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Building workers demand MORE MONEY AND LESS HOURS

SINCE January 16, when negotiations started between the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives and the employers for a 1s 6d per hour pay rise, the claim has been passed on to a committee. At time of writing, the committee has not reported.

This claim is one of the largest the unions have made in the building trade. A few years ago, they put in for a 1s an hour rise and finally gained 3d. This pay claim is long overdue, for year after year we have been getting a 1d or 1d on our basic wage, while employers have been making huge profits.

In 1961, Wimpeys made 8 million and Taylor Woodrow over 2 million, but even so the employers have attacked this claim, saying that if it is granted it will add £180 to the capital cost of a house. However, a blind eye is turned when interest rates go up, despite the fact that an increase of a half of 1 per cent adds £400 to the capital cost of a local authority house. In fact, over the years, interest rates have risen so much that there has been an increase of £2,950 on the total interest on a £2,000 house.

During the last few years, land prices have also risen out of all proportion and consequently this has increased the costs of houses even more. These land speculators make money hand over fist, probably even without leaving their warm comfortable offices.

The employers (and these are often one and the same as the land speculators), say that 1s 6d per hour is an "abundant demand", when in a lot of cases they already pay this in plus rates, which don't include piece rate bonus schemes. Where firms have difficulty in obtaining labour, they are quite willing to pay as much as 10s an hour, yet they are now up in arms over this claim.

There is a large percentage of workers in the building industry who have to live on the basic wages, i.e. 5s 10d per hour for

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Labour Party's anti-Colour line-up against MP

BEHIND the decision by the local management committee of Wolverhampton North-East Labour Party not to re-adopt their present MP, 56-year-old John Baird, lies an unsavoury coalition of anti-Colour Labourites, with Catholic Action and right-wing AEU officials.

In the constituency is a high concentration of coloured workers from the West Indies, India and Pakistan. Prejudice has been exploited locally by fascist groupings and white supremacists. These Baird has consistently opposed and he has been outspoken against colour discrimination.

The letter telling Baird of the local party's decision was signed by Ald. Mrs. Ruby Ilsley, chairman of the North-East constituency party. At the last General Election, he had a majority of 3,797 in a straight fight with a Tory.

The anti-Baird coalition is based on differing, but complimentary motives. The anti-colour group is divided between those who themselves believe in white superiority and a frankly opportunist section, who fear Baird's policies may lose them votes in a period of rising unemployment. Catholic Action and the AEU local bosses are against Baird, because his general views are too far to the "left".

Apparelly North-East Wolverhampton Labour Party lacks people of sufficient guts to fight an election on a policy of racial integration and the unity of all workers, white and coloured.

Baird himself has indicated that he will fight the decision and appeal to Labour's national executive. Ironically, he admits that before the decision to axe him, he had received little support from Transport House: "I had become a little cynical about the House of Commons with all the place-seekers and careerists we have got now on both sides. I was really trying with the idea of resigning, anyhow. I am certainly not going to resign now".

Canadian store clerks use new strike tactic

THE Social Credit Government of British Columbia has for years been attempting to destroy the trade union movement in the Province. Encouraged by the Government's anti-labour laws, the employers annual has been attempting to beat down the living standards of the workers. These attempts have been met by a growing militancy amongst the BC workers and a turning to direct action as the most effective weapon in their struggle.

Court orders prohibiting picketing have been countered by mass demonstrations during strikes in the Vancouver area. Despite scab herding by police with dogs, these tactics have produced settlements favourable to the strikers.

An original and effective weapon was used in a strike of store clerks employed by Zeller's Ltd. (a chain store similar to Woolworth's). The store was operated by scabs with police protection. Trade Unions and their wives would go into the store at peak shopping periods, acting as ordinary shoppers they would take a cart round and load it up with merchandise, then they would pile the goods on the checkout counter and ask the clerk if the store was insured.

On being told it was not, they would tell the clerk that they only bought from union stores and walked out, leaving piles of merchandise at the checkout counter.

This completely disrupted the store, as clerks were too busy returning goods to the counters to serve genuine shoppers, while the police were powerless, as the demonstrators were indistinguishable from genuine shoppers.

These tendencies towards direct action by the workers have not gone unnoticed by the politicians, who claim to have the interests of the working class at heart. Robert Strachan, the leader of the BC New Democratic Party, publicly condemned the militant tactics used in these strikes and placed himself firmly on the side of "law and order".

Figures issued by the Labour Department of the Government of Canada show that membership in Trades Unions is decreasing, both absolutely and proportionally, 452,000 workers were members of trades unions in 1962—a decline of 24,000 from 1961. The proportion of trades unionists within the non-farm work force fell from 31.6 per cent in 1961 to 30.2 per cent in 1962. Unions affiliated with the Canadian Labour Congress had 54 per cent of the total trade union membership while another 7 per cent (mainly in Quebec) belonged to unions affiliated with a Catholic trade union centre, the Confederation of National Trade Unions.

BILL GREENWOOD.
craftsmen and 5s 3d for labourers. No wonder employers don’t mind paying overtime rates. However, not all workers have this to supplement their wages. This is the main reason that this wage claim has to be won. The basic wage has to be higher, so that people do not have to work long hours in order to get a living wage.

When one looks around London at the moment, one can see a large number of office buildings being sold, some of which have been up for several years. Each time these change ownership, which in a lot of cases is very often, up goes the price. When most of these properties were built, men were receiving only a few pence an hour, yet now, thousands of pounds are made at the signing of a name. Property and land deals have become one of the biggest swindles today.

Only a few weeks ago, the Church Commissioners sold properties in London worth millions of pounds. For a spiritual body, they are certainly well up on the temporal side of things. A good illustration of their behaviour can be found in Hampstead, where in the 30s a church hall which had been built with denominational money was later sold by the Church to a local newspaper for use as a printing shop, making a very nice profit for the Church.

To hear the employers talking, it would appear that we are asking for the whole cake with this claim. Anyway if it is granted, it will be post-dated in order to give the employers plenty of time to adjust their future estimates to cover the increase in the wage bill. This is the usual pattern. At the moment, building workers in Scotland are hoping for a “living wage” which was agreed on late last year. This does not include plumbers in Scotland, who have been working for some time now. A shorter working week must be won in the rest of the country. With high unemployment now and with factory built buildings being introduced here, a cut in hours is urgently needed.

BUILDING WORKER.

INDUSTRIAL NOTEBOOK

PRINTWORKERS WANT GUARANTEES

The Newspaper Proprietors’ Association (NPA) want to implement some of the suggestions of the Royal Commission on the Printing Trade last year.

In a letter to the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation, the NPA urges a smaller and higher-paid labour force; any savings resulting from increased efficiency being shared by management and labour. Reduced staffing, they say, means less wastage and more output.

The NPA proposals arise from the Top of the Marks in October for improved pension and sickness schemes.

Average earnings of most printworkers in the newspaper game are far below the national average wage, so we intend to try to maintain these earnings. Having said that, we should all be in our power to assist lower-paid workers in other industries in their struggles for higher pay and shorter hours.

A list of guarantees sought from the NPA will be made clear. Considering the proposals are considered. Mergers and closures are happening too quickly. Hundreds signing the unemployment book is not our idea of progress.

EDWARDS HIGH VACUUM

For 22 weeks workers in the Edwards High Vacuum factory in Crawley have been on strike against sackings. The AEU executive council have instructed the workers to go back and, to enforce this decision, have instructed all district offices to remove Edwards products from the black list.

This betrayal has put 92 workers “on the stones”. What price leadership?

As will be appreciated, financial help is still urgently needed. It should be sent to: BARTON 11 LONDON CLOVELLY, CRAWLEY.

SHOP STEWARDS AT SEA

The Council of the Mercantile Marine Service Association claim that no valid case has been made by the National Union of Seamen to justify introducing sea-going shop stewards on British ships.

This is not really surprising. It has taken years for rank and file seamen to force the NUS to accept the principle of shop stewards and then only very reluctantly.

The Council goes on to state the potential value of improved liaison between the union’s executive and the members, and would therefore put a pilot scheme on selected ships, but the stewards must be experienced members efficiently trained and selected and appointed by the NUS executive.

Somehow I don’t think seamen want “company shop stewards”. Stewards elected by rank and file seamen, with right collected by local demand.

ABOUT TURN

In the Daily Worker (1.6.63), George Sinfelt criticises the EC of the ETTU for banning what it calls the “unnatural official shop stewards movement” in the supply industry. There were no screams from the “Worker” when Frank Foukes did the same to George Wakefield a year or so back.

Let’s face facts: the Communist Party will not support any rank and file movement it cannot control—and will clamp down as hard as any right wing bureaucracy.

WAGE RESTRAINT

A sked on television if it would be possible for the Government to do a deal on wage restraint with the unions, George Woodcock, General Secretary of the Confederation of Public Employees, said that he believed the Government had the ability to do it, but did not know if it had the will. Labour Party supporters—you have been warned.

BILL CHRISTOPHER

All change!

Busmen have very nearly arrived at the end of their run. The last set of wage proposals by the LTB had so many strings it wasn’t true. The offer was so disproportional that the London bus negotiators decided not to report to a delegate conference, but straight to Frank Cousins. If it had gone to a delegate conference, the demand would have been for strike action.

The offer to the busmen represents 1.2 per cent on basic wages for 1963 and 2.7 per cent for 1964. After 3-4 years, little more than a 10 per cent increase was awarded. Tied to the strings were the one-man buses, the larger-capacity bus and the 40 mph speed limit. Also thrown in as make-weight was 4s offered to drivers (over three years) as severely payment. Under these terms no further wage application could be made until February 1966.

The elusive 40-hour week got lost in the “tangle of strings” of London Transport, were prepared to attempt to reduce actual time worked from 41 to 39 hours to 38 for fortnight. A 40-hour week resolution was moved in 1955, so at the present rate of progress the busmen should have a 40-hour week in 56 years’ time.

On receipt of the busmen’s decision, Cousins stepped smartly to the right in an attempt to pass the ball back to the negotiating committees, by telling them to resign negotiations with London Transport. London bus committee passed the ball smartly back, telling Cousins he should have a go personally. They had had enough.

At the time of writing, Frank is “in play”. I wonder how long busmen will continue to watch this “great game” without stepping in and playing it their way.

If rank and file busmen decide to take over where the professionals left off, they cannot hope to win on their own; they must have the active support of all sections of transport. One section out and the others in means the Section can stay out for ever so far as London Transport is concerned. They proved that in the last major bus strike.

CUBAN REALITY

Havana: February 2. Dr. Ernesto (“Che”) Guevara, Cuba’s Minister of Industries, said yesterday that because the trade union movement did not correspond to the needs of the Socialist revolution, its destiny was to disappear. The unions had to learn a new role, that of an ally of the government in production and spokesman for the working masses.” The prime thing, he added was production.—“Observer”, February 3, 1963.

For those blindfold lovers of Cuba’s Castro-Communist regime who, like American columnist I. F. Stone writing recently in Tribune, claim it is “libertarian” in its form of social organisation, the above report, with its undertones of Bolshevik jargon, should be an eye-opener. It won’t, of course.

Nor, will the following extract from the last issue to reach us in The Bulletin of Libertarian Information issued by the General Delegation of the Cuban Libertarian Movement in Exile (Vol. 1, No. 7): “A young libertarian peasant comrade, AUGUSTO SANCHEZ ESPINOSA, was shot with several others in the Province of Pinar del Rio. The FBIUR, the brigade of the Castro-Communist catering industry, also fell before a firing squad, in the Communist prison of “La Cabana”. The State Prosecutor, Panchito Suarez, demanded a death sentence for ISIDRO MOSCU, who was condemned to 30 years’ imprisonment. We have further details of men and women comrades recently detained, but are withholding their names, to aver heavier reprisals against them”.

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Magistrate Neil McElligott said at Old Street (London) Court: "The police are sometimes criticised for using their truncheons. It is refreshing to hear of officers hitting people with them when the occasion demands it." (Reported in The People). Refreshing!
COMMITTEE OF 100

More gain than loss.

The Committee of 100 is in the doldrums. As a result, many of its founders and more prominent personalities are rushing into print, criticising its basis and laying the blame on others for its failure. There is, consequently, a strong danger of the good being lost with the bad and so it falls to those direct activists who were critically discussing the Committee's apparent failure to achieve the record straight now, as they did then (see World Labour News, Vol. 2, No. 6, November-December, 1961).

For those who believed the Committee of 100 was the "most significant revolutionary movement in England since the Charter," the events must certainly be a major disappointment. Even for those who thought the Committee could fulfill its aims of building a mass movement, it must be a disappointment, but for those who believed the Committee's prime function was purely educational, it has been an unqualified success, far beyond the wildest hopes of this writer.

In the last three years, which have seen the conception, birth, rise and decline of the Committee, the number of people who think in terms of direct action as the answer to the evil of the Bomb and other forms of society has enormously increased. The numbers aware of the potential of non-violent resistance and the limitations of its particular forms have grown in even greater proportions. What is more, Civil Disobedience is no longer the exclusive preserve of a small minority and even among those who have been talking about the belief that Parliament is the be-all and end-all of political activity has been undermined. These are positive gains of immense importance—and not the only ones.

It is perhaps precisely how the Committee of 100 came about. Looking back to 1957, when Harold Stuck, Ian Dixon and David Graham first tried to get into the Pacific testing area, and when Canon Collins, J. B. Priestley, Ritchie Calder, A. J. T. Taylor and others started to form CND, in order to build the Labour Party's "left," it did not then seem either virtually no appreciable body advocating revolutionary action.

The first Aldermaston March changed the nature of the CND soon after its inception. It was no longer a lazy little movement for desperately passive defence. But it was not the only change. By the early 1960s, the CND was a much bigger affair. Thus, by the end of 1959 there was a sizeable section of CND opposed to its leadership's identification with Left socialists, but without any set alternative policy, though it was heavily influenced by the CND's Veto, the Socialist Labour League and other pacifists, the Direct Action Committee and other pacifist groups.

As the DAC was clearly the most radical of these, when in time the new radical became anxious to do something more positive than merely talk, they looked for some way that they could believe themselves to be revolutionary, without having to go to jail or face the spectre of some other definite sacrifices. It was in answer to this demand that the Committee of 100 was formed. As with the old DAC, the Committee was divided on whether Direct Action meant the actual physical action or merely a theoretical plan for a future activity. But with the new Committee's emergence a new element: the bulk of the new Committee's supporters thought of civil disobedience as a more occasional subsidiary to forms of political action in which they had already engaged.

Because no deep concern of civil disobedience could be accepted, the Committee was never able to make up its mind whether in what form of action it advocated and why. Most of its demonstrations, consequently, were not popular committee, as were the Committee's leaders. As it never put the logic of its own case as a political philosophy, there was no crystallisation of revolutionary thought. The movement's present difficulties stem from the fact that these people are going up the wrong road, rather than from the departure of a few highly-publicised individuals.

This brings us to the last advance achieved by the Committee. Although many of the former demonstrators will now be sought after by the pseudo-radical Marxist or old guard Pacifist groups, producing a false image of pacifism, a group of those who were actively involved in the work of the Committee of 100, are unlikely to descend to the ill-informed levels of marking opposition which the old DAC met. These are, perhaps, necessary teeth-cleaning in a mood of developing disillusion with constitutional procedure.

At the very worst there will be, outside the Committee, a section of Leftist thought not in principle opposed to Direct Action. When they find Marxism and old guard Pacifism to be other dead ends, they will be likely to turn back to non-violent resistance on a more intelligent level.

Inside the Committee are left a hard core of direct activists, more numerous than were the DAC activists and ready to use non-violent resistance on issues other than the Bomb—and more ready to discuss the social implications of direct action.

LAURENS OTTER

OPEN LETTER TO LABOUR'S NEW LEADER

Dear Harold,

My warmest congratulations on your ascendency to the leadership of our Party. We were all jubilant last night, the nine regulars at our local ward meeting, I mean, including Brough Blatt, who always represents our local MP. The latter, of course, seldom attends, as he has too much in the constituency and is anyway far too busy with his parliamentary duties.

However, there's always the trouble-maker and when we adjourned to the saloon bar downstairs to celebrate your victory, there was nearly a punch-up over the list of your favourite Prime Ministers—Pitt the Younger, Peel, Lord Palmerston, Earl Attlee and Campbell-Bannerman.

This trouble-maker, who fancies himself as a bit of an intellectual, comes in with something Macaulay said—that Pitt was a "drivelker" and that Peel had to smile like a brass plate on a coffin. But I soon silenced him by reminding him how fortunate we were in having a person of your intellectual brilliance to lead us and at the same time pointing out that you very nearly joined the Liberal Party. Unanimity was restored when Brother Brought expressed the general regret of us all that you had defeated that sincere, but coarse fellow Brown. You, however, would never afford Krushchev by crude table thumping, polished diplomat that you always are. Your equally distinguished predecessor never made his trip to Moscow and I am gratified that you are giving this matter too priority—notably in view of Krushchev's generosity in sending the Red Army to sing and play "Auld Lang Syne" at the Albert Hall.

There's no doubt, Harold, that the new Leader of Labour had to earn your kind of respect and if we are to be regarded not merely as a class organisation, but as a real party of national movement, worthy of the support of everyone with faith in Great Britain.

The amazing and awe-inspiring fact is that you know it all, and having done so, you were able to use your knowledge to turn it to your advantage, and at the age of eight outside No. 10 Downing Street, when you were just a child who thought he was quite prophetic. How you must feel in this fulness of your destiny. And it began, I read, when you were taken as a child to Stirling to see the old Prime Minister's statue, while your Dad retailed for two hours the story of the Liberal victory of 1906.

Yes, Harold, it is indeed surprising that the Liberals didn't get hold of you. They almost did, however, when you went on to pursue your brilliant career at Oxford. They did, however, when you served as a child to the Committee of the Liberal Club and Lord Beveridge gave you a scholarly job doing research for two years and even at that you exceeded expectations.

But what we like most of all these days is that you are so close to us all, and as Dick Crossman says, you and the Maxis have escaped from the black streets without acquiring the tastes of high society. Now that you're in charge, you might have a discreet word about this with Woodrow Wyatt and his Lady Moira. Those photographs in The Tatler, you know, with that marble sheath dress of hers and the diamond pendant in her hair. And old Syd Silverman should know better, too. No, Harold, shut the boys and sell them the Non-conformist, simple singing-around-the-house, pipe-smoking, side of the party that will bring to full realisation your childhood dreams of being one day the Prime Minister.

As your political future unfolds I shall be writing to you as I used to write to Hugh. I never expected to see you in that chair, but I felt that this communication between us was vital and that he appreciated being kept in touch with Party life at Constituency level.

With fraternal congratulations,

JIMMY WIGGINS.
**French threat to Spanish anti-fascist refugees**

Following the recent round of trials in Franco Spain, as a result of which 25 Syndicalists were sentenced to prison terms totalling 310 years, 600 Madrid military officers resigned and joined the Spanish CNT (Confederación Nacional del Trabajo), this time to the thousands exiled in France.

Visits to Madrid by M. Frey, French Minister of the Interior, and his successor, Alletier, French Chief of Staff, were followed by the arrest in Spain of 124 sympathisers, and among them Camille Grangé, a leader of the AIL, and M. Campet, a Social Democrat, both of whom had been talking to French Spain to discuss the possibility of a general strike. The situation is very serious, and it is reported that the Spanish government is considering the possibility of a general strike in protest against the arrest of the Frenchmen.

The Spanish government has also been under pressure to take action against anti-fascist refugees, but it has so far refused to do so. The refugees are now facing a very difficult situation, and it is hoped that the French government will take action to help them.

**Oxford Anarchist Group**

Oxford Anarchist Group holds open discussion each Wednesday evening at 4 Park St., Oxford, March 6—TOM BROWN on 'The Constructive Role of Syndicalism in a Free Society.'

**Notting Hill Anarchist Group**

Notting Hill Anarchist Group—meets on the last Friday of each month at 35 Lambeth High St., London, W.11 at 8 p.m.

**Review Inside Story**

Inside Story (Report published by the Prison Reform Council, Houseman's, 5 Caledonian Road, London, N.1.)

THis pamphlet consists of a report drawn up by a working group of people recently imprisoned for their part in non-violent demonstrations against the prison system and based on their first-hand experience of life and conditions in British jails. The report was submitted to the Home Secretary and Prison Commissioners and, in the absence of any constructive response from them, has been issued as a pamphlet by the Prison Reform Council. It is stated in the pamphlet that the report is based on the experiences of spent prisoners and is a call for the recognition of the need for radical reform of the prison system.

"It must be emphasised", says the Council, "that the reforms suggested are merely the most urgent and immediately practicable measures and are not meant to constitute a comprehensive reform policy."

"Inside Story" does, indeed, deal mainly with elementary matters. What it seems to say is that incivilities are to be expected, and that the authorities are to be expected to deal with them. Many of the problems are of a nature that they cannot be expected to deal with. It is the responsibility of the prisoners to ensure that these problems are dealt with. In this way, the report is a call for the recognition of the need for radical reform of the prison system.

This pamphlet has been welcomed by many and is expected to have a wide circulation. The Prison Reform Council is, however, taking no responsibility for the contents of this pamphlet, and it is hoped that all will read it carefully and consider the recommendations made.
RUSSIA AND CHINA

Two Empires clash

Much seemingly wise talk and writing is being spilled to explain the struggle between the ruling classes of China and Russia as a conflict of ideologies. This is a modern bandwagon that has usually been fought for economic aims and to feed the appetite for power; rarely, if ever, for ideology. Christians and Moslems have united to fight against Christians; Protestants and Catholics have wrangled against Catholics and deacons have allied themselves with totalitarians "against the total," always for other than spiritual reasons.

I have just ploughed my way through an article in the Trotskyist 43th International, 5,000 words to "explain" the ideological character of the conflict between the two Communist giants. Here was the materialist conception of history turned upside down and sticking its head in the sand, as well as a grab bag of ideological notions and in many cases recombined all the lands subjugated to the Tatars: Lithuania, Esthonia, Latvia, Georgia, Poland and beyond. Its heroes are Peter the Great and Ivan the Terrible.

The Chinese Red Empire, too, claims the territories of the Empires of Tibet, Mongolia, part of India, Formosa, etc. Small wonder that when the Dragon and the Bear go marching in, they should collide.

In the early 1920s, the Kuo-mintang, the Nationalist "progressive" party of Sun Yat-sen, was advancing northwards from Canton against the great warlords and landowners. Moscow soon decided that a Nationalist victory was in the interests of the Bolsheviks, and sent Michael Borodin and his retinue to Canton and advise the KMT. At the same time they were trying to establish full diplomatic and friendly relations with the imperialist government in Peking. But the Chinese Communists were ready to do this.

Borodin's work changed the KMT from a loose movement into a party akin to the Bolsheviki. The KMT army, too, was a rather loose, freewheeling force, as is characteristic of the social dynamics of China. Russia urged the KMT to establish a regular army, using old-type provincial officers, an army in which NCO's and non-coms be officers, the officers as, for instance, Trotsky had done for the Red Army.

To this end, some KMT officers were sent to Moscow for training. One of the brightest, Chiang Kai-shek, returned to Canton to head a new school of war, the Whampoa Military Academy, Sun Yat-sen died in 1925, when the KMT was advancing towards the Yangtze, and Chiang Kai-shek took over the leadership.

The Communist Party of China had held its first National Congress on July 1, 1921 and continued growing, but Moscow, under Lenin, under the Trotsky and under Stalin, favoured the KMT above their own comrades. The CP was ordered to support the new movement. In the KMT they had accepted this and without more ado. Soon reports of Chiang's hatred of the CP reached Moscow. "Carry out the Party Line" was the repeated reply.

In autumn, 1926 a KMT offensive to the north was launched. As Chiang's army entered Shanghai, the workers of that city staged a strike in his favour. The CP called for the strike to become an insurrection and began an armed rising in favour of Chiang, who caused in his advance. When the rebels had suffered heavy losses, but gained control of the city, Chiang proceeded and the Communists handed Shanghai to him, but still over them hung the Party Line and the executioner's broadsword.

Then, in April, 1927, Chiang Kai-shek turned against the Communists and slaughtered thousands of them, smashing their organisation in the towns. Borodin and his friends fled to Moscow. And the veto of the Party Line. They were expendable. In any event, Chiang never wanted a strong Chinese CP.

But one Communist leader, it seemed, had never swallowed whole the Moscow line. Mao Tse-tung left the towns and reorganised the Party among the peasants. It is unlikely that he has forgotten Shanghai and the rest. With the triumph of Mao, however, Moscow, under Stalin, supported him and the Chinese CP won back some of its influence within its control once again. But Mao was not made by Stalin and is determined to be his own man.

Since 1948, the conflict of the two States has developed in several important fields and each side seeks to rationalise its side of the conflict with an ideology. Let us look briefly at a few of these issues, all of them national-political.

While the Chinese Red Army was driving the KMT from one province after another, Stalin still favoured Chiang, declaring his support of him to US ambassadors and to the US Foreign Minister, and scolding at the Chinese Communists.

At the Yalta Conference of February 4, 1945, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin agreed that, in return for territory and immense supplies of US war matériel, Russia would enter the war against Japan, two months after the defeat of Germany. There, also, the Soviet Government declared its wish to conclude a treaty of friendship and alliance with the KMT Government.

Nine days before Japan surrendered, Russia went to war with her allies against Manchuria and some other territory. Manchuria, under the Japanese, had become the most modern industrialised part of the Chinese nation. Russia started to loot it.

The best machinery was rapidly dismantled and sent westward, in many cases leaving only the factory walls. When the KMT Government protested, a Soviet note to Chiang, of January 21, 1946, stated that all machinery and plant removed was "war booty"; that is, all plant that had been used by the Japanese for their purposes. The loot was enormous.

A Manchurian Communist leader, Li Li-sia, arrived in Harbin from Moscow and said: "I feel that the movement of the machinery is not an important problem at all. Of course, the Soviet Union moved some machinery, but not a large amount compared with its war losses." Duffy, Worker, New York, Oct. 7, 1949.

It seemed that Stalin was afraid of allowing the Chinese Red Army to occupy Manchuria, but he had not enough troops there to hold more than the towns. Chu-Teh, Chin C of the Chinese Red Army, was designated to go into the town where the Japanese were ready to march in, but the Russians responded to repeated pleas for delay and did not evacuate until six months later.

When a US journalist asked Chou En-lai about Japanese arms supplied to him by the Russians, he had held the railway lines. We got our arms from the country side. Also we took cities held by the Nationalists and not by the Russians." H. R. Lieberman, New York Times, Dec. 9, 1946.

The principal areas traditionally in conflict between China and Russia are Sinkiang and Mongolia, lying between China proper and Russia and inhabited by neither Chinese nor Russian peoples. The Tzarist Russia drove to dominate Mongolia and to that end succeeded in having that vast country divided-one part, Outer Mongolia, with its "own emperor" become the Russian protectorate.

With the fall of Tsarism the Mongolian court tried to return to China's rule, but this the Soviet Government resisted, although on May 31, 1924 it acknowledged China's sovereignty—or paper. Since then Russia has had a Mongolian part of the Russian Empire. Red China does not accept.

Sinking, many times the size of Britain; arid, but with great deposits of lead, iron, copper, manganese, coal, perhaps uranium and certainly many other valuable minerals, is a bone of contention between the two empires. In this region, Tsarist strone for domination, one of its earlier successes being the Treaty of Petersburg, 881. Since then, the Soviet Government has continued Imperial Russian policy, resisted by the KMT and now by the Government of Mao.

Of course there will be zig-zags and apparent contradictions in the relationship of the two giants, but the general tendency is likely to reassert itself after each variation. To understand a State's foreign policy, read its history, not the horoscopes of its Cabinet.

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WAGE FREEZE BID IN IRELAND

LEMASS the Irish Premier has struck a further blow at the working class. In line with his record comes the White Paper on Incomes and Output—more simply, a wage standstill order. The White Paper, published February 8, instructs State and semi-State industries not to exceed any claims for higher wages or better conditions. The policy, which has been adopted by the Lemaas Government in one of his panic-stricken moments.

We recall the wage standstill Order of 1947 and the Bill of September, 1961 to sentence workers to five years' imprisonment for striking. By 1964, the Lemaas regime has reduced, as a result of pressure for action on the Congress of Trade Unions and Labour Party by angry workers. Withdrawal of this notorious Bill did not hold back the Government's real intentions, rather did it enable them—had the working class not been ready to oppose such legislation by their industrial strength.

The present White Paper is an admission of the Government's failure to implement plans which, according to successive Fianna Fail hatchetmen over the years, were to provide unprecedented prosperity for the Irish people. The Rising Cost of Living (1961 General Election): "KEEP THE WHEELS MOVING SMOOTHLY, VOTE FIANNA FAIL". No sooner had Fianna Fail been returned than the wheels began to get clogged up.

Economic reports on industrial output show that, from the end of 1964 to the middle of 1965, industrial output has risen between 3 per cent and 5 per cent. Latest figures show a trade deficit of £120 million. Attempts by Fianna Fail spokesmen and representatives of the Federated Union of Employers to cast responsibility for this on the workers, specifically to "Reduce Costs of Wage Increases" (1961-62), betray the hypocrisy of claiming that "workers is the party of the working class in the workers' movement" and in seeking to identify the working class with the huge profits of the industrialists.

The White Paper, in a further attempt to paint workers as the culprits of the "Inflation Crisis", points to the gap between wage increases and rises in production, and claims that, as a result of the Eighth Round brought a demand for imported goods, which led to the huge import-export excess. This clever manipulation of statistics is typical of the hypocrisy of which Fianna Fail is becoming better known in recent months. For example, in the 1958-61 period, when wages rose by 24 per cent, profits and dividends soared by 46 per cent—and that the latter is far more likely responsible for the import-export excess than the increase in wages.

Wages rise just kept up with rises in the Cost of Living Index. In fact, the Fifth Round brought another first increase in real income since 1939—incidentally something the bulletin of the Congress of Trade Unions thought fit to be proud of.

The paper really reflects the failure not only of Fianna Fail policies, but of capitalism itself to solve the problems of the Irish people. Fianna Fail was brought to power on a platform which, like socialist and capitalist, could not accept that the Irish economy. Britain has over 878 million unemployed, or 3.9 per cent. We have 70,000, or 0.8 per cent, continuing to rise. Each year 100,000 people leave Ireland for other countries.

Four reports issued by the Government-sponsored Committee on Industrial Organizations have said that, in conditions of free trade, there will be heavy redundancy in the cotton and rayon, boot and shoe, paper and paperboard industries, while the motor assembly industry will be wiped out. Factories all over the country are closing—some, like Veronese's Shipyard in Cork and Avoca Mines in Wexford, are the beneficiaries of generous grants from Irish taxpayers, via the Government, to put them out of business, despite their being subsidised by large losses. Workers are being put on the dole. Failure over the years to provide decent social services, whether they be old age pensions, unemployment benefits, housing, schools or playground facilities for children in built-up areas; utter failure to provide an adequate educational system, both technical and academic, has produced a nation of navies for export to the monopoly and cartels of Europe, in the event of free trade.

What a thundering record of failure on all fronts—and then Lemaas has the audacity to describe as "an organisation", which defined Ireland as an underdeveloped country. He then attempts to castigate the workers for the failure of the capitalist system, which has sought to defend and continues to do so. This is Lemaas's new tactic since the clear evidence from CIO reports, from UN reports, from people who can be called as crank, can not easily be debased as agents of Soviet Russia—no, they are, from members of his own capitalist class.

The Congresses of Trade Unions reacted swiftly to the White Paper, protesting in the strongest possible terms to the Government for not consulting them before publication. They declared they would oppose any attempts at compulsory wage restraint, or interference in free negotiations between employers and workers. The Congress statement added further consideration of the situation, the Congress of Trade Unions suspend the participation in the Employer-Labour Conference. It condemned the White Paper as negative in its approach and told the Government they must be prepared for its consequences.

The following day, Lemass said there was no intention to freeze wages or ditch conciliation machinery, but that the modern Irish version of the God Janus (an old Roman deity, with two heads facing in opposite directions), stressed that the Government expected all to have regard to the report recommendations clearly set out in the White Paper. This bluff can be taken as a reaction from the one of the first stand of the CTU, which Lemaas seemingly did not expect. Nevertheless, his statement did not retract instructions to State departments and semi-State industries to accord claims on wages and working conditions—the very essence of the White Paper.

The CTU stand is welcome—but is it enough to force the Government to scrap this wage standstill Order? It is hardly likely to prove sufficient in a situation where the Government is forced to resort to such panic measures. The workers, at rank and file level, must organise Action Committees for a nationwide work-to-rule. Not only the question of the Pay Pause is at stake. The Government must be called to account for their failure. Lynch, Minister for Industry and Commerce, has told the Government has plans to re-train and re-employ motor assembly workers knocked off by free trade. Workers must organise industrial action to demand that the Government pull these plans out of the pigeon-holes and use them to employ the present 70,000 unemployed and the innumerable unemployed who leave the country each week.

We doubt if the Government has any such plans, however. Capitalism has entered a new crisis, from which it struggles, sometimes escape success, more often with failure, to extricate itself. Meanwhile the workers suffer from hunger, unemployment and H.P. commitments and, if capitalism fails to extricate itself, possibly war with its modern mass extermination.

Of its very nature, capitalism cannot solve these problems. Let the working class organise to take over the means of production. To abolish this profit motive and replace it with production for use; to abolish the slave status of the wage system and replace it with the ruling of each according to their capacity, to each according to their need.

In short, let us stop the Labour Leaders paying lip service and hypocritical homage every May to James Connolly and fight for what he gave his life to establish: a Socialist Workers' Republic. To attain this change in society, we must first change the structure and policy of the trade unions into that of revolutionary industrial unions. Hasten the day.

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EAST BERLIN WORKERS REVOLT

SUMMER 1953, and the winter discontent still hangs over Germany, as it does in the rest of the cold war piece, the building workers are growing. For a little while there had been hope. In March, Stalin had died in mystery and the blood-soaked maniac of the Kremlin new lay in the Red Square, stuffed like so many toadstools taken from the damp earth, who lived in the shadow of the Hammer and Sickle, had hoped that with the tyrant’s death, the regime would be liberalised a little, even Party members had been chipping with the birds in Spring. But death did not do the job of revolution—the tiger remained a tiger.

If the degenerates of the Red Army had not favoured the German Communist Party, whose leaders had just returned from Russian exile, but the East Germans preferred the Socialists and Democrats. This led the Communists to propose a joint government with the Social Democrats. The Social Democrats could know, that such “unity” must quickly lead to a coward’s suicide, the SPD agreed. Soon the KPD (Communists) wanted fusion, 80 per cent of the SPD in West Berlin turned this down, but the thick end of the wedge was driven home and the two parties fused as the Socialist Unity Party. The Social Democrats were crushed and the well-known Social Democrat Grotewohl became Prime Minister of the Communist Government.

The Russian legal system was introduced, free trade unions and parties, such as the Free German Trade Union, which had been closed down, the middle class starved, the workers driven to work harder for less, the best of the country’s industrial equipment sent to Russia.

The Russian “Marxist” wage system, as in Russia, supplanting capitalist wages. A certain amount of work is demanded of the worker; if he fulfills his “norm”, he gets his week’s wages, if he does more he gets a little extra, then the “norm” is raised, putting him back to starting point.

Police “nationalisation” brought, along with crushing blows against the middle class and farmers, a general attack on the industrial workers, with an increase in “norms”, a sweeping reduction of wages. At Stalinate, wage cuts, some of a third, were to be made on June 30 onwards, but when the wage packets were opened, the cuts had already been made. When the men protested, Party officials told them the cuts had already been agreed by their “representatives”.

A week passed, a housewives’ week of grumbling, and on payday, Friday, June 12, the storm began to brew. At Block 40, a union official called a meeting to give a vote of thanks to the Government for its “new course”. An amendment, asking for a return to the old norms was carried—and later rejected by the officials.

On Tuesday, June 16 it was decided that the two men delegated to present the amended resolution to the Government should do so, but if they did not return, the whole council would demand that both be imprisoned. “Then let us all go!” Block 40 walked out in a body.

Down at Stalinate marched 300 builders, at their head, one with a banner inscribed “In honour of May 1, Block 40 has raised its norms”. On the second day, a similar march, and through the centre of town, “We demand a reduction in the norms” substituted. Workers on “C South” site stare, down tools and fall in. At “F South” men side down the scaffolding and, with “D North”, join the column. “C Gina Grotewohl and Grotewohl”, the message reads, “We demand a reduction in the norms.”

At the Alexanderplatz, 2,000 strong—and the People’s Police keep in the background. Bystanders look on astounded, but now the marchers are shouting their slogans. It’s not an official procession. The public’s faces light up. Clapping and clacking, a few join 600 building workers from the new Government buildings near Marx-Engels Platz march up.

The column arrives at the “House of the Ministries” in Leipziger strasse. Through the gates, the steel shutters—the “People’s” Police hide from the people. The workers call for Ulbricht and Grotewohl; “Come and face us, come out of your cellar, you Communist pigs”. Selbmann, Minister of Forestry, the last crowd and is shouted down: “Fitch Grotewohl and Ulbricht”.

A bricklayer speaks, listing the men’s demands: lower prices, lower norms, go visitation. Another speaker: “We’ll wait half a hundred years, over lives in the factories, tomorrow we will call a General Strike”. There are cries of “We want free elections! Down with the Government!” The strike simple was turning into revolution.

The column grew, eight or more abreast, a kilometre long. A police loudspeaker van, calling on the marchers to disperse, is answered by a roar of defiance and vanishes in reverse. A Party van tries to follow, but is too late. Now the workers have their own loudspeaker van to voice their demands: “Down with the Government, release the class war prisoners, better not guns”.

The column grows, crowds cheer, men and women openly weep, but with joy. Revolution is happy, tyranny grim. At Oberbaumbrücke, women and children help destroy the Communist barricades between East and West.

A crowd is before the women’s jail in Barnimstrasse, demanding the release of the prisoners. Men and women hurry to spread the calls of the General Strike. At 10pm, the two groups met in front of the prison, where the words “General Strike” were shouted by thousands.

At Berghauser Platz, 2,000 garment workers go from Progress Works I to Progress Works II to call out the night shift. At the Henninger steelworks the night shift decide to hold a strike meeting when the day shift arrives. At Bergmann-Bosse and the chemical firms, a call is posted.

Morning, June 17, the railroad men of Velten are already marching to the rail yards in the Henninger steelworks, strikes joining them at every job site. At the steelworks the men have decided to join the strike. The young men are locked and barred, guarded by armed factory police. The guards are dispersed, the gates lowered.

In the Stalin Electric Motor works at Treptow, 9,000 clock in. Half an hour passes, then the message passes down the machine line; a loudspeaker network. “All into the yard—Strike”. They strike and march. It is raining hard, but the crowds still gather. All East Berlin is on strike.

But all night long, militarised barrack police in wagons and armoured cars have been travelling towards Berlin and Russian armoured trucks have been everywhere. The revolts are to be crushed by shot and shell and grinding tank.

Great columns of marchers tramp to the House of Ministries as the militarised police cordoned off the entrance. The blue police appeal, baton charge the crowd and drive it back, but the workers push back.

The Russian Army moves in, first armoured cars, then steel-helmeted infantry in trucks—then the tanks. Throughout East Berlin it is the same picture. The workers erect a rough cross on the way where the first man to be crushed by a Russian tank had fallen.

Fighting spreads.

Outside police headquarters a crowd breaks the police cordon and, seizing the rifles from the sentries, breaks them. The police use fire hoses, but are driven back and their horses cut. Police trucks are fired on. Then Russian infantry appear—and every rifle and tank is firing on the people.

Three youths climb the Brandenburg Gate and, in face of snipers and machine guns, haul down the Communist flag. In the streets, fighting is fierce. “No war, no war” is the battle cry. The police throw stones at tanks and try to block their guns with mud and wood. The slates are storming the gates of hell. But the guns won.

There is no room here to tell how the fight was taken up throughout the towns and countryside of all East Germany. In Magdeburg, Brandenburg and Leipzig, in Grabow, Luebben and Dresden, everywhere the workers struck and marched to the State offices and final see world Labour news, Vol. 1, No. 31.

In West Berlin, the entrants of the Zeiss factory led the revolt, breaking down the prison gates and freeing the prisoners. In that town the first victims were two children, shot by a police officer. There the workers seized five tanks and used them to block the path of others. When the tanks sought another path, the workers pushed them to a new barricade in a fantastic game of chess.

But the hospitals were filled with the dying and the last workers returned to their jobs in the provinces on June 20, to go slow. The people and Communist Gestapo reappeared. The terror began. Hell had won.

The odds against the revolt were too heavy. The West would not help, the workers had no organisation before the revolt, most were unemployed, thousands lived under dictatorship (1933-53) and time was too short to mature their new-formed organisations. Because of this, the revolt throughout East Germany went off like a powder train, rather than in one big explosion.

A revolution in Hungary. Had all three risen about the same time, all East Europe and possibly the Ukraine would have done so, too. During the Hungarian Revolution in 1956, the Bulgarian workers, largely under the influence of their comrades in Hungary, were armed to overthrow their Communist Government, establish workers’ control and advance to help their Hungarian comrades—if only some other countries revolted to draw off some of the Russian Army from Bulgaria and Russia. We had it lined up.

Will the East German workers forget their brief hours of liberty? No, some were born under Fascism and lived under Bolshevism,
but they responded at once to the call of freedom. Love of liberty can be taught, but it is also inherent.

Here, finally, is a note of hope. The last to strike were the boys of the secondary school in Heinrich von Kleist Strasse. Most were evicted very late; they held a meeting in the school on July 3, demanding the deletion of political instruction and Russian grammar from the syllabus. The masters fled the classrooms, locking themselves in their common-rooms. They refused to obey the police. Six truth-heads of armed police surrounded the school and an officer appealed, class by class, to the boys: "After all, your parents returned to work several days ago."

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**Life in the effluent society**

**THE SEWERS in our London borough are, on the average, 3 ft. 9 in. high, some slightly higher (4 ft. 6 in.). while quite a few are even lower. Even before the sewage problem was raised, the noise of the sewers and the stench of the effluent entered the houses and the street. When the sewage problem was raised, it was found that the sewers were not suited to the purpose for which they were intended. The sewers were designed to carry sewage and industrial effluent, and not to be used as a means of drainage. The sewers were also found to be inadequately ventilated, and this led to the habit of people breathing in the effluent. The sewers were also found to be inadequately drained, and this led to the habit of people breathing in the effluent. The sewers were also found to be inadequately drained, and this led to the habit of people breathing in the effluent. The sewers were also found to be inadequately drained, and this led to the habit of people breathing in the effluent. The sewers were also found to be inadequately drained, and this led to the habit of people breathing in the effluent.**

It might be reasonable to assume that this unpleasant and dangerous work (sewer workers are particularly exposed to a disease called typhoid fever) would demand a fairly high wage in this town. It doesn't—it follows the usual rule of this society: the worse the job, the lower the pay (another way of putting it might be: the more socially useful the job, the lower the pay); and a sewer worker will take it. After all, the State has stolen the customary amount from him, about £9.10s.

This is one of the main reasons why men leave the sewer-gang. They don't particularly object to the dirty nature of the work, it's just that they don't find it amusing. The size of a sewer-gang varies and, in this particular borough it has, at times, been as large as 16 men, while at other times it has also piled up along quite competently with two men. To meet that a gang is in number, including the ganger.

The methods and equipment used today are, by and large, the same used at the time when the sewers were first built (about 120 years ago) and while on the other hand, the most modern and the resulting utility of much of the work that one finds oneself doing. People with weak stomachs or special phobias about rats don't generally apply for the job, so only a minority of the men leave.

It is quite obvious to the sewer workers themselves how the jobs could be re-organised to remove most of the extreme unpleasantness (e.g. fibre-glass lined sewers, like that recently installed for about 100 yards in the borough of Lambeth) and the modem workers work to a few hours per week, performed by three or four men.

In a free society, that is one where industrial production and "services" were governed by human needs and where the workers themselves had control over the pace and the methods of work, there would be a balance between the will and the means (they already have the knowledge) to transform their jobs almost beyond recognition.

We won't claim that in a free society sewage will be transformed into vanilla ice cream, but at least it will be disposed of in a sensible and efficient manner and certainly not in a way that is degrading or disadvantageous to the sewer workers themselves. Certainly our present form of society can make such claims. I know, because what is shit to you is "bread and butter" to me.

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**FORD'S—the 17, IN or OUT?**

FORD'S are adamant in their decision not to reinstate the 17 so-called trouble makers. Their agreement to participate in the court of enquiry presents them in a favourable light to the public in general, and, in particular, strengthens the hand of the T&GWU leadership, who want to smash Ford's shop stewards organisation. The finding of the court are not binding on either side, but one can smell a "deal" coming off.

What are the accusations to be assessed? The Sunday Times (12.2.63) is revealing on this point: "What is a trouble maker? According to Ford, there are only "unsatisfactory workers". He has never used the word trouble maker in the current dispute", he says a company spokesman. After the October strike, we simply asked the supervisors to tell us which men were unsatisfactory."

Les Kenney, national engineering officer of the T&GWU, has issued a document to his union members at Ford, firmly criticising the shop stewards organisation and calling for more discipline. It goes on to state that both sides are to blame for labour relations going from bad to worse. He compliments the stewards in the motor industry, but criticises Ford stewards for trying to solve problems on their own. Who else can solve the workers' problems but the workers themselves? Negotiation and management are not enough. Immediate action is necessary. Chatting over lunches over a period of weeks is worse than useless—in any case, "who does the graft has the say." All the recent attacks on the shop stewards movement are the fear of rank and file control, because it could lead to workers' control and management! Trade union bureaucrats and employers are united to stamp any steps in that direction.

Finally, in the Financial Times, the heading, "The Real Issue at Dagenham", the question of "Labour Courts" and permanent legislation is discussed. Sweden is quoted, with the idea of taking some issues out of the industrial field and bringing them under the law. It is also suggested that certain Labour Party leaders are looking longingly at Sweden in their efforts to crush the industrial rank and file. The next Labour Government (when elected) will not tolerate unofficial action. The attack on the shop stewards organisation must not be treated as an isolated incident, but as a general pattern of things to come. Any action that is taken must be viewed in the same way.

**TRADE UNIONS IN JAPAN**

The Japanese labour movement is divided between the central trade union groups—SOHYO, ZENRO, CHURITSU-ROREN and SHIN-SANBETSU. The following report, from The Echo, Vol. 1, No. 3 (English-language bulletin of the Japanese Anarchist Federation), explains their scope and differences.

1. **SOHYO (General Council of Japanese Labour Unions, organised in 1935, 2,400,000 members).** The organisation of SOHYO can be divided into two parts, the National Corporation Labour Unions, embracing workers in nationalised industries and public services. These are the nationalised railway workers, teachers, local and municipal government workers, communications, monopoly corporation workers, telecommunication workers, agricultural workers, forestry ministry workers, municipal transport workers, customs workers, those in the judiciary, and so on.

Secondly there are Industrial Labour Unions: iron and steel, coal miners, private railway workers, synthetic chemicals, metal workers, electricians, public transport workers, Free Workers' Union, printing and publishing, busworkers' federation, National Medical Organisation workers and others.

SOHYO President K. Ota and Chairman A. Iwai have headed the dominant faction for several years. They and the executive members of each local union are members of the Japanese Socialist Party. SOHYO, following the Socialist Party policy of "positive neutrality", has not joined either the World Federation of Trade Unions or the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. Recently, in response to an invitation from that country, SOHYO has agreed to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (participating in part of the metal and chemical industries, some building unions and others), textile workers, sea men, automobile workers and so on.

ZENRO, organised in opposition to SOHYO, is affiliated to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. Many of its leaders are members of the Social Democratic Party and its basic position is anti-Russian. They support a tie-up with the expansion of production being carried out by Japanese monopoly capitalists. ZENRO's main union local union is the Japanese Federation of Labour Unions and the Japanese Confedera- tion of Free Trade Unions. Formed in 1957, the JFLU of the USA, in response to an invitation from that country, SOHYO has agreed to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (participating in part of the metal and chemical industries, some building unions and others), textile workers, sea men, automobile workers and so on.

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**3. CHURITSU-ROREN (Liaison Conference of Neutral Trade Unions), 800,000 members.** Main local unions cover electric equipment, department store, insurance, petroleum industry, bank employees, and others. These unions offer wage guarantees and SOHYO to equalise basic wages.

4. **SHIN-SANBETSU (National Federation of Industrial Organisations), 40,000 members.** Recognised among the four labour organisations, but these few unions members and no influence. Is reported to be joining SOHYO.

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