LEADERS BETRAY THE WORKERS

The Labour Movement has once again proved itself incapable of giving the workers a lead in the vital problems of the day. The Labour Party's opposition in Conscription is too feeble to adduce the necessary support to a mere quibble over the rates of pay of the "militiamen." A compromise has been reached and instead of one day the militiamen will receive 1/1. This ends the activity of "His Majesty's Opposition?" The Trade Union Executive, by a huge majority defeated a proposal of strike action and other action in the hands of the workers-to oppose the new conscription measures. The decision of the gentleman (apparently the representatives of four million workers) that they will protest against the new measures, but apart from that they will offer no resistance. In fact, they make it quite clear that they will support National Service and will give every assistance in the question of production in industry in time of war.

According to many, the Communist Party alone is the defender of the working class. It therefore interesting to quote from the "Communist Statement on Conscription" which appeared in the Daily Worker (3/30). It notes that the Trade Unions Executive have failed once more with the task of allying the workers with their own opportunism and misguided policy. It says that the Labour Movement must carry on its struggle to "defeat the Chamberlain Government." It claims that "our attitude to conscription is more essential to this fundamental task." For "under a Government which genuinely stood for peace and resistance to Fascism, the question of compulsory military training would take on a different complexion. The voluntary principle is no absolute democratic principle."

Clearly then, the Communist Party finds nothing amiss with the collective maintenance of peace, we have always made clear that the Communist Party will support whatever measures are necessary to ensure the peace of the world. The means of the people to fulfill the obligations of the Peace Front for the defence of peace against aggression.

In fighting for the Peace Front of Britain, France, the United States and the Socialist Soviet Union, we fully recognise that the Peace Front requires to be made effective for peace by the overwhelming strength of the forces on its side, and that the British people must be prepared to make their military contribution.

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The Labour and democratic movement should decisively reject the belief that they can support one and support the other. In thesubscriber of the Labour and democratic movement, the "defence of the Colonial Peoples" was established in 1934. It was intended at the same time to organise a large public meeting to demand an amnesty and democracy in the Mercosur countries.

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Will the Labour Leaders Dare? 

The Labour Party's approach to the Whiston Conference marks an immense step forward. It is more than an indication, for to-day the whole issue of Fascism or Free- dom is given a definite shape. The conference, in which the Labour Party there are sincerely in a minority, makes the world take notice of the situation, whether it comes from the home or abroad, and most of the rank and file of the party across the country, that the Chamberlain Government had to be checked. The result is that the Service and Conscription against Nationalisation is now a definite reality. The Labour Party must use them as a means of threatening the whole of the working class and disorganising the independence of the working class.

Nevertheless there are grim indications that certain official elements are hoping to effect a split by means of the Service and Conscription. For example, the Labour Party conference, in its resolutions, has condemned the Service and Conscription. It has condemned the Trade Unions to a minority position, to be made a public compromise prepared by the Labour Party leaders. The issue has been well confused.

But while Labour leaders manoeuvre to unite the workers against the Service and Conscription, the workers are determined to resist directly to industrial conscription: while the leaders of the Labour Party are seeking to produce a condition of reconciliation: understanding: with all those menaces which we are not fooled. In cafes, in workers' clubs, in clubs, in church, the vote of protest begins to be heard. In Ulster and in Ceylon, in every Divisional Labour meeting, the workers ask for universal suffrage. Now the government, instead of fighting against the bosses, is fighting against the workers. The bosses can be defeated as they are unified. This defeat might mean the last battle. 

We are at once faced by an embarrassment of riches. It is like being on a motor tour with a bakkie and a motor car. The driver of the bakkie is paid from the money spent for petrol. He may be following the bakkie if he wishes. But in the end it will be necessary to fight for peace by means of industrial direct action. 

Political calls like "Let Attlee, Sinclair and Chamberlain follow their leader," and similar others, offer no alternative to a struggle for peace by means of a new Government of the People. In the crisis of the world today does the country make a choice? We say that it will always be necessary to depend on the workers who have built their trade unions, and who are fighting for peace by means of industrial direct action. 

Alber Meltzer

Anarchists Assert the Right to be Heard

O, Sunday 23rd April, the Glasgow Trades Union Congress, having enjoyed a magnificent sunshiny day, went afloat on the Clyde. The day was the occasion of the first general strike in this country. 

For twenty minutes Sten and Leach held the audience in thrall by their splendid arguments. They attacked the Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution which states that the People are to choose their representatives. The idea that the Constitution can be so limited is an attack on the freedom of the individual. 

"Three millions Jews of the Ukraine were handed over helplessly into the hands of the Butchers of the East," the speakers said. "The ruling class is divided between Hitlerism and Fascism. Those of us who are fighting for revolution are united in the face of the common enemy. The workers of the world have come to the conclusion that the only alternative Democacy, first; Fascism, second; Revolution, third. R.v.s.

L. Daily Express

The BASIS of HUMAN SOLIDARITY

REFUGEE FUND

This month we have received no less than £100 for our Refugee Fund. But this amount does not represent a satisfactory response to Herbert Read's appeal (as well as our own) which appeared in the last issue. The large sum of 40p is a part of the balance of the money we send to a few refugees. This money was raised, in part, by the sale of The Anarchist Book Club, which was published in the last issue. The Anarchist Book Club is now available in the United States. This is the only way to-day.

All contributions should be sent to the Anarchist Book Club, 235 Dryden Street, New York City.

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The Transition Stage

The important role played by the Anarchists in the Russian Revolution, and the greater efforts made in social reorganisation in the control of the state and the abolition of private property, has provided stronger support for the idea that the economic requirements of the capitalist minority are more intensively anti-social than the similar requirements of capitalism as a whole. Certainly there is no need to suppose that the contrivances of the workers have concentrated the political functions of the state upon the workers alone, as in Germany. Except that the former have used for a political purpose, the latter have used for a political purpose, the workers and the state have been divided against each other, and in some cases, even against the state. The state is not an independent entity. It is an institution of the workers. In some cases, even against the state. The state is not an independent entity. It is an institution of the workers. In some cases, even against the state. The state is not an independent entity. It is an institution of the workers.

According to Marxist interpretation, this can be explained by the assumption that Marxism is the political expression of the most revolutionary aspect of the Anarchist movement, that the economic requirements of the capitalist minority are more intensively anti-social than the similar requirements of capitalism as a whole.

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