Feathers Fly in N.Z. “Workers’ Paradise”

In view of the boasts and claims of the Labour Politicians that since the Labour Party has been in power, industrialisation has been brought down playing N.Z. second to none in living standards and social security for its working class, it would seem base ingratitude, is the cause of the industrial upheavals that have occurred, particularly since the end of 1944.

The Waterside Workers’ Union—proclaiming the Labour Government—has been the object of much abuse, scandal, smear and dire threats. Labour Ministers and Government representatives overseas have condemned this section of the N.Z. working class.

At the launching of N.Z. Shipping Company’s new ship, M.V. Haparangi, Mr Jordan, High Commissioner for N.Z., after establishing the company’s courage in commissioning the ship, “suddenly started the crowd by striking the bow from the ship’s face”.

The following statement was issued: “There is the use of machinery and capital to make or break away their time in distant ports lacking cargo because of local industrial disputes.”

Prior to the elections, the Waterside Workers’ Union spent large sums of money in demonstrations for the return of the Labour Government.

They gave thousands of pounds to the Labour party’s election fighting fund. After the election, which Labour won by the “skin of its teeth”, the wharfies’ action in delaying and “embarrassing Government” seems stupid and illogical. The ways of workers with such meager knowledge of their position in society are certainly strange, and we must look a little further for the cause of such conduct.

Since the Labour Party attained power in 1935, nominal wages have risen but the living standard has fallen. In the attempt to implement the programme of reforms, the Government has met with many obstacles. Early in their term they were able to hoodwink the impatient workers with the idea that if their previous Government had left such a mess that it would be some time before they could move.

The Catholic people of this ancient village had elected a left-wing council, pledged to breaking up the big estates among the poor farmers. The new town fathers were led by the Communist shoemaker, Mario di Bernadino.

Although angry at their election, the Pope agreed to receive them for the traditional farewell ceremony. However, he received them in the cobbled courtyard of the villa instead of the marble-covered room inside where the ceremony was usually held.

He asked them about the crops, not about politics.

KISS AND TELL

According to custom the Pope was presented with wine, fruit and fish, and Mario di Bernadino knelt and kissed the Pope’s ring.

The countryside, where strongly Catholic, will have nothing to do with the Pope’s anti-communist propaganda. Di Bernadino, while not attacking the Pope himself, has accused Vatican functionaries around the Pope of wanting to keep political power from the people.

Long comment on our part would only spoil this superb piece. We can only suggest that the local “courageous” immediately send a telegram to “the communist shoemaker”, suggesting that the “Communist” Party of Italy immediately put forward the demand that the Pope should receive them in proper “marble-flooring rooms” of a “wee wooden cottage”. After all, it is a bit awkward, having to kneel on a cobblestone floor and kiss the ring—especially when it’s raining.”
The Forum: Why Prices Increase

For some years now, a sympotom of the B.P.A., W. Duff, of Forrest,推动了《社论：为什么价格增加》

at the Federal Labor Council of Social Information Bureau, has been this steady increase in socialist propaganda. Mr. Duff is a keen socialist himself, and his speeches on the subject have had considerable influence. For example, he has been speaking at various meetings throughout the country, and his words have been repeated by the press.

As for the early days of capitalism, we are prepared to admit that the labor movement of this country was greatly aided by the socialist propaganda. In fact, it was the only way to spread the gospel of socialism, and Mr. Duff did his best to do so.

But now, Mr. Duff is suffering a reversal of fortune. The prices of goods are increasing, and the working man is paying more for his bread and butter. This is not the time for socialist propaganda.

In fact, Mr. Duff is now faced with a problem. He must find a way to explain the increase in prices. He cannot simply blame the capitalists, for they are just as much to blame as the government.

Mr. Duff has come up with a new plan. He has decided to turn to the public for help. He will hold meetings and give speeches to explain the situation. He will try to convince the public that the increase in prices is not due to the fault of the capitalists, but to the government.

Mr. Duff has also been writing articles in the newspapers, trying to explain the situation to the public. He has been very effective in this regard, and his articles have been widely read.

But Mr. Duff is still worried. He knows that the public is not easily convinced. He must find a way to make his argument more convincing. He is thinking about writing a book on the subject, and he is considering the possibility of running for office.

Mr. Duff's plan is not without its critics. Some people believe that he is simply trying to divert attention from the real cause of the increase in prices. They believe that the government is the real culprit, and that Mr. Duff is simply trying to blame the capitalists.

However, Mr. Duff is not the only one who is concerned about the increase in prices. Many people are feeling the pinch, and they want to know why things are getting so expensive.

As for the government, it is not going to sit back and watch the prices increase. It is trying to find ways to control the situation. It has already taken some measures, such as increasing taxes, and it is likely to take more in the future.

But Mr. Duff is still optimistic. He believes that the public will understand his point of view, and that they will support him in his campaign. He is confident that he will be able to convince the public that the increase in prices is not due to the fault of the capitalists, but to the government.
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