds of soft soap gloss the consciences of the liberals. The Government will offer men a choice of jobs in their own employment-as far as possible. Men will not be sent far away from their homes-if it can be avoided, and so on and so on. The basic fact is that if State capitalism to work then labour must be directed If workers take it quietly then compulsion is not necessary. If they object then the government will be "forced' to adopt "stronger measures" The pattern is familiar enough. The Essential Works Order made us familiar with another kind of soft soap-employers must submit to restrictions "as much as" the workers. A directed worker must not be sacked -except, of course, for "serious

Even if it were intended to see that restrictions were fairly distributed through the social classes, the very nature of capitalism ensures that the workers pay. This is shown by the Ministry of Labour's exemption professional and managerial employees from the Control of Engagement Order. The list of exempted classes includes mainly the higher paid and salaried workers; those subject to the Order include the lower paid sections-in fact, the mass of the workers.

In the Grip of a World Trend Enough has been said to make it clear that the workers should fight question from a wider historical view- watching" of the liberals. It is a not been decided. point, as indicated in our opening com- symptom of a trend which has engulfed a necessity.

the individual in industry". Now, State Capitalist totalitarianism has "surplus" factories. direction of labour has become part of spread throughout the world. official TUC policy. No doubt this of the Trade Union leaders; but they must be stamped out at its source, and do not voluntarily seek to make obvious both the repressive forces concentrated somersaults. That they do so is an in the State, and the Capitalist economy indication that they are in the grip of which is intertwined with it must be forces which they cannot control. In overwhelmed by the emergence of the discussing the measures available to populations as a whole undertaking the the Minister of Labour to deal with direction of their own destinies through people who "do not choose to work" their own free and equal organizations. the Manchester Guardian makes a very The progressive totalitarian trends can significant comment: "Short of the only be arrested by the Social Revolution general industrial and military con- itself.

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may bid me fear, that I may spend my days in undisturbed inactivity." -William GODWIN.

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that of looking into their books.

learned professions generally, is Fauré." cognized as a threat is shown by Isaacs' serious enough. But the loss to In future books will only be imbe deplored. Unless we can follow the war. the thought of other countries we are | Importers will have to submit the

> scription we had during the war, or a Hitler introduced in pre-war Nazi Germany, or a new national register, there is little he could do. And whatever h did would need police sanctions . . (italics are ours). Here we get a glimpse of the world trend which drives all governments.

The News Chronicle, though some what more tentatively, points the same trend in an editorial: "Nevertheless, the operation of this Control of Engagement Order is carrying into time peace a war-time device, and it mus be very jealously watched." In wartime these totalitarian measures were brought in with the promise that they were only war-time measures. Opposing them in these columns we foretold that they would be carried over into peace. Measures now brought in as "Crisis" legislation will similarly be retained on the statute books. Indeed, it is becoming more than ever apparent that capitalist economy to-day is simply war economy and demands war-time powers for the government. State Capitalism in Russia has used such powers for years; Nazi Germany's State Capitalism made use of similar powers. The world trend which drove them is now driving Labour State Capitalism.

### **Revolutionary Struggle**

Labour direction cannot be fought as Obviously it is futile to fight its

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THE announcement by the Board of bound in our turn to enter that pro-Trade that from September 12th vincial territory from which it is our the Open General Licence granted expressed hope to see the totalitarian for the importation of all books (other countries extricate themselves. We than fiction in English and children's shall become, for so long as the rebooks) was revoked, had very little striction is in force, intellectual public attention directed to it-unlike nationalists. Unfortunately, however, Hollywood films and the banning of even if the period be a short one, this petrol for joy-riding. Yet, as the inevitable provincialism must leave Time Literary Supplement (20/9/47) lasting scars. Already there are warnput it, the effect of the ban is "to ning signs. To take a single instance, place the British reading public be- the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra is hind an iron curtain quite as effective, at present receiving from the in its chosen field, as any political Musicians' Union a manner of welembargo imposed by a totalitarian come which would evoke strong propresent time, the government has State. Already we could not enlarge test were it extended to British our sympathies by travel. Now we musicians visiting Austria. And it is cannot acquire knowledge of other the logical consequence of this attiminds by the only alternative means: tude not only to accept, but finally to acclaim, the substitution of the What this restriction means to the local for the universal, of Butterworth specialist, the scientist, the writer, the for Hugo Wolf and of Parry for

> general humane amenity, so partially ported on individual licences which and painfully restored after six years will only be considered in the cases of war-time isolation, is far more to of firms who imported books before

> titles of the books they wish to import, and it will be left to the totalitarian device like the 'work book' Board of Trade to take the final decision as to whether a licence can or cannot be granted. In other words the decision as to what we may or may not read so far as foreign works are concerned will be decided for us by some gentlemen at the Board of

Heil, democracy!

### **GERMANY STARVES WHILE** ECONOMISTS HAGGLE 900 Factories To Be Dismantled

AS we go to Press the British A Government has still not published ts list of German plant and factories scheduled to be dismantled in the British zone. It is believed that the delay has been caused by disagreement between the British economists associated with the Commission as to how many factories should go (the figure quoted is 900).

Three classes of factories and installations will be listed: those to be dismantled as disarmament measure, those to be dismantled for reparations, and Direction of Labour with all means in an isolated phenomenon: it will not be those which are considered "surplus" their power. But if one looks at the greatly hampered by the "jealous but the eventual disposal of which has

Presumably there is no difficulty in ments, opposition becomes even more of the world in two wars, and sunk whole determining which factories must be populations under totalitarian terror. dismantled "as a disarmament measure", At the Labour Party Conference in What we are witnessing is what revolu- but there is something sinister about the May at Margate, Arthur Deakin, the tionary anti-militarists foresaw: the war second case, of factories to be "dis-Transport and General Workers Union against fascism has succeeded in en- mantled for reparations" because it boss, declared "as far as direction of throning fascist measures amongst the leaves the economists with powers to Labour is concerned, the TUC will "anti-fascist" nations. From being a virtually liquidate Germany so far as reject it and will continue to reject any social form confined to Bolshevik world markets are concerned, as also such interference with the liberty of Russia, Fascist Italy, and Nazi Germany. of course does the third category of

If Germany is to keep herself, then clearly these are matters which must indicates the hypocrisy and hollowness effects piece-meal. The creeping disease be decided by the Germans themselves and not by British economists whose whole outlook must be prejudiced by considerations which are detrimental to German recovery.

If Germany's economy is to be determined by the Big Four then the responsibility for conditions in that country fall on the Big Four, and ultimately on the people of this country. And are we prepared to stand by and watch millions of people starve in our name?

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D fascist ideology stands for, Anarchists of speech. must raise their voices on the subject of "the fascist menace in Britain" and The League of Ex-Service Men is un- petent to judge are those who believe press.

of those who seek legislation for the sup- successfully given it the free publicity it presssion of fascism in this country than required (as the same Press did during in that allegedly fascist organization "The the war in attributing to the almost non-League of Ex-Service Men".

tocussing of public attention on the another question. The fact is that at League are briefly as follows: open air present their main activity is fascist pro- understand what freedom implies." neetings have been held by that organiz- paganda. Their aim is Power. They do ation in Ridley Road, Dalston, which as not believe in freedom for the individual, result of the publicity given mainly by

the Communists has turned small meetings into monster demonstrations with an audience of sometimes more than 2,000 people. The police have been prominent at these meetings and a number of arrests made both of fascists and Communists (or sympathisers) who in many cases travelled several miles (as in the case of a young girl who was arrested of this "anti-fascist" movement. They and who lived in St. John's Wood) in first gave the necessary publicity to the an organised attempt to break up the League, then organised the opposition to organizations the danger which it presents acts in a disorderly manner for the pur- fantastic as the Nazi propaganda in meetings.

The outcome of these meetings at the time of writing is that Mr. J. Hamm, For the Communists "fascist" is a term the Communists feel that as a result of and the result was that the Public formerly a member of the Colonial Service (an interesting detail) and who served for three years in the Royal Tank Regiment and who describes himself as "director of policy" for the League was the Special Branch and charged under the Public Order Act with using insulting munist bag, stated in a radio debate on or another Government chose to use it words at a public meeting whereby a the subject of "Can We Outlaw Fascism" against them as well). breach of the peace was likely to be that not only should fascist organisations occasioned. The second development is be declared illegal but that there should that the Home Secretary is to shortly be "legislation against anti-Soviet propareceive an "important deputation representing all sections of the Labour and Soviet propaganda is fascist propaganda trade union movement" (News Chronicle, 24/9/47). Presumably the proposals to Communists in opposition do not bebe put to Mr. Ede will be along the lines lieve in the Freedom of the Press and of of the resolution passed at last year's speech as they have often demonstrated Annual General Meeting of the Stalinist except of course when their freedom controlled National Council of Civil threatened. As to what would happen if Liberties (Freedom, 6/4/46) which they got power can be gauged by refercalled on the Government to introduce ence to the Russian Press with its single legisation immediately to make "the pro- voice or to those European pagation of Fascist doctrines and of "enjoying" the fruits of Stalinism whethe racial hatred illegal."

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### Fascists and Communists

Before dealing with the question of rinciple involved in any future legislation, it will be useful first to examine the policies and positions of the main

### ANARCHISM -Interpretations

LAW never made men a whit more just: and, by means of their respect for it even the well-disposed are daily made the agents of injustice. A common and natural result of an undue respect for law is that you may see a file of soldiers, colonel, captain, corporal, privates, powder monkeys, and all, marching in admirabe order over the hill and dale to the wars, against their wills, aye, against their common sense and consciences, which makes it very steep marching indeed, and produces a palpitation of the heart. They have no doubt it is a damnable business in which they are concerned; they are all peaceably inclined. Now, what are they? Men at all? or small movable forts and magazines, at the service of some unscrupulous man in power?

The mass of men serve the State thus, not as men mainly, but as machines, with their bodies. They are the standing army, and the militia, gaolers, constables, posse comitatus, etc. In most cases there is no free exercise whatever of the judgment or of the moral sense: but they put themselves on a level with wood and earth and stones; and wooden men can perhaps be manufactured that will serve the purpose as well. Such command no more respect than men of straw or a lump of dirt. They have the same sort of worth only as horses and dogs. Yet such as these even are commonly esteemed good citizens.

OTHERS-as most legislators, politicians, lawyers, ministers, and officeholders-serve the State chiefly with their heads; and as they rarely make any moral distinctions, they are as likely to serve the devil, without INTENDING it, as God.

How does it become a man to behave toward this American government to-day? I answer, that he cannot without disgrace, be associated with it. I cannot for an instant recognize that political organization as MY government which is the SLAVE'S government also. -HENRY DAVID THOREAU.

RECAUSE they are opposed to all that contestants in this battle for the freedom longer! The position then of Freedom

the measures to be taken to crush it, a doubtedly the successor to the disbanded in freedom for others! And they obsubject which during the past few weeks British Union of Fascists. The B.U.F., viously would be opposed to any legishas once more come to the fore in protest it should be noted, was broken up by lation hampering those with whom they meetings, T.U.C. conferences and in the Government action in 1940, and they lost are not in agreement. So to Mr. Gibbon their black shirts some years earlier. Yet of the Daily Worker who wrote: has that resulted in the destruction of But let us make ourselves quite clear. Fascism? The League is at present an existent Trotskyists the numerous coal strikes in Yorkshire). That they may The circumstances which have led to a eventually become a large movement is since they do not believe in the individual, and they only believe in freedom of speech and of the Press whilst they remain in opposition and in a minority. So far as can be ascertained they have not vet used violence as part of their

> The Communists have been at the back freedom of speech and of the Press, except for those whom they call "fascists". with a very wide interpretation. A ganda", implying thereby that all ant

they like it or not.

It needs only average intelligence to understand then that both the Communists and Fascists have an equal con-Press for others, but defend it heartily first point, that of that person. right to demand freedom for themselves, munists. And had we discussed other ful to the Fascists."

"In Warsaw, Polish Socialists, We are more concerned with the menace insignificant quantity. The Press has \* glancing at the ruins of their city would say 'We admire your traditions of free speech, but for a Labour Government to make freedom of speech synonymous with license for Fascists is something that passes our comprehension." We would say: "Your friends do not



claimed for it becomes insignificant (and business for which the meeting was called misfortunes, were it not for the fact that we believe together, to give his name and address, the powerful Russian backing they are no Meeting Act, 1908, had become pracdefinition would be that it covers all those longer a minority force in this country tically a dead letter. Section 6 of the ndividuals and organisations whether on and cannot be the victims of the boomer- Public Order Act, 1936, conferred powers the Left or Right who dare to criticise ang effects of the kind of political legis- on the police for the purpose." the Stalinist regime. Mr. D. N. Pritt, lation they propose for the fascists, their Which brings us to our second point:

> This boomerang effect of political legislation is unwittingly but most suc- protect. cessfully demonstrated by the champion of liberty, Mr. Pritt, in his article "The Police and the Fascists" (New Statesman,

e refers in his article to Section 6 describes as "an Act passed largely to letter to the New Statesman (13/9/47) industrial ruling class. deal with Fascists" and which introduced declares: "To me the issue is simplea new sub-section into Section 1 of the either the police have the authority to of the two Acts taken together is, shortly, to punish persons "acting in a disorderly manner at a lawful public meeting for of the business for which the meeting was called"; and to provide that, if any constable reasonably suspects any person of being guilty of such an offence, he may, if requested so to do by the chairman of the meeting, take the name and address

able enough", but here's the rub; "the then not only are the fascists to be way in which the police are administering

# On Being Monotonously Right revolt against the system which seeks to The Revolutionary Value of

W/E all hate the fellow who says "I mud to throw at anarchism. fortune on him.

phetic faculty; the point is that the reason. the anarchist viewpoint is notably clear and wishful thinking which clutters up the followers) to-day.

if they press this-the justification of the bitterly offend? knows that his support is based on of the ego within them.

and remind them of our warnings at the last century were not uncommonly devout and Catholics. Roman Catholics, although many of their To my mind Eddie Shaw is so successcommentaries on current affairs-in the Catholicism with equal devoutness. It men and women.

feel like kicking you, and look round for faith, they can overcome their feelings of the strength to become an anarchist, and

### FREEDOM



only for those who believe in it is untenable because the only people com-

for the Communist interrupter's name to tion he would have been as magnanimous? be taken and handed to the Chairman. this practice is uniform for all meetings, "ex-servicemen"! since it is in Fascist meetings, not ordinary meetings that the Chairman is likely to use this technique. The result of this practice is clearly to favour the It is obvious to any reasoning indi-

that ex-schoolmaster Ede has to do is to of the Russian experiment which has point out to lawyer Pritt that that is the ' proved as disastrous to humanity as the law! In fact, before the passing of the Fascist experiments .

favour of the Act so long as it appears think it was very important to the legisto protect Communist meetings from lation to define fascism (quoted from Fascist disturbances, but he is very radio debate already referred to). We annoved that at Ridley Street the Chair- wonder whether when he was the leading man at the fascists' meeting should ask light in the anti-war People's Conven-

And these two gentlemen are members And Mr. Pritt, the lawyer, accuses Mr. of Parliament. It is difficult to foresee Ede, the Home Secretary of supporting what might happen to their powers of this undemocratic practice, adding "it is reasoning in a real crisis if this is the no sort of reply for Mr. Ede to say that way they react to Mr. Hamm and his

### The Anarchist Position

Fascists in a very dangerous way. Yet vidual that Anarchists deplore the fact Mr. Ede defends this practice. And this that after the experience of the past from the Home Secretary of a Labour twenty-five years there should still be Government which came into power individuals who pin their hopes in life largely because we had learnt political on fascist teachings. For that matter we consciousness in a war against Fascism!" feel the same in regard to those people And in his reply (September 6th) all who will not or cannot learn the lessons

arrested by Det.-Inspector Whitehead of K.C., whom we are sure will not be proposals, if accepted, could prove fatal that there is no guarantee that legislation offended at being included in the Com- to their very existence if and when this orginally framed for a specific purpose cannot at a later date when deemed convenient by those in power at the time, those whom it originally sought to

### **Behind The Hysteria**

The hysteria of certain individuals on Meetings Act, 1908. The effect prevent Fascist propaganda or they have not. If they have, why do they not use it? If they have not, or if there is any doubt in the Home Secretary's mind, why does he not seek whatever powers he

"The opposition to such action would to argue about whether the war was fought to make Britain safe for Fascist

"I would suggest that our Fascists, on conviction, be sentenced to deport In Mr. Pritt's opinion "that is reason- to Germany for a period, where they will regime they demand." legislated against, but also the Com- it is quite astounding, and extremely help- Mr. Pritt is quite prepared to "give

the Home Secretary power to schedule organizations the list would be much In other words, Mr. Pritt is all in fascist organizations"-and he didn't

it and now pose as the champions of is so enormous that the good that is pose of preventing the transaction of the blaming the Jews for all Germany's

A law may succeed in banning fascist or anti-Semitic propaganda from street corner platforms, but it will not eradicate certain ideas from some people's minds. And it will only drive the propaganda underground, to carry on its work in a far more insidious manner.

We must beware lest this sudden "Anti-Fascist" awareness is not just a distracting tactic by the Trade Union bosses and their friends to hide the real fascism which is being introduced in the name of National Recovery in order to eventually control every action in our daily lives. That is the real fascist menace to-day, and not Mr. Hamm, of Dalston, for bethe Left over the "fascist menace' in this hind this menace is the full force of country must be referred to in passing. the State, represented by the alliance of of the Public Order Act, 1936, which he Mr. George Jeger, a Labour M.P., in a the Union Bosses and the managerial and

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insufficiency and face the world boldly. They can become loud-mouthed bullies through our own stupidity. He has scrupulously avoid treading on the ideo- by inflating themselves with the myth of possible without the building up of a warned us; we foolishly disregard his logical corns of one's fellows. I merely the Communist Party, or they can let strong and self-reliant personality. warning, run our heads against some- point out that hostility and anger are not themselves rip as full-blooded hooligans What often passes for disillusionment is thing unpleasant, and there he is saying uncommonly called up by referring to supported by the fascist creed, or they mere morose apathy, the type of depressed "I told you so!" We hate him for it, simple truths about current affairs which can achieve power and pelf by betraying spirit which seems to have no positive and try and fix the blame for our mis- people prefer not to recognize. We are their ex-workmates, robbing and dragoon- beliefs or desires, but which tamely obeys living in a new age of faith, the faith ing them to the greater glory of Trade the bluff of anyone with a show of That is why we anarchists have to be of political mysticism which is taking Unionism and The Socialist State. Authority. so very careful. Socialists and Tories the place of religious faith, and the Indeed, the more cowardly elements of alike are apt to get hot under the collar politically devout are not less irrational, Glasgow have not the guts to bash one if we refer to events in the recent past, their faith. Research scientists of the can boost themselves up as Orangemen

It is a thankless task to be monoton- findings made nonsense of their faith. It ful because he manages to combine a ously right. Looking through old copies is not surprising, therefore, that many withering attack on and mockery of the of War Commentary and Freedom, I have modern scientists can embrace political masses, with real encouragement to them been struck with the great accuracy of the faiths as bigoted and irrational as Roman to think well of themselves as individual

scoff at his unhappy predicament he will with illusions, with religious or political on being had for a mug. He will have natural rights as men and women.

## Individualism.

Disillusion is not enough, therefore, because genuine disillusionment is not

Where does all this lead to? Long ago someone said "The emancipation of and denounce us as the mischief-makers bigoted and cruel in matters concerning another up for the fun of it unless they the working class must be the task of the workers themselves." This phrase has leceived lip-service from many brands of Socialists, but it is left to the Anarchists to preserve it from empty banality and give it life and meaning.

We can expose all the rackets of Capitalism, Church and State, and still the mugs will fall for them; we can cry light of subsequent events. I do not sug- seems that the human mind can be so The whole tendency of modern life is world of myth and hypocrisy gest that the contributors to this paper upset by emotional disturbances as to to depress the individual from infancy and year by year events will confirm our have been gifted with any special pro- limit severely the range of the faculty of upwards, particularly in the case of the judgment, but that alone cannot shake working class who have not the conso- the faith of the political lotus-eaters. lations of money and leisure. It is im- Only by our success in helping to build in contrast to the astounding balderdash Disillusion Is Not Enough pressed on the working lad that he, Willie up the positive self-respect of the indi-Smith, is a pretty poor sort of creature ridual and relating this to the mass, can minds of most political thinkers (and How then should we approach the in himself, only valuable as a unit of our revolutionary propaganda be effective. thorny problem of propaganda, of speak- labour-power, a vote in the elections, a This is essentially different from telling Anarchists naturally court unpopularity ing the whole truth to those whom it will card-bearer in the Union, a number in the workers that they are jolly fine fellows the Army. Willie Smith will therefore because they are members of the anarchist point of view by recent history Eddie Shaw of Glasgow, one of the need to bolster up his personality with glorious proletariat' (the old-time Marxist -too strongly, when entering amical greatest anarchist propagandists of our some sort of faith, and he is anybody's line); the worker knows damned well that discussions in public about current affairs. time, intimates that disillusion is not stooge, unless he can be brought to there is no intrinsic merit in being one If one outlines (too baldly) what has enough in the creation of a real revolu- appreciate his own real worth, to realize of the exploited and underprivileged-he happened in the Labour Party in recent tionary will. From what I know of his that he, Willie Smith, is the most im- is generally ashamed of the fact in his years, when talking to a Labour en- work, however, I would say that his portant being in the Universe-to him- secret heart. No, the way to a successthusiast, it is tantamount to calling him genius lies in discovering the real way self. A man who has a genuine appre- ful conclusion of the class-struggle is for a bloody fool, and he may take it un- in which to strip the duped of their ciation of his own value as a human the workers to believe in themselves not kindly. The fact is that, at bottom, he illusions by encouraging the positive force personality, does not need to cling to because of their class or party label, but illusions. You can point to his mistakes because they esteem themselves as indiirrational emotional grounds, which defy The duped tend to cling to their illu- in the past and he will not feel a need viduals and can unite with the clarity of his own reasoning faculty, and if you sions because they need them. Armed to defend them. He will not want to go purpose and the will to assert their

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### and given us the mixture as before. Britain an interpretation of events and a materials and minerals, the factories, paragraph: policy which fulfils the dual purpose of furthering the interests of the Soviet foreign office and, where they don't ob- And secondly that, this being so, all the viously clash with these interests, giving activities of the workers in less fortunate voice to the popular aspirations and countries should be devoted to protecting catchwords of the day.

### SAME OLD TALK

In 1939, we had the ill-fated How to Win the War-which was followed by abject recantations when new orders arrived from the policy-makers; in 1914 he gave us How to Win the Peace, which is now followed by Pollitt's latest pronouncement Looking Ahead, of which it is reported that 75,000 copies have been

This year's prescription has no startling ingredients. Pollitt's pills are composed of no new elements and his clarion call to the British people is merely an appeal for more and speedier nationalisation, an "all-out effort", higher wages, tighter price control, "drastic restrictions" on non-essential work, Joint Production Committees and a "great political campolicy that transfers us from the American orbit to that of Moscow and its satellites.

### MY MASTERS RIGHT OR WRONG

With an unexpected flair for understatement, Harry confesses: "The Communist Party is sometimes charged with paying too much atten-

tion to the Soviet Union", and goes on to tell us of his re-actions to the Russian revolution in a masterpiece of scientific socialism:

only the Soviet Union and its people whole of the means of production, distribution and exchange are in their hands" [his italics].

class" [p. 42]. Russian Revolution have long since been and childlike confession of faith! Pollitt. far from being a stern and unsentimenta Marxist is at heart like the singers of the Sunday School hymn who

"By faith, and faith alone embrace, Believing where we cannot prove."

CAN WE BELIEVE IT?

This is an important point because the shifts and somersaults, deceptions and betravals, of communist policy throughout the world become comprehensible only it two assumption are made. Firstly, that the Soviet Union really is the Workers Paradise, that, in Pollitt's words: "There no man can make profit out of the labour of others. The exploita-

### COMMUNIST ECONOMICS ...

In our age of shortages it is interesting to read that in the U.S.S.R. lectures are being given on the "peaceful transition from Socialism to Communism".

Having lived in the U.S.S.R. I can visualise this process on the basis of personal experience.

increasing year by year as a result of con- their pockets for money to buy. By tinuous hard work and the improvement evening many people were wearing of productive technique. Prices are re- season's novelty-these light, elegant paper scenery in which he had hither- to), and succeeded in a very short duced and earnings rise according to shoes. the street, you'd first see the heels all

longer prevents anyone from getting anyhing he or she needs.

In that age of plenty, each will naturally receive according to his or her "Two purchasers-laboratory workersneeds.

This is a feature of the Communist Owners of Canvas Shoes: (1) keep shoes Society of the future towards which the in hermetically sealed place, prefe U.S.S.R. will assuredly develop if peace under glass; (2) do not wear at temperis preserved and towards which we too atures higher than-12° Centigrade [10° will advance, once we have established Fahrenheit]; (3) best of all, don't wear Socialism.

Pat Sloan in Daily Worker, 20/9/47. Do vou visualise it, comrade. I sounds almost like inflation to us!

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the workshops and the banks is

complete" [page 94]. the interests and extending the limits of this paradise, using all and every means for doing so.

If we are unable to accept these aspeople can?) then Pollitt's programme becomes merely demagogic and one-sided word-spinning. He exposes the imperialsm and economic expansion of the U.S.A., but not that of the U.S.S.R. He shows how Labour's policy is only one of State Capitalism, but he demands

ONCE more the oracle has spoken— tion of man by man has been com- At times Pollitt's eloquence lapses in pletely abolished. The ownership by incoherence. His chapter on "Britain's Every few years Harry Pollitt gives the people, of the land, the raw Crisis and the Way Out" ends with this

"The people are ready for anything They have finished with the past, they want a Government and leaders in the same frame of mind. They want rich more than they do their own people still fighting the battle of the

The people may be ready for anything sumptions (and how many thoughtful but after losing their illusions about the Tories and the so-called Socialist, they are hardly likely to fall for the phoney solution offered by the self-app Messiahs of the "scientifically-bas working-class party" of Pollitt & Co.

more nationalisation and not direct us that the "liberation of the working- people", and trying to get a true im-Workers' Control of industry. He illus- class" will only be achieved by uncom- pression of the lives and aspirations of trates the essentially reactionary and promising resistance to the State, and by the constituents who, he hopes, will reformist nature of the Labour Party, but industrial direct action for the seizure of eventually start him on his political he pleads for "the unity of our Labour the means of production by the workers career.

Action

# "strengthening of the Government" (i.e., the inclusion of Communist or quasi-Communist elements), and a foreign Indian Peasants Use Direct

A Reader has sent us a copy of Janata, a newspaper published in New Delhi, which contains an article showing how peasants are reacting to the illegal levy of taxes by the local jagirdars.

NTEARLY four thousand inhabitants of Bilaua Jagir in Gwalior State "All I was concerned about was that have started a movement against the finding that no governmental aid power was in the hands of lads like levy of various arbitrary and unjust was forthcoming for ending their ills, me, and whatever conception of politics levy of various arbitrary and unjust decided to take direct action In had made that possible was the correct | taxes from them by the local jagirdars. decided to take direct action. one for me. Don't you see, that still It has been a custom scrupulously batches, they started bringing goods strike for getting restrictions lifted. miners their final victory. has to remain the conviction and guid- maintained by the jagirdars to levy into the Jagir from outside. They About 400 baskets of betel valued at Soviet Union and its people, for it is a certain amount as tax on all com- refused to pay the usual levy and Rs. 4,008 which the satyagrahis modities brought in from outside the asserted their right to get goods from who can say that the whole of the jagir. The collection of such taxes is outside without having to pay the discourage the hungerstrike. But supposed to be the exclusive privilege jagirdars. Jananayak Vijaya Govind of the jagirdars and it is said that Dwivedi, leader of the local peasants He asks us not to drop dead with sometimes even amounts equal to the directed the movement. The jagirdars cost price of commodities brought in could not have their way. The people "when I also say that for me these are taken from the people as tax. were fully organised. A batch of can do any wrong against the working Much suffering has been caused due armed police however arrived. The to this. Many times, the people organisers of the movement were not Leaving aside the fact that most of the acquainted the Government with the frightened by the presence of the "lads and lasses" who seized power in the injustice of this system and pleaded police. They are continuing their for a check on these medieval prac- fight. People all over the State have tices. Their appeals however were extended their support to the move- of the State Congress was not very movement.

Zone. Isn't that fact some-

-Looking Ahead, p. 58

Between the Communist promise of

had a time of trouble. Last week

"Kratovo village received a supply of

canvas shoes . . . When they were dis-

played in the stores, they stopped traffic.

People only had to look at them, and

streets were now spangled with soles. It

would be too much to say the customers

prepared a Manual of Instructions for

Moskovsky Bolshevik reported on one:

thing to think about?

... AND "PLANNED

Yes, Harry, it is!

PRODUCTION"?

not heeded. The jagirdars weild tremendous influence over the administration. Therefore they could always have their privileges safe-

Last week the people of Bilaua,



when the revolutionary returning programmes will inevitably fail. illegally to his country looks out of The constrasting lessons of Russia the train windows at the hills and and Spain make this abundantl fields, the peasants and haystacks, clear (see "Agriculture and Social and realizes with a sudden shock that Revolution", Freedom, 17th May and bore no relation to the reality around tural plan, enforced from above re-

through, and was astonished and seized the land, formed their own dismayed at their abstract character. local committees for collectively All these quotations from masters organising the work (while not pre-Imagine planned production steadily their hands would instinctively go into and disciples on the agrarian question, venting those who wished, from conall these plans and schemes were the tinuing on their own if they preferred to lived. The country which was the time in increasing their crops to a "But on the following day, going along subject of these notes of his was a striking extent. come-when incomes are so high in re- by themselves-and then the owners paper country with paper mountains, lation to prices that lack of money no wearing different shoes. Two days later paper hills, fields, gardens and the street scenery changed somewhat: the meadows."

### PAPER FARMING

We all run this risk in our preoccupation with theories and statistics, posed from above, and the people Cultivation) Order, 1947, of losing touch with concrete realities, who are expected to do the work of and in farming-an occupation which carrying it out are, to use Eric Gill's TO EACH ACCORDING by its very nature presents constantly phrase, reduced to a subhuman conconsulted. Yet without his knowledge are stigmatised by society as bagful'."-Reynold's News, 21/9/47.

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What about it, Mr. Sloan?

them at all, as it is bad for them." The shoes had been made in Zarva Svobody (Dawn of Freedom) factory.

were delighted.

THE Labour leaders tend to rationalize the continual comprises and betravals that they have to make in order to "get on", by assuming that their one-time comrades in the rankand-file of the workers have gone letter to the Daily Telegraph, his imbetrayers and the irresponsibles.

inability to see the wood because of the on to say: trees, and it often happens that an outsider can get a clearer picture of events closely connected with them. Victor Echevarri, a prospective Tory parliamentary candidate has ben taking the The hard logic of events is teaching quite revolutionary step of "going to the

Mr. Echevarri has given us, in a



ment. The struggle would continue until the authorities intervene and legally abolish the tax.

### PROTEST JATHA

A protest jatha was also organised More than 400 people marched t Gwalior demanding action against the jagirdars from the Government. But restrictions were imposed on the atha soon on its entry into the city. Processionists were harrassed and nearly forty persons went on hungercarried were confiscated in order to the strike continued until Jananayak Vijava Govind Dwivedi arrived at the spot and advised the strikers to give up the fast. Prominent public workers approached the jagardir and tried to evolve a settlement but their efforts proved to be of no avail as the jagardirs remained adamnant.

Even though the High Command

Step

through the same process of emascu- pressions of the miners (unfortunately, lation and watering-down; following the miners have not so for thought the dictates of prudence and political it worth their while to record their imrealism. When, in some outburst of pressions of him) and he has at least, militancy, some wave of strikes, they discovered one profound truth that has find themselves quite out touch with escaped the Lawthers and the Horners. the workers, they get bewildered and After telling the Daily Telegraph's Government whose leaders hate the aggrieved and talk of irresponsibility readers that "it is well to remember and stabs in the back, and they can't that he [the miner] is more politically believe that they themselves are the conscious than most sections of the community"-something which events Politicians are notorious for their should have told them already-he goes

> "One has only to talk to the miner and tendencies than people more to discover that, coupled with the distrust of the bureaucracy of the Coal Board (the Grimethorpe strike was a strike against this as much as anything) is a genuine disappointment on the part of the miners who had imagined that the nationalisation of the mining industry meant mines for the miners. In other words, for years the miner has been led to believe in Syndicalism rather than Socialism."

> > This confirmation of our views is valuable since it obviously doesn't help to grind Mr. Echevarri's political axe. Where the so-called Socialists have been unable to seduce the miners from their syndicalist ideology, the Tories don't

> > Experience is a hard teacher, but an unanswerable one. The miners have experienced private exploitation and are now tasting State exploitation. The passage of time can only strengthen their belief in "The Mines for the Miners" and their determination to achieve it. Workers' Control is an uncomprising doctrine that admits of no half-measures. Talk of decentralising the National Coal Board is mere window-dressing. The miners must be prepared for a stern and unrelenting battle with the State, of which Grimethorpe was one of the first skirmishes.

Determination, solidarity, direct action have won the first round, and they are the weapons that will win the

C.W.

lpful to the satyagrahis, workers of the local unit expressed their sympathy and encouraged the movement. The State Congress is reported to have threatened those workers who extended help to the satyagrahis with disciplinary action. But this action only provoked contempt of the local workers who have been backing the

# **Paper Fields and Paper Farmers**

I in the novel "Bread and Wine", lightened and scientific of argicultural expected to succeed.

### THE DIFFERENCE

The difference is the difference bebetween authority and anarchy.

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SHALL never forget the episode and co-operation, the most en- "brothers to the ox", it can be

### WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

The tragi-comedy of paperfarming as practised by our bureauhis agricultural plans and theories 31st May). In Russia, the agricul- crats has been seen very clearly in the last few weeks. The ministerial sulted in famines of unprecedented ink was hardly dry on the Governplenty and its fulfilment, Russians always "He took his notebook from his proportions and immeasurable human ment's new plough-up programme bebag and started reading the notes he suffering. In Spain, on the other fore it was discovered that there is had started in exile. He read them hand, the revolutionary peasants a shortage of ploughs-that the basic agricultural instrument is unobtainable. Meanwhile, our factories are turning out luxury cars for Argentina and refrigerators for the expanding capitalists of Indian industry.

> A Suffolk farmer grew a crop of buck-wheat. The War Agricultural Executive Committee avenged itself by destroying nine acres of it. As the farmer surveyed his ploughed-in crop he received a letter telling him:

"It is the intention of the Ministry tween servility and responsibility, of Agriculture to take proceedings against you under the Buckwheat, When an agricultural policy is im- Millet and Canary Seed (Control of

To end on a note of sanity: different and changing problems, this dition of intellectual irresponsibility, "Pears were displayed in Stafford detachment is most fatal. Plans and it is foredoomed to failure. When it market yesterday, with a notice: policies abound, but the person most is devised and controlled by those. 'Pick what you like, pay what you Time, 1/9/47. concerned, the farm worker, is the who (except in times of emergency) like.' Most people paid 2d. for a

Mr. Gandhi will go to Lahore and to other places in Pakistan "without protection", as soon as his mission here is over, he told his prayer meeting last night.

"I am in God's protection," he said. He would face death with a happy smile.-Evening Standard.

ANDHI is placing himself as a voluntary hostage in the hands of the U Moslems, by moving from his Hindustan quarters to Moslem territory in order that revenge should be taken on himself should any Moslem be harmed in Hindu territory. While there is general rejoicing over the realization of the 'new' India, Gandhi is leaving. While the masses are still celebrating the departure of the British Raj, while the public speakers is a mere repetition of history. Reaction are painting a glowing picture of the future of India, Gandhi has retired to pray that what has been achieved may not be lost through self-guilt.

tasted the bitterness of slavery and industrialisation of India. The leaders humiliation, had longed deeply for a visualised planned industry and science glorious new India and now, from the operating under state control. The attioutset, what they find, is marked with tude is the same as that of any past the stigmata of the old evils. The new ruling class; though we have been State shows all the inevitable attributes of \_ assured by Nehru and many other Indian intolerance, racial hatred, opportunism and corruption. By accepting the prin- of avoiding the errors of the Bolsheviks ciple of the State, one cannot escape its and Fascists, already we witness the wellinherent evils.

### Gandhi's Rebuke

The Mahatma prays-prays for an independent, non-violent and free India. The young Indian politicians consider this belittling to their achievement, reducing their prestige, and throwing doubt on their intentions and capabilities. They have urged him "to give up his useless attitude of self-sacrifice". The pupils are now correcting their 'spiritual rector'. Gandhi has given a noteworthy machinery, not machinery as such." answer which politely but firmly rebukes the new statesmen who are already entangled in the strings of that net called 'realistic policy' in which we have so often seen entrapped the corpses of idealism, caught and strangled in the web of tactics and 'practical necessities' Gandhi wrote:

to and sacrificing myself uselessly for a industry. lost cause. I am told that I ought to spend the winter of my life either propagating more popular things or to withdraw altogether from public life. I admit that my efforts are devoted to a lost or a nearly lost cause, but I deny that this inherent evils. It can only avoid the tastes and aims need no special supporton the contrary, they call, like superstitions, for assistance. The wave of violence and insanity which sweeps of country must be stopped in spite of being popular. A just cause is neve finally a lost cause."

### Shadows of Defeat

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The ugly face of nationalism which arising in India has with this statement, once the masses have turned from their in N. Ireland. gathering around a lonely old man whom powers of the Northern Ireland Govern- haste. It was beginning to repent. for his errors. Events are justifying these criticisms.

entiate his brand of nationalism from temporary expendient ... fascism:

embodies the germ of intolerance and, manifest injustices resulting therefrom. given the proper conditions, leads to racial We wish particularly to remind the conceit, hatred and war.

### Industrialization

fitting the conception of universa centuated on their own national liberation. There was no wholesale boycotting of war industry on humanitarian grounds. India bargained for its independence with its share of the war effort. The development of war industry, technique and

Millions of the oppressed who have gress was always in favour of large-scale intellectuals that they feel quite capable known symptoms of corruption. The flag of Congress bore Gandhi's spinning wheel; the flag of the new Hindu State bears the wheel of modern industry. This is not accidental. Only in compromise to Gandhi did Congress emphasise that parallel with the development of industry would be the develop ment of cottage handicrafts. Gandhi's own attitude has undergone gradual

"What I object to is the craze for

"If we could have electricity in every village home, I should not mind the villagers plying electric tools."

He came to accept the necessity of many industries and large-scale key industries and public utilities provided. that they were state-owned and did not "I am being accused of devoting myself interfere with some kind of cottage

### **Only One Way Out**

India cannot accept modern industrialisation without also accepting its





covered. Under its poisonous influence an entire nation grandiose system of wires, but hatred and greed, fear can carry out a programme of the greatest selfishness and hypocrisy, suspicion and tyranny-this whole breed without realising the moral corruption involved, even of selfishness cannot predominate forever. They may But can this perversion of moral feeling go on for ever? Will it not at some time revenge itself? Will not the gigantic machinery of world organisation one day come up against a barrier which will stop its race to selfdestruction? Do you believe we can control evil with greater evils, or, by means of clever counsel, keep the devil in the temporary cage of mutual agreements?

This war of European nations is a war of revenge. Man, as such, must with all his powers resist the putting of dead things in the place of living hearts and of the living relationship of man to man. The time has come when we must realise, for the sake of all humanity that Europe's suffering is merely the result of the terrible contradiction that lies behind the idea of nationalism, that the Nation flourishes only at the cost of a mutilated mankind.

Men-the perfect creation of God-emerge from the nation-factories as legions of war-making and moneyproducing puppets, absurdly vain of the miserable perfection of their mechanism. Human society has means I am wasting time. Popular the catastrophic experiences of our own become a Punch-and-Judy show in which politicians, it know what kind of creation this is!



Asiatics and become at the same time liberty in Northern Ireland, derived their camp and set the holdouts adrift. But have we not heard this said time in Westminster, for which the Labour and again, in Irish, Italian, German and Government is directly responsible. In set off a political ruckus. English? The only Indian who has con- those cases where that Government is not demned nationalism outright and uncom- directly responsible for this repressive wealthy young M.P., Ross Thatcher, was promisingly is Tagore, and his Nationalism legilation, its attitude is either one of capitalizing noisily on the manifest should be spread throughout India and acquiescence and encouragement of the tion of civil rights. He had proteste Pakistan. He takes the anarchist stand- Government of Northern Ireland in its to Prime Minister Mackenzie King point-for Tagore, as for us, no form of enforcement of these laws, or of connationalism is acceptable, for every form temptuous indifference to the gross and

Irish people of Britain who, unlike the the Government have the courage minority in Northern Ireland, enjoy full admit a wrong and right it . . ? franchise rights and to whose efforts the Labour Government owes so much, that The Indians failed in the recent war they have in their own hands the means to extend their resistance to a degree of effectively showing their resentment at this policy on the part of certain leaders brotherhood. Their resistance was ac- of the Labour party and also the means of effectively ending it."

### CANADA'S D.P.s

Every day new cases of human misery brought on by the war come to one's

received a well-deserved moral blow. But THE Irish Anti-Partition League has happened to them since the end of the white children. the force of violent nationalistic impulses issued a statement which among war? According to Time (1/9/47) Now, Time (22/9/47) reports that the is not sensitive to moral blows and it is other things draws attention to the con- "Ottawa has pressured nearly 4,000 of children have given up "their parent here that the effectiveness of Gandhi's tinued existence of the Special Powers them into moving back to Japan, has dis- instigated strike to keep Negro children influence as the great spiritual leader is Act, the system of resident permits, the creetly resettled most of their school". The children have Worldover Press reports that in waning. It is now proving dangerous to deprivation of franchise rights, and the Apart from 600 sick and indigent who shown themselves to be more civilised Switzerland "a measure has been introrely on the sympathy and sentiment of censorship of mails, matters, which the are on the Government's hands, 59 re- and sensible than their parents! the masses for their revered and beloved Home Secretary has refused to discuss main in a camp south of Moose Jaw, Another example of the lengths to same status they have had in England and hero; and Gandhi may now experience with a deputation from the Parliamentary Sask., and these 59 (most of them which some Ameiicans will go to segregate the United States. Supporters of the Bill the fallacy of leadership. More than representatives of the Nationalist minority Canadian citizens) refuse to move unless white students from coloured ones is that hope for its adoption within the next six their demands are met. They want to of the new State University of Texas. months." worshipped idol when he opposed and The statement also refers to the Labour return to their pre-war homes in British As Time (22/9/47) put is "to avoid sit- In Italy, a proposal that conscientious condemned their elementary impulses. Government's opposition to the ending Columbia. But that was impossible. Early ting next to a Negro in a classroom, objection be legalised and a clause pro-They have stoned and derided the of partition in the following terms: in the war, the Dominion Government Texans are willing to spend \$3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> million viding for alternative service was approved formerly idolized man who tried to check "After two years' experience it is now confiscated and sold their homes and (or nearly £1 million). That fact was by the moderate Socialist leader Saragat their atavistic outbursts. Worse is now abundantly clear to us that the present property, paid them only a small per- proved and priced last week, when Texas and his party in the national legislature. happening to the Mahatma of yesterday- Labour Cabinet, or the majority of its centage of what the holdings were worth. opened the doors of a new state university But, according to Worldover Press Rome he is being ignored. No doubt the Ministers, are quite definitely opposed to Then B.C.'s provincial government got on the outskirts of Houston. The Texas correspondent, Communists and Conserthought of canonization will not compen- the introduction of any measure to end Ottawa to issue an order in council bar- State University for Negroes occupies a vatives united against the Bill which was sate him for isolation now. At the close partition. In fact, the enactment of the ring Japanese from a 100-mile-wide area block-long modernistic limestone building ignored by the Press of all the parties of his life the shadows of defeat are Northern Ireland Bill, extending the on the West Coast. Ottawa acted in still under construction. More than 2,000 with the exception of that of the Saragat students are enrolled."

we cannot refuse to respect for his ment, is almost conclusive evidence that "Fortnight ago, when the 59 declared sincerity, courage and determination, but the policy of the Labour Government is they 'would rather die' than leave the ,whom we have often in the past criticised to perpetuate the division of this coun- camp and take the jobs Ottawa had dug try, which, when it was established over up for them, the Government cut off twenty-five years ago, was described even the camp's food supply. This move did Nehru has taken great pains to differ- by leading Tory statesmen to be purely a not budge the Japanese; they simply took their earnings (from camp work) and Many of the recently enacted penal bought their meals in Moose Jaw. The "We shall remain true Indians and laws aimed at the destruction of civil next logical step seemed to be to close the good Internationalists and world citizens." | supposed sanction from legislation enacted trouble was that Canada was getting an uneasy conscience and a close-out might

"Already Moose, Jaw's ambitious and against the attempt to 'starve the Japs ou of the camps', and had followed with a ringing speech: 'Let these Canadians be treated as Canadians by Canadians. Let Most of the summer-becalmed press

joined in the protest. As the unseemly spot persisted, Saskatchewan's Governmen announced that the internees' fate was and would be in federal hands. That put the next move up to the Dominion."

science were welcomed with a view to notice. The least expected of places was 20/9/47) a school strike in Gary, the Finns.



the caste, and the profit system.

What is at present happening in India begins with the conquest of power.

Indian leaders can no longer launch revolutionaries. Jews and the old guard of the party- offered by anarchism. Roehm's followers and the national

### FREEDOM

demands, campaigns, demonstrations and Already I have been warned by wellstrikes against the foreign oppressor. As meaning future administrators and pillars soon as its policy cannot attack an of the new state, that the Indian proobject generally acknowledged as res- pagandists of anarchism had better stop ponsible for existing poverty, hunger, their agitation if they do not want to be first and present industrial revolutions misery and injustice, and wants to free regarded as obstructive. I am certain if it turns its national revolution into a itself from responsibility, suitable excuses that our Indian comrades have anticipated social revolution and realises the latent and scapegoats must be found. We have nothing else, and will gain a new impetus aspirations of the Indian masses which seen early Bolshevik Russia blaming from this information. The Indian masses are fundamentally the same as those of Mensheviks, social-revolutionaries and who follow their leaders into the brave the Western peasantry and proletariat. anarchists; Trotsky killing off the new world will suffer the same disillusion-Then, and then only, can it achieve what "saboteurs" and "social fascists" and ment as have the peoples of Russia and its leaders proclaim as their aims-the finally becoming a victim himself together Europe who gave power to their "sincere preservation of what is good in India's with the "old guard"-all being sacrificed and disinterested" leaders. For our comcultural tradition, and the abolition of to save the face of the ruling party. In rades in India remains the task of exwhat has proved disastrous-exploitation, Nazi Germany we have seen the plaining to the Indian peasants and town liquidation of social-revolutionaries, com- workers the trap into which they are munists and anarchist, followed by the running, and to proclaim the alternative

J.O.

THE idea of the Nation is one of the most effective soldiers, factory-owners and bureaucrats are operated forms of intoxication that man has ever dis- and kept in motion by means of a complex and becoming dangerously annoyed when it is pointed out. develope to gigantic proportions, but monstrosity lacks balance. A nation's body, which is not of flesh and blood, but of steel, steam, and official buildings will swell to such fantastic proportions until its deformed shape is unable to hold together any longer. It will first crack, then burst, and in the midst of poisonous fumes and belching fire, amid the thunder of guns we shall hear the rattle of its decayed bones.

> The death struggle of the Nation has begun in this war. The whole mechanism is performing a mad Dance of Death. Civilization crumbles to dust.

> Those who still believe in mankind can only hope that the tyranny of the Nation will never recover its former shape, with its teeth and claws, its far-reaching iron arms and its collosal inner emptiness, where all is belly and none is heart. Those who believe must hope that man may break through the mist of abstractions that surrounds him, and be reborn in freedom.

War has lifted the veil and the West sees face to face its own creation for which it sacrifices itself. May

### PARENTS TAUGHT A LESSON

### **RECOGNITION OF WAR** RESISTERS

duced which would grant C.O.s much the

Socialists.

### Finland **Conditions** in

workers here and they are working long been able to find out. hours at contract rates. Almost all The class struggle has become workers work piece work.

to Russia; of the product according to Russians. type from 30 to 100 per cent, goes there. That there is still a leisure class in

munists who tell their tales to their to make. Brand new American-made Russian masters. There seems to be no automobiles in the high price class are free press or radio here. All papers are not uncommon. censored and approved before they are There are not nearly as many males ears of Joe Stalin. It makes sure that have one or more wounds from the war.

the altar of economic expediency. Con- into "relocation camps". What has instigated by some of the parents of the or that was. Since Viborg was taken not much is left for themselves."

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The Industrial Worker (Organ of the over by the Russsians most of the Finns American I.W.W.) publishes an interest- that lived there have moved to Helsingfors. ing letter by a member of Marine Trans- There are three political parties: Comport Workers Industrial Union who spent munist, Socialist and a party referred to a recent shore leave in Helsingfors. He by the workers as Capitalist. The writers that the Finns are having a hard Socialist and Capitalist parties often have time paying for their folly of attacking a united front against the Communist their big neighbour, Russia. "The cost of Party. The socialists control most of the living is sky-high with wages low. The labour unions. There is no syndicalist or longshoremen are about the best paid anarchist organization as far as I have

nationlist in character, with all the blame Finland's manufactured goods are sent for the workers' misery being put on the

They are manufacturing weapons, which Finland (and they are not all Russians product of course goes 100 per cent. to either) is apparent to anyone walking the street. Stores are selling fur coats at a The state and city police are com- price it would take a year for any worker

printed. There is a Control Commission now as females. At least one male out consisting of 25,000 Russians here in of every thirty was killed in the war, and Helsingfors alone. They are the eves and about a quarter of the men living to-day We reported in the last issue (Freedom, the Russians get the last ounce out of The outlook for the Finish worker certainly does not look good. After paying their becoming future Indian state posses- Canada with its 12,000 Japanese who at Indiana, when 35 negro children were This city is overcrowded with people their debt to the Russians and supporting sions-thus principles were sacrificed on the time of Pearl Harbour were herded admitted to the school. The strike was from Viborg, the second city in Finland, their own parasite class at the same time,

### 4th October, 1947





have met with greater consideration and reported in the press in order to show tolerance than the anti-fascists, it should how the Americans rapidly deal with any not surprise us to learn of such cases as attempt at a Nazi resurrection, but there the "conspiracy of Fresnes". Nazis im- is in existence a new German Schwarzeprisoned in France, including ex-Gestapo Reichswehr of which our press mentions men, members of Hitler's Security Police, little: and the elite of the German counter- The disarmed units of the former Since 1946 these units have been espionage service, organised a compre- Wehrmacht were combed-out in 1945 in ceiving 2-3 times the normal c hensive and expert forgery centre in England, France, Norway and Germany. food rations, and the textile factories of prison. These Nazis had tobacco, sugar, From various PoW camps drivers, Hamburg and Hanover are engaged in coffee, wine, meat, etc., and other articles mechanics, cooks, interpreters, N.C.O.s making new uniforms for them. extremely difficult to obtain in France. and officers were collected and formed Men who desert have been sentenced From the South of Germany come reports into companies of 450 men each. The by court-marital to 3 years' imprisonment. of prison officials having champagne officers and N.C.O.s had to sign a Desertions are, nevertheless, frequent. parties with their men and women declaration that they would carry out any The title of these units has now been prisoners, and we receive many other work and for any length of time. The changed from "Company" to "Labour reports stating that imprisoned Nazis are English officers told them that they would Group", and the rank-titles are being enjoying every comfort while behind bars be sent to Germany where they could adopted from those of the Nazi and can go on leave if they give their move about freely and would get new Arbeitsdienst (Labour service). word of honour not to escape. We are uniforms, good accommodation and I hardly need to draw attention to the inclined to believe these reports. (I myself rations. Each company has 6 platoons close historical parallel between these exhave been an inmate of nine German, one of 60 men each, a workshop section of PoW units and the Labour Units of the French, and two British prisons, and have 56 men and a staff of 34; they have a Nationalists during the Weimar republic, no doubt as to the extent of corruption major, captain, lieutenants, sergeant- which laid the foundations of the military in all of them).

In the present chaotic situation in Germany the general corruption and collapse of moral standards, is to foreigners, imaginable. The prisons are overcrowded with black-market offenders, thieves and robbers. A whole nation has become "outside the law" and the words honesty and morality are meaningless. Farmers hide their cattle and crops, slaughter animals secretly and sell their goods in the black market in exchange for jewellery, scarce and luxury articles. The black market openly offers rare commodities for barter for food. Firms sell their products only for food. Rations of food and tobacco are stolen before they can be put on the market. Gangs operate in secret collaboration with corrupt officials. Bribed inspectors overlook stocks of crops and cattle. Starving townspeople flood the villages offering their last valuables in exchange for bacon, cheese, eggs, etc.; only to have them confiscated by the police. The confiscated goods then "disappear" and are sold again in the black market.

Theft, robbery and blackmail are not confined to the German gangsters and officials. We know of countless cases committed by members of the Allied occupation forces as well. That is the reason why former soldiers of the B.A.O.R. are returning to Germany as stowaways and why there is a waiting list for service with the American army of occupation.

The German people can hardly be exthey know that while they themeslves are production of alcohol.-News item. suffering from the want of shelter, clothes and food, men like Rudolf Hess are being carefully looked after by a special staff of doctors, or that Schacht is being liberated by the Americans to be employed as a financial adviser.

A few years ago German soldiers were asked over the B.B.C. to desert and to resist Hitler with all their might, but men for their active resistance to the w the people of Nazi Germany were is re-introduced. And one of the big-Nazis. An example is the Garbe case- kept in ignorance of events in the gest factors in the maintenance a soldier in 1943 deserted, by assaulting outside world. To-day we are rapidly public ignorance is the unreliability of a guard and escaping to Switzerland. moving towards the same position. the news we do get. served under the Nazi regime for re- print shortage; and a few months ago don't know what to believe. a ship transporting Jews to Rumania. | cuse of the dollar shortage is made for gives the following report:

of his lack of obedience for authority! enforced. Leave is granted twice a year In July, 1946, the Americans dis- to the soldiers of these companies covered the existence of a Secret Nazi. Over-staying leave is, of course, punished papers, official stamps, and forms of the

Nazis in British and American camps The smashing of this organisation was

pay, are billeted in comfortable villas, destined to fulfil a similar function? room each, while the men live 50-150 sown by the victorious allies. to one barrack-room. Saluting and the usual Prussian heel-clicking are rigidly

wires, telegraph and radio equipment,

journalists, etc.

British Corps of Military Police.

Laying of cables, repair of telephone

major and N.C.O.s, like any British and economic structure of the Nazi reich. company. About 98% of the officers are The same elements compose them, the natives of the Russian zone to which they same undisguised militarism dominates do not wish to return. They have good them. Who can doubt that they are with one or more batmen. They have a The seeds of neo-Nazism are being

(To be continued.)



Revolt in Solomons WHAT IS THE TRUTH? to-day German courts are still sentencing W/E used to be horrified at the way censorship of letters leaving these islands

The British Military Government has Many factors conspire to keep the truth An example of this was the recent given permission for the case against him from us. The newspapers are so uprising in the Solomons. Most of the to proceed. Another example is that of small that even if they wanted to they papers treated it as a comic item and Law', while the uprising becomes the government job and was rejected because with the news. The recent cuts them. But there are such discrepancies of a penal servitude sentence which he in their size was attributed to the news- in the "serious" press, that we simply fusing to obey a Gestapo order which the weekly papers were bluffed into The Manchester Guardian generally instructed him to place a bomb on board | suspension by the fuel crisis. The ex- the most reliable of the daily papers The Bavarian Ministry of Justice now banning the import of printed matter, "Officers of the British submarine classifies him as a political victim of except under licence and under cover Amphion which arrived here to-day said Hitler, but refuses him the job because of searching for smuggled money, the the Solomon Islands in the Pacific were imperialism?



Transport of members of the Contro Commission, army commanders, Transport of coal, food, troops and military equipment in lorries.



JOHN OLDAY.



The Dutch province of Limburg has a large surplus of vegetables. Netherland getables will be available for export between the beginning of July and February of next year. A substantial amount of this produce is ready for immediate shipment and will spoil soon if it isn disposed of soon.

Military police duties, attached to the the land of scurvy and vitamin deficiency could be easily arranged-freight trains could cover the distance to the cities of Bureaucracy.

Holland wants payment in German inall German trade to be transacted in helief dollars. The Dutch must pay in dollars if they want to get German industrial products; and the Germans also must pay in dollars-which they don't have or which the occupation authorities do not sign of the dollar-a sign dominating

On the left bank of the Rhine the Only a sign, a regulation, people from taking what their bodies

being patrolled by the British destroyer Contest and that is was believed that submarine at Santa, in the Solomon group, probably prevented bloodshed. According to Henry Cuper, a naturalised British plantation owner who has lived in the Solomons for 36 years, an uprising and the overthrow of British later officers who went ashore found nhabitants standing around a mast,

martn lo'-the flag of freedom. The Amphion fired star shells and the natives fled. Mr. Cuper said the of all Solomon islanders. He said the trouble was due mainly to propaganda circulated by soldiers during the war. The Colonial Office has confirmed that the aircraft-carrier Theseus and the des-Gaudalcanar Island to 'show the flag'."

The Daily Telegraph, of course, scents flag of 'martn lo' becomes 'Marxian the American occupation".

of the alleged 'ringleaders', have they individual?" been brought to trial, and what are they charged with? Is this apparent outburst of native

revolutionary feeling to become another of the dark secrets of British

Reminiscences

## AN ADMIRAL MEETS **AN ANARCHIST!**

TN Sun of Memory, a recently published book of naval reminiscences, Read-Admiral Noel Wright Construction of bridges, airfields, etc. Dutch Limburg borders on Germany; describes his one-and-only encounter Attachment to technical units of the transporation between the land where the with an anarchist, which occurred at R.A.F. and Navy, minesweeping, etc. vegetables are in danger of rotting and Barcelona, during the Spanish War:

> In this last connection I had an the Ruhr in a few hours. Between the interesting and lengthy conversation wasteland and the land of plenty there with one of the leaders of the are no high mountains, no natural Anarchist Party (who came on board obstacles whatsoever-but there is one the London for some purpose during huge obstruction the Great Wall of the early part of our stay). I had never before met an anarchist, so dustrial products but Anglo-American asked him to explain the advantages ccupation authorities in Germany want | he professed to see in such a political

> "Anarchy," he explained to me, "is only a logical extension of the provincialism which is so strongly estaballow them to spend. So the hungry lished in Spain. For you, an incannot get to the food and the food can- habitant of a small though admittedly not get to the hungry: between them celebrated island, pride of country stands the whim of a few experts and the doubtless comes first; you say 'I am men, a sign condemning men to die, a an Englishman.' But for me, what symbol that has become an all powerful do I say? Not that I am a Spaniard, thing, a thing that kills men, a Thing let but a Catalan, and my friend over there, who was born in Cartagena, vegetables are rotting and on its right would reply, if you asked him, 'I am bank men are rotting. A few hundred a Murcian! For Spain is not a single thousand tons of vegetables and the lives entity; it is a conglomeration of of a few million people are involved: provinces, most of them isolated from t what is epitomized here is the state one another by great mountain chains; a decree stands between the men and the and the inhabitants of those provinces source that could still their thirst. Is possess individual and widely-differone really to believe that regulations, ing characteristics of which they are decrees and bureacracy will forever keep deeply proud. With us, the province comes first; there is no wish to be--Quoted in Resistance (New York). how do you put it?-ah, all tarred with the same brush, and no true-bred provencal likes this new-fangled system under which some noisy sans-culottes from Asturias can arise the ringleaders of a planned uprising in the Cortes and lay down the law against British rule had been captured. for Catalonia. It is mortifying to the "The officers said the arrival of their pride that such a state of affairs can be permitted.

"We anarchists go further, for we are logical folk. Just as it is right that no province should allow another rule had been planned for September 1. province to have a say in matters that When the Amphion arrived two days do not concern it, so it must be right that a village over that side of a hill from which was flying a yellow flag shall not be allowed to have any say with black stripes, which they said was in the affairs of one in this valley. Carry the illustration further and you will see that logically no man shall leaders of the uprising were from presume to dictate to another. We another Solomon island, Malaita, which anarchists abhor your so-called was the "revolutionary headquarters" majority system of government which ermits 51 people out of 100 to ctate to the other 19."

"But is not that going to lead to troyer Cockade had been ordered to a somewhat confused state of affairs?"

"And the trains," I suggested, "the a Communist plot, and the mysterious passengers would like to start their a man in Bavaria who applied for a could not keep their readers abreast we can learn nothing about it from result of "Communist propaganda after engine-driver says 'No-not till nine What is the truth? What has become that of the majority or a single

> Another smile. "The question would not arise, señor, for if he were an anarchist, the engine-driver would be a reasonable man and he would not dream of going against the clearlyexpressed wish of his fellows. But By JOHN OLDAY regard for a moment the other side of the picture: suppose the members of the Cortes in their wisdom decided that the times of departures of all trains should be postponed one hour, irrespective of whether that is convenient to the passengers or not, then, -ah, then the engine-driver would show his contempt for the Cortes by starting the train at the correct hour -the correct hour by local sentiment."

> > The admiral finds this "an interesting viewpoint", though he admits that he "cannot quite follow the reasoning"!

It seems simple enough to us.

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must be modified; or they may found new schools in which principles may be directly applied in the service of that and the untruth which enter into the bases of modern society.

tages, and is in harmony with the evolutionary conception which men of science discoveries of the 19th century. regard as the only effective way of attainfurther grant that this evolution will pro-I am convinced that violence is method of ignorance, and that the educator who is really worthy of the name will gain everything by spontaneity; he will know the child's needs, and will be able to promote its development by

In point of fact, however, I do not think that those who are working for the regeneration of humanity have much to hope from this side. Rulers have always taken care to control the education of the changed, however. The progress of conditions science and our repeated discoveries have for the people to remain ignorant; education is absolutely necessary for a way against its economic competitors.

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the school by studying the child and 1859 and died, facing a firing-squad in a trench proving scientifically that the actual outside Montjuich prison in October, 1909. scheme of instruction is defective, and

In his early life he was active in the radical republican movement in Spain, and in 1885 had ideal which is formed by all who reject to flee to Paris to evade arrest. His revolutionary the conventions, the cruelty, the trickery, ideas matured into anarchism and through his work as a language teacher he developed an interest in educational methods and in the changes The first method offers great advan- in educational theory necessitated by the scientific

On his return to Spain in 1901, he opened at tional methods; that the teachers now tarian and rationalist theory of education. Since being in a better position to understand there existed no text-books suitable for use in such the child, will make their teaching more a school, Ferrer started a publishing house which in conformity with natural laws. I issued new and translated literature to fill the gap. ceed in the direction of greater liberty, as | Despite the opposition of the State and the bitter the hatred of the Catholic Church, after a few years there were over fifty schools in Spain run on Ferrer's revolutionary lines.

arrested and the Escuela Moderna was closed. Modern School".

the governing classes, which formerly left on every side. the education of the people to the clergy, How much has been, and is, expected appeal to social organisers; such men of the schools.

and more effective methods. It did not been trained on their principles. From for the maintenance of existing social

Recognising this, the rulers have sought require any extraordinary genius to their tenderest years, and more drastically people; they know better than any that to give a more and more complete discover the solution. The course of than anybody, they have endured the distheir power is based entirely on the organisation to the school, not because events itself suggested to those who were cipline of authority. Very few have school, and they therefore insist on re- they look to education to regenerate in power the way in which they were to escaped this despotic domination; they taining their monopoly of it. The time society, but because they need more com- meet the difficulties which threatened; are generally powerless against it, because has gone by when rulers could oppose petent workers to sustain industrial enter- they built schools, they sought generously they are oppressed by the scholastic the spread of instruction and put limits prises and enrich their cities. Even the to extend the sphere of education, and if organisation to such an extent that they to the education of the masses. Such a most reactionary rulers have learned this there were at one point a few who have nothing to do but obey. It is unpolicy was possible formerly because lesson; they clearly understand that the resisted this impulse-as certain ten- necessary here to describe that organeconomic life was consistent with general old policy was dangerous to the economic dencies favoured one or other of the isation. One word will suffice to ignorance, and this ignorance facilitated life of nations, and that it was necessary political parties-all soon understood that characterise it-Violence. The school despotism. The circumstances have to adapt popular education to the new it was better to yield, and that the best dominates the children physically, policy was to find some new way of de- morally, and intellectually, in order to It would be a serious mistake to think fending their interests and principles. control the development of their faculties revolutionised the conditions of labour that the ruling classes have not foreseen There were then sharp struggles for the in the way desired, and deprives them of and production. It is no longer possible the danger to themselves of the intellectual control of the schools, and these struggles contact with nature in order to modify development of the people, and have not continue to-day in every civilised country; them as required. This is the explanation understood that it was necessary to sometimes the republican middle-class of the failure; the eagerness of the ruling nation to maintain itself and make head- change their methods. In fact, their triumphs, sometimes the clergy. All class to control education and the bankmethods have been adapted to the new parties appreciate the importance of the ruptcy of the hopes of reformers. conditions of life, they have sought to isssue, and they shrink from no sacrifice "Education" means in practice dominagain control of the ideas which are in to win the victory. "The school" is the tion or domestication. I do not imagine course of evolution. They have en- cry of every party. The public good must that these systems have been put togther deavoured to preserve the beliefs on which be recognised in this zeal.' Everybody with the deliberate aim of securing the social discipline had been grounded, and seeks to raise himself and improve his desired result. That would be a work of to give to the results of scientific re- condition by education. In former times genius. But things have happened just search and the ideas involved in them a it might have been said: "Those people as if the actual scheme of education cormeaning which will not be to the dis- want to keep thee in ignorance in order responded to some vast and deliberate advantage of existing institutions; and it the better to exploit thee: we want to see conception; it could not have been done is this that has induced them to assume thee educated and free." That is no better. To attain it teachers have inspired control of the school. In every country longer possible; schools of all kinds rise themselves solely with the principles of

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as these were quite willing to educate in of education! Most progressive people have only one clear idea and one willa sense of obedience to authority, have expect everything of it, and, until recent the children must learn to obey, to benow themselves undertaken the direction years, many did not understand that in- lieve, and to think according to the prestruction alone leads to illusions. Much vailing social dogmas. It this were the The danger of them consists in the of the knowledge actually imparted in aim, education could not be other than stimulation of the human mind by the schools is useless and the hope of we find it to-day. There is no question new spectacle of life and the possible rise reformers has been void beause the organ- of promoting the spontaneous developof thoughts of emancipation in the depths isation of the school, instead of serving ment of the child's faculties, or encouragof their hearts. It would have been folly an ideal purpose, has beeome one of the ing it to seek freely the satisfaction of its to struggle against the evolving forces; most powerful instruments of servitude in physical, intellectual, and moral needs. the effect would be only to inflame them, the hands of the ruling class. The There is question only of imposing readyand, instead of adhering to earlier methods teachers are merely conscious or un- made ideas on it, of preventing it from of government, they would adopt new conscious organs of their will, and have ever thinking otherwise than is required

Woodcock).

THE new issue of Now, the literary and social review edited by George Woodcock, comes just three months after the last one (reviewed in Freedom, 14/6/47). Although this falls short of the bi-monthly appearance which the editor aims at, it represents no mean achievement, as those who know something of the difficulties of magazine production at this time will realize. For the power cuts of the spring, the paper shortages, and the increasing costs of printing make the present an extremely hazardous time for enterprises of this kind. Altogether the career of this magazine presents many points of interest, and in some ways is quite remarkable.

The gradual emergence of a common

NOW-9. Edited by George Woodcock. assured; finance is an ever-present worry Whatever the causes of its survival, 72 pages. 2/- (Published by George for its editor and his helpers. But the Now's continued and continuous appearvery shakiness of its material foundations ance for more than four years-including brings into relief the fact that material the transitional years of war and peaceprosperity is not the sole arbiter of suc- is a remarkable tribute to its vitality. And cess or failure, for of its contemporaries the present issue shows that this vitality which are suspending publication, some is still undimmed. There is not a single have not only derived a revenue from article which does not bear the mark of advertisements, but have also possessed quality-the quality of an independent wealthy "backers". Now derives revenue outlook and penetrating vision. Throughfrom neither of these sources, yet it looks out them all there runs an unspoken as if it will not only be the most interest- reliance on human values which is all the as well as in such established poets as ing and alive of such magazines, but will more welcome during these lean years of Stephen Spender and Herbert Read. be left as the only surviving one! If this cynicism and weariness of the spirit. Not occurs we shall have witnessed the that the writers of Now exhibit any facile paradox of a small and unfinanced optimism or uncritical belief in unmagazine surviving the serious economic founded nostrums; the pages of the blizzard in literature which is in process present issue are pervaded with a sense of engulfing wealthier contemporaries of awareness and strength of quite a possessing material resources which Now different kind. never dreamed of!

social vision, an attitude towards the There is no doubt that the running of and perceptible even though none of the problems of creative activity in the social minority publications is an extremely articles-except the continuation of Paul environment of to-day, was noted in hazardous proceeding, continuity in pub- Mattick's review of Trotsky's Life of Freedom's review of the last issue, Now- lication often being very tenuous indeed. Stalin-directly concerns itself with social 8. This attitude is maintained in the new But where these publications are carried matters. Kenneth Rexroth contributes a number, and there is no need to stress it on by people who are not themselves penetrating study of D. H. Lawrence's again here. It does, however, seem financially bound up with them, and do poetry which is especially refreshing to opportune to point to some aspects of not draw their own means of life from the present reviewer after the oceans of Special mention must be made of Paul the material career of this magazine, for them, their loves are sometimes more sentimental or slyly denigrating verbiage Mattick's review of Trotsky's book. At the last few months have seen the closing vigorous than one might expect from which have almost submerged Lawrence's last we have it clearly stated that there down of some periodicals which fall into glancing at their appeal columns. Let memory. Derek Savage's Note on Social is no fundamental difference between the same general class of magazines con- no one run away with the idea, however, Responsibility surveys the "social" poets Bolshevism, Fascism and State Capitalism cerned with the social present, and show- that such publications can live on air; of the thirties with special reference to of other brands. His article deserves ing an awareness of some of the under- they cannot. But they can apparently Spender and Louis MacNiece, while much fuller analysis. lying forces which condition the history withstand temporary economic blasts Louis Adeane's review of eight new books Altogether this is an issue to buy. of our times. The material position of which wither their more seeming- of poems traces the influence of the Now is by no means, I should judge, prosperous fellows.

THERE are two ways open to those who seek to reform the education of children. They may seek to transform his release he devoted himself to the task of reestablishing his school and his publishing business, education will have any influence on the but after the riots and general strike in Barcelona progress of humanity. I repeat that it is which resulted from the Imperialist war in merely an instrument of domination in Morocco, Ferrer was again arrested and charged never sought to uplift the individual, and with begin the instigator of the revolt and leader it is quite useless to expect any good from of the revolutionary workers.

Despite the horrified protests from many parts of the world, he was tried by a "rigged" court- adopt a different system; they have remartial and shot. Despotism and Catholic solved to use education for their purposes, fanaticism had taken their revenge on a man who and they will take advantage of every improvement of it. If only they preserve ing the end. They are right in theory, as we fully admit. It is evident that the Barcelona, the Escuela Moderna, the "Modern had dared to strike at the heart of their power- the spirit of the school and the authoriprogress of psychology and physiology School", in order to put into practice his liber- the organisation of ignorance, superstition and tative discipline which rules it, every inservility which masqueraded as education.

Loking back over forty years, and from a country not dominated by the church, it is easy to smile at some aspects of Ferrer's attitude-his faith in scientific materialism and his indoctrination of a "libertarian orthodoxy" as opposed to the authoritarian orthodoxy of the church and State schools; but its pioneering value and its But in 1906, after the attempted assasination fundamental validity can be seen from this extract giving it the greatest possible satisfaction. of the Spanish king by Matteo Moral, Ferrer was from his book on "The Origin and Ideals of the

discipline and authority, which always



And this social awareness is present Imagists in the younger writers of to-day,

It cannot be expected that this kind of the hands of the ruling classes, who have the schools of the present day. What they have done up to the present they will continue to do in the future. There is no reason whatever why they should For this they will keep a constant watch, and take care that their interests are

I would fix the attention of my readers on this point: the whole value of education consists in respect for the physical, intellectual, and moral faculties of the child. As in science, the only possible demonstration is demonstrated by facts; education is not worthy of the name unless it be stripped of all dogmatism, and unless it leaves to the child the direction of its powers and is content to support them in their manifestations. But nothing is easier than to alter this meaning of education, and nothing more difficult than to respect it. The teacher is always imposing, compelling, and using (Continued on page 7)

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Limitations of space permit only a brief catalogue of the remaining items: Harry Roskolecko's letter from Japan is excellent; Herbert Read continues his fugitive philosophic jottings on the nature of freedom and of quality, but the reader is tantalized by a feeling that it has been cut off in the middle-presumably there is more to come; George Woodcock contributes a study of H. G. Well's decline as a writer. There is a short story by Patricia Johnson and poenis by John Atkins, Thomas Good, Thomas Parkinson William Porritt, Emmanuel Litvinoff, Alex Austin, and Charles Fox.

J.H.

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violence; the true educator is the man who does not impose his own ideas and will on the child, but appeals to its own energies.

to educate the child by fostering its | it objected to its interfering with business of its needs as they manifest themselves. orthodox holidays because otherwise we the future will be entirely spontaneous. | table that the revolutionary movement has It is plain that we cannot wholly realise never adopted a "calendar" of its own, this, but the evolution of methods in the marking the dates and anniversaries of direction of a broader comprehension of significance. life and the fact that all improvement A beginning was made many years ago involves the suppression of violence indi- by the Chicago Anarchists, who proposed

truths on which society is based.

want men who will continue unceasingly | the First has certain traditions attaching to develop; men who are capable of con- to it we ought not to forget. And since, stantly destroying and renewing their sur- in the struggles that surrounded the roundings and renewing themselves; men original May the First agitation, the whose intellectual independence is their Chicago Anarchists were framed by the supreme power, which they will yield to State and hanged, on November 11th, INTERNAL UPLIFT none; men always disposed for things 1886, November 11th has also been that are better, eager for the triumph of observed by Anarchists as an Anarchist new ideas, anxious to crowd many lives day. (It is an ironical joke on us that copies of his Intelligence Digest, of which into the one life they have. Society fears this day too was borrowed by our he claims to sell about half at 30 shillings produce them.

experts who are engaged in the study of Anarchist cause. the child, and let us endeavour to find a way of applying their principles to the education we seek to establish, aiming at the individual. But how are we to do a fact that if we do not do so we will dinner party. to the work, by promoting the establish- lutionary and Anarchist history to our with his guests to a dinner of fresh on the bench.

leads to excellent results. We can destroy troducing people to Anarchist ideas and port and coffee, accompanied by cigars for stolen from shops was £16 1s. whatever there is in the actual school history. For instance, the Commune of the men and Turkish cigarettes for the Mrs. Hall, of no settled address, was the election as a straight fight between the devices by which the children are subject of annual demonstrations, and co- Awakening" which he is holding at worker. enervate the will. Without fear of injury world, and in so many significant events we may place the child in a proper and and fruitful experiments could be a source and natural environment, in which it will of many important anniversaries, and I VOTE-WHATFOR? find itself in contact with all that it make the suggestion to comrades that a loves, and where vital impressions will be revolutionary calendar could be compiled So great is the apathy in the Islington Whitmore said: "We have no alternative Tories. emancipation of the child.



We are convinced that the education of would get none at all, we find it regret-

control the scholastic system? Is this misleaders of the working-class adopted they eager to abandon violence? Only in the most "un-Christian" elements adopted the sense that they employ new and more | Christmas Day) and we have witnessed effective methods to attain the same end- with deep regret the borrowing of May tions, all the prejudices, and all the un- Russia, as well as for a humbug feast by the Labour leaders in other countries. We do not hesitate to say that we Still, however misused it may be. May

### Libertarian Anniversaries

shall have done much towards the May 1st, November 11th, and July 19th, dates will lose their deposits." one could no doubt propose such anniver-

light is the task of those who seek to very few of us would forego our Christ- date for its final betrayal, the taking of struggle on the Continent-which in- persecution everywhere, under Bolshevism dominate the individual. The best con- mas or Easter holidays on that account, power by the Bolsheviks), the Mexican cidentally marked the entry of Michael and Fascism alike. Then came a period ceivable methods become in their hands | and it is typical of the rise of capitalism Revolution, the 1934 rising in Asturias, Bakunin into an active role in the revo- of neglect; during which in spite of many so many new and more effective means that it abolished the many saints' days that the French and British General Strikes lutionary movement-the Anarchists first militants holding fast to their beliefs, and of despotism. Our ideal is that of science; used to be observed as feasts, not because and the Italian occupation of the factories, began to find themselves a separate force. keeping the movement alive; the workingwe appeal to it in demanding the power it had any objection to religior. but because and such events as Kropotkin's funeral At first organised loosely and known as class in general turned to political (the last open non-Bolshevik demonstra- Federalists within the International charlatans or submitted to dictatorship. development and procuring a satisfaction as usual. While we insist on taking the tion in Russia), the attempts of men like Working Men's Association, they began Then the great revival of anarchist Lucetti, Schirru and Sbardellotto against to be a force in the original I.W.M.A. in activity during the Spanish Revolution. Fascism in Italy, and so on. **100 Years of Anarchist** Movement One may mention that the most import- after the death of Marx, split from Social this period. ant event is only a few months off. It Democrats and Bolsheviks-and the As a preliminary to our great task cate that we are on solid ground when we that May the First be set aside as a can be said that Anarchism is a doctrine Anarchists. look to science for the liberation of the day of solidarity by the international work- which can be traced back several hundreds In the hundred years between 1848 and I suggest the Anarchist movement uses ing class. This was successful, in fact, of years, and, of course, the basic 1948 the Anarchist movement has known 1948 as a suitable anniversary for portrav-Is this the ideal of those who actually too much so, since the charlatans and principles of anarchism-lack of govern- a varied existence, divided between strug- ing its history to the workers. One hunment, community, and mutual aid-are gle and persecution and neglect. There dred years of the Anarchist movement! what they propose to bring about? Are May the First as their day, too (much as to be found in the earliest history of man. was the great wave of revolutionary action In that time many of its original pro-These ideas may well be said to have first in the '80s and '90s, when the Anarchist phesies and warnings have become trite taken concrete shape during the French movement was in the front of the struggle remarks-its warnings against centralised Revolution, when the term "Anarchist" against individual despotism by crowned dictatorship hardly require pointing out that is to say, the formation of indi- the First as a day of military display for was first used in the sense we use it heads. Then came the period of mass now: its definition of the character of viduals who will accept all the conven- the rulers of Nazi Germany and Bolshevik to-day. But it was during the great year syndicalist activity in the Latin countries Marxism and State Socialism, as well as of revolution, 1848, that the Anarchist in particular, but also in many other State Capitalism; the dangers of the total movement first began to take concrete lands, when Anarchism was the driving State; these are not warnings any more, shape as a movement. In that year there force behind a great working-class move- but recorded history. That is why it is was a wave of revolt all over Europe: the ment. There was the trying period of the important to us to see that working-class downfall of royalty in France, the end war, followed by what was at first thought history is more widely known. of mediaevalism in Germany, the rising in an achievement of all our aims: the

- Mr. Kenneth De Courcy prints 60,00 the police (which means, very often, not gestion gaining ground is that a Governsuch men; you cannot expect it to set opponents for an obverse kind of military a year. To foster his publication he gives doing what they tell you) is that this is ment of distinguished bysiness men, free up a system of education which will display). Also in the past few years frequent lavish luncheon and dinner only a relatively free country. Anarchists have taken the opportunity of parties, for diplomats, ambassadors and the anniversary of the Spanish Revolution. other society high-ups, either at his Let us follow closely the work of the 19th July, 1936, to demonstrate for the London or country home. When he is HUMANITY ON THE entertaining at his Cotswold place, an advance party of the domestic staff is BENCH sent from London to prepare the splen-A 29-year-old mother-to-be, Mrs. Edna Although the coldly logical might object dour of the main banqueting hall. It Flora Hall, who had no previous conan increasingly complete emancipation of to "making a fetish of anniversaries" it is went down last week to prepare for a victions, was sent to prison for six months this? By putting our hand energetically miss a valuable chance of teaching revo- After grace, Mr. De Courcy sat down There were three women magistrates

substituted for the wearisome reading of with dates that mean a great deal to our by-election that one political organiser but to send you to prison. We are sure books. If we do no more than this, we movement. Apart from the obvious | to-day predicted: "I think all the candi- you will be well looked after and it is Evening Standard, 27/9/47.

### STEP TOWARDS COMMUNISM

Hans Kahle.

of Reynolds News, who has sent me this people in order to reduce the number of HEALTH, TOO? "Like so many other anti-Fascist Ger-"Like so many other anti-Fascist Ger-mans who returned from exile or concen-A.B.C. OF ANARCHISM The British Ministry of Health issued voted £12,103,703 for Discussions and consular establishments a cautious statement yesterday of strepto-

whom I knew in England.

which he had built up. and he was training them in a new the common store. tradition of co-operation with the people -Reginald Reynolds in a letter to and the democratic organisations.

Presumably the "comrades" will tell BY ORDER us that Lenin (or Stalin) pointed out Although the Army has not decided a future war," he declared. And they wouldn't be far wrong.

### GLAMOUR BOY

arrived with three bouquets at Northolt scription will inform me by Tuesday prize days. He also wore a new medal ribbon for willing to subscribe. Reynolds News, 21/9/47.

HOSTAGES TO FORTUNE The German News Service in the British zone reported to-day that 5,000 Struggling German democracy has lost more German workers were to reinforce a fine man this week with the death of the 18,000 men and women now estimated to be working in the uranium One of the last people from this coun-try to talk to Kahle was Gordon Schaffer, is stated that the Russians prefer married MONOPOLY ON escapes. Manchester Guardian, 24/9/47.

will answer him: they will, I hope, live imports of the drug from the United The axe ought to be aimed particularly worth of petrol annually. This was an "I spent an evening with him at his (as they do at present) on the labour States have been arranged to begin at the public information services, the cost error: the figure which we gave relates home in Schwerin last April. He was of others, but with one difference. In the regular treatment of cases ... of which this year is £1,852,640 to the Army only; and the total conwearing the smart new uniform of Chief ideal community the privilege of living British production is very limited due (£2,567,988 last year). of Police, but it was the same old Hans in comfort and security would not be to the fact that an American patent con- The salaries and allowances bill alone roughly £32 millions this year. confined to that very small proportion of trols the most effective method of ex- of the 2734 officials who tell the tale is "He talked with over-brimming en- the aged and infirm who are numbered tracting the drug from the mold, much as £1,047,200. They range from seven By cutting out this unnecessary thusiasm of the new people's police force among the shareholders of to-day. Every penicillin is extracted. human being would be assured to have There were no Nazis left in Kahle's the right to live in comfort; and those force. He had drawn new men and who were able to work would have the women from the factories and the villages pleasure and privilege of contributing to to interchange their discoveries was de- information officers (£400 to £950) to two porting some of the necessities of life.

Peace News, 5/9/47. Daily Worker, 11/9/47. CONTRIBUTIONS-

that the taking over of the police what it is going to do yet, some comforce is a first step to "Communism". manding officers have taken the matter into their own hands. For instance, an order was posted on

the notice-board of No. 4 Company, 2nd No more prizes will be awarded to "They were given to me by three wedding present for Princess Elizabeth complex-to the not-so-bright pupils.

night how much, if anything, he is

wishing to pay the full subscription."

tration camps to help rebuild their country, Hans Kahle worked far beyond retired and infirm people are to live, I and announced at the same time that over last year's cost.

manded here to-day by Professor M. L. classes of "other officers" (£150 to E. Oliphant, pioneer of atomic research. £1,200). "Men are dying all over the world for Their travels cost £135,000, and they ON THE SCRAP HEAP lack of anti-bacteriological substances spend £55,000 on "entertainment in condeveloped to combat the bacteriological nection with their official duties." weapons which nations hope to employ in Their output is weighty; carriage

### SENSIBLE PARENTS

Batt. Coldstream Guards, which said: bright boys in Long Row School, Belper, "The response from this company to- near Derby, because parents and teachers wards contributing towards the cost of a have agreed that prizes cause inferiority very attractive ladies," Field-Marshal has been noticeably poor. Anyone who The school has 200 pupils, and parents Montgomery explained yesterday when he feels he is unable to pay the full sub- have voted by 133-8 against further

News Chronicle, 23/9/47.

Sunday Pictorial, 14/9/47 same sensible attitude to punishments! and Food Offices was attributable to

WHATIS "OBSTRUCTION"?

ment of new schools in which, as far fellow-workers, and many dates which tomato soup, grilled fillets of plaice, Mrs. Hall pleaded guilty to stealing as possible, there shall rule this spirit of have a deep significance in the history of breasts of chicken with baked potatoes collecting-boxes, obtaining 9s. credit by freedom which, we feel, will colour the the Anarchist movement should be used and creamed cauliflower, followed by fraud, and shoplifting. The contents ACCURATE whole education of the future. for meetings and reunions celebrating the apple meringue, grapes and peaches. of the collecting-boxes amounted to We have already had proof that it original cause and at the same time in- Then, while the company drank vintage £10 16s. 6d. and the value of the articles

estranged from nature and life, the inciding as it does with Whitsun, it is London's Albert Hall on September 23rd. Mrs. Hall had told the police that she the field. The I.L.P. candidate will take

really the best thing for you."

easily education is conducted, and how religious significance of their origin, Russian Revolution (and an appropriate in Ireland. During the revolutionary seized by the Marxists and followed by opposition to the followers of Marx and The World War has been followed by a Engels. Finally came the split in the dangerous situation, the breeding ground International, which the Marxists left, and for dictatorship and a period of mass from that time there was distinct cleavage misery and preparation for war. It rebetween the Marxists-who in later years, mains to be seen what we shall achieve in

of struggle and the revival of militancy,

### POLITICAL MINESTRONE

Those who believe that the Government The combined effect of the law of the will not survive the crisis are asking: ighway and the law about obstructing "What alternative is there?" A sugof any political past or party allegiance, News Chronicle, 23/9/47. would provide the best opportunity for Britain's survival.

Who will be the leader? His friends say that Montgomery is the man. The Field-Marshal, like the Duke of Wellington, has a secure place in history as a great soldier. Will he emulate the Duke by leading in the political field? I am assured that the idea is not so remote as it appears.

News of the World, 7/9/47.

## FORECASTING

that savours of violence, all the artificial Paris is an event which was once the women, he talked about the "Christian said by a previous employer to be a good Opposition and the Government, however intellectual and moral discipline which an ideal time to hold meetings or reunions. As Chairman of the International Council had been deserted by her husband and a few hundred of the Labour vote. The has been used to impose ready-made The rich and varied history of the for Christian leadership in Great Britain, was expecting a baby in November. Liberals will take a few hundred off each thoughts, all beliefs which deprave and Anarchist movement, in every part of the Mr. De Courcy "will be in the chair". Det-Constable Walker said that in side. But the result is a foregone con-News Review, 18/9/47. November, 1946, Mrs. Hall's little boy, clusion; a Labour victory with a reduced aged four, was accidentally drowned and majority-reduced by apathy and a she had been unable to work since. measure of discontent, but not by any-The mayor, Alderman Mrs. Mary thing which has been offered by the

> Woodrow Wyatt in New Statesman, 6/9/47. News Chronicle, 23/9/47. And it turned out just like that.



TIP FOR Mr. DALTON For the current year, Parliament has

information counsellors and controllers expenditure the country would be New York Herald Tribune, 5/9/47. who get from £900 to £1,700 (plus allow- saving £441 millions a year, which ances), through 93 information officers Freedom for the scientists of all nations (£550 to £1,1000; and 17 assistant

including postage and freight of correscost of its distribution.

Evening Standard, 12/9/47.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Minister of Health) told Sir William Darling (C .offices was approximately 855 and the cloakrooms. total annual cost of those offices was I found that 50 children are taught

national registration. The same local staff does both classes of work. Manchester Guardian, 31/7/47.

In a leading article last week we stated that the Services use £13 million pounds' sumption by the Forces amounts to

New Statesman, 13/9/47. could be more usefully spent on im-

A widow of 80 has been ejected from a "tied" cottage at Stebbing, Essex, on the death of her farm-worker husband. News Chronicle, 31/7/47. pondence and of publicity matter is Stebbing Tenants' Association have asked £100,000. And that does not include the Mr. Bevan to provide alternative accommodation in future cases. Evening News, 23/9/47.

### INTENSIVE EDUCATION

Five hundred children at Bourne Edinburgh S.) that the amount of paper Primary School, near Northolt Airport, used in identity cards was about 181 tons work under such over-crowded conditions a year. The staff employed at the central that some classes have to be taken in the

"The Order of Leopold", and a diamond-studded buckle from the citizens of CSM will be received in one small classroom. In one room, studded buckle from the citizens of C.S.M. will be regarded as automatically parents, but we hope they take the wishing to pay the full subscription." We applaud the decision of these state separately how much of the work 13 desks and 26 children occupy a space of the joint local National Registration measuring 14 ft. by 8 ft. Reynolds News, 21/9047.

