OURSSELVES ALONE

You have won a great victory for your masters. What are you going to win a victory for yourselves? During the war, you were handpicked by your leaders not to embarrass your national rulers but to make whatever sacrifices were considered necessary in the interest of "national unity" and to present a united front against the enemy. Your masters' enemy.

So you abandoned the struggle (such as it was) for improved conditions and tried to compensate yourselves by working overtime. If in that policy you were encouraged by your leaders, the humiliation of whom has become proverbial, those were not, as are, pre-Stalin before everything else. Now the fighting is over (at least we hope so) and the representatives of the master class of the victorious nations have met in conference. The same leaders have told you that these conferences are of great importance to you, the working men and women of the world. Always, in peace or in war, these are those who would try to impress you with a sense of your inferiority. It is this kind of people that you, to your own sorrow, must become to yourself, but that things must be done for you by superiors in whom you should put your trust. You too the same kind of people before and after 1918. Have you been so impressed by their wisdom that you are prepared to trust them again?

Don't you think it's time you did some thinking for yourselves? Does it not occur to you that the choice before humanity must be between obliteration by atomic power, or a glorious future under Socialism? You can ask that the representatives of the modern master class, together with the political leaders whom claim to be "leaders of the masses," try to persuade you to put your trust in Atlantic Charter signatories or in other-class conferences at Teheran, Dumbarton Oaks, and San Francisco, are guilty of asking the victims of robbers to put their trust in a league of thieves.

To obtain what our present masters, and our would-be masters (the so-called "world security" people) call "economic reconstruction" and "international trade." It is necessary to contin the robbery of the working class as long as the natural resources and the means and instruments for producing and distributing wealth are not owned by the community for the enrichment of all sections of the master class, the party seeking working class emancipation must be hostile to every other party.

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That as the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, secure only to conserve the monopoly by the capitalist class of the wealth taken from the workers, the working class must organize and politically for the enforcement of the powers of government, national and local, in order to make this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into the agents of emancipation and the overthrow of privilege, aristocratic and plutocratic.

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NATIONALISATION IS NOT SOCIALISM

"Nationalisation," which politically ignorant people mistake for Socialism, and which_policymakers interested in deluding the masses, use as a device to call Socialism the same thing, party to nothing, means nothing.

The enormous wealth which the workers produce over and above that which they are permitted to consume in the form of wages, is known as Marxian Economics. Surplus Value. The extraction of this Surplus Value from the labor of the workers is the principal object of the economic and political activity of the ruling or privileged class in every country. The owners of instruments of production and holders of gold-edged securities in the form of State bonds. The form in which surplus value accumulates in the factories is not suitable for our masters' purpose; a market has to be found for it. As "backward" countries, assisted by capitalist investors, enter the realm of commodity production, their territory either ceases to be a market, or becomes a less favorable market for foreign wares, and the struggle between capitalists to convert commodities into money becomes more intense. In this struggle opposing groups are continually on the lookout for advantages whereby they may obtain or secure government assistance in that struggle.

If the social and material objects of war were plainly stated, it would be more difficult to obtain working class support for the murder which modern war entails, and so the war propagandists fight their lies, distortions and half-truths seek to arouse and exploit for their purposes those noble emotions, sentiments, and sympathies which arise.

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Youths Awakening

The propaganda machine of our society is continually churning out false images of youth, making the individual and the group more distanced from us than ever. We must begin to see that the problem of youth is not simply a matter of individual behavior, but of the social and economic conditions that shape our lives. When we recognize this, we can begin to work on the root causes of the problems faced by young people today.

HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

Of course, we are all happy to have the opportunity to continue the discussion of the week's events. The topic of the week is the future of our society, and we will be looking at the implications of the recent economic reforms.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We would like to hear your opinions on this issue. Please take a few minutes to write down your thoughts and submit them to us. We will be reading and discussing them in our next meeting.

Ourselves Alone

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Down in the ranks, the thrill of the fight was not lost on the soldiers. They were united in their determination to protect the new order and to defend their country. The sense of camaraderie and shared purpose was palpable, and it was clear that they were ready to fight for their beliefs.

A "COMMUNIST" TEST

J. B. M, writing in the "Communist Review," June 1941, describes the Communist Party as "a real revolutionary movement with a solid foundation in the working class, and whose ultimate goal is the establishment of a classless society in which all men have equal rights and opportunities."

Post-War Prosperity

During the "long and bloody" period of World War II, the United States experienced a "boom" economy that produced a "growing" prosperity. This prosperity was due to a combination of factors, including increased government spending, an expanded military sector, and a growing consumer market.

As a result of the war, the United States became the world's leading economic power, and its post-war prosperity continued to grow. This economic success was due in part to the government's commitment to protecting the interests of workers, and to the development of new industries and technologies that helped to stimulate economic growth.

In conclusion, the post-war period was a time of prosperity and growth in the United States. This prosperity was due to a combination of factors, including increased government spending, an expanded military sector, and a growing consumer market. The government's commitment to protecting the interests of workers, and the development of new industries and technologies that helped to stimulate economic growth, also contributed to the country's post-war economic success.
"And The Bishop Had No Reply"

In scholarly English, a native chief asked the Rt. Rev. Dr. L. S. Kempthorne, Anglican Bishop in Polynesia in 1940, "If it is strange to us that while all Europe is at war, you come to us to preach the gospel of 'Love one another,' and the Bishop had no reply. (Melbourne Herald, 11/6/45.)

It is unfortunate that the Polynesian directed his question to a Bishop instead of to a Socialist. A Socialist would have informed him that in capitalist societies production is carried on for the surplus value extracted from the working class by the capitalist class. This surplus value is embodied in commodities which are useless to the capitalist until they are converted into the form of money, i.e., sold. In the selling of these commodities the various capitalists enter into competition with one another, nationally and internationally, a competition that knows only one law, the "law of the strong." A competition which regularly breaks out into a war to decide which group of capitalists are to control the markets of the world, for it is only those capitalists who sell their commodities that survive.

Another feature of capitalism is that it is a class society. The working class being powerless, life by selling their only commodity, labour power, to the owners of the means of production, the capitalist class. This is the basic social relationship of capitalist society and gives rise to an irreconcilable struggle between the working class and the capitalist class. This constitutes the class struggle which, at times, becomes virulent and brutal. This struggle can only be ended by the abolition of capitalist relationships.

Under capitalism there are far more workers than jobs, which gives rise to intense competition between the workers and explains why some workers today spit and vent. The fear of economic insecurity which is inherent in capitalism despite the platitudes of politicians, drives many workers to do almost anything to get a job or hold a job.

Capitalism sets individual against individual, class against class, and nation against nation.

CAPITALIST ETHICS

"Love one another" becomes sheer mockery and hypocrisy under the social and economic conditions of capitalism, and those who preach such an ethic whilst supporting the present system of society are simply hypocrites on behalf of the capitalist class. This ethic, under present conditions, simply means that the working class regardless of skin pigmentation, should give their masters and should be thankful for the "blessings" that the master class and their system shower upon them in a way of poverty, war, etc. A docile working class would certainly be a "blessing" to the capitalist class.

When the working class becomes conscious of the necessity to abolish the capitalist mode of production and to establish a system of society wherein the means of production and distribution will be commonly owned and democratically controlled by society as a whole, the production being for use and not for profit, people will live as human beings. As Engels sums the matter up in his "Socialism—Utopian and Scientific," page 48, "Anarchy in social production is replaced by systematic, definite organization. The struggle for individual existence disappears. Then for the first time man, in a certain sense, is finally freed from the rest of the animal kingdom, and emerges from mere animal conditions of existence into really human ones." (italics ours.)

In the social conditions generated by socialist society there will be no longer required to preach ethics, the ethic "love one another" in such social conditions will be the normal mode of behaviour and not as in capitalist society, mere hypocritical cant.

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The glorious days of "peace" are beginning to reveal their true face in the international lute and the barbarians of "freedom" are in discord; nationally and internationally.

The British, being adept at the old role of policeman, and the rise to power of the British Labor Party has not brought any material change in British foreign policy.

Just as British troops were used to snarl the radical elements and those seeking "national" independence in Greece, Belgium, and elsewhere on the Continent, so are they now being used to play the same game in the Far East, Japan, Indonesia, Indians, and others are now being "put in their place" by the watch of British imperialism.

What has become of the trumped-up Atlantic Charter, the Four Freedoms? Socialist said that those things were mere empty phrases from working class viewpoint. We did not have to wait long for history to prove us correct. To our fellow workers, all over the world, black, white or brown, we repeat our constant message:

WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE! THE WORLD IS YOURS NOW HOWN! SOCIALISM WILL TELL YOU.

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