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LEGALISED JEW-BAITING

At Liverpool Assizes on November 17th, 1947, James Caunt, proprietor and editor of "The Morecambe and Heysham Visitor", was found not guilty of "seditiously writing and publishing, in an article in the newspaper, a seditious libel concerning people of the Jewish faith and race resident in Great Britain."

Coming on top of the Hamm case, this verdict will come as a shock to the whole Labour movement. It is the go-ahead signal for which the anti-Semites and the propagators of racial hatred have been waiting. From now on, there will be no let-up in the spreading of their poisonous filth-unless it is halted by the efforts of the Labour movement.

If ever there was an act of wilful anti-Semitic propaganda, it was this article of Caunt's. It began: "There is very little about which to rejoice greatly except the pleasant fact that only a handful of Jews bespoil the population of our borough.

'The foregoing sentence may be regarded as an outburst of anti-Semitism. It is intended to be, and we make no apologies neither do we shirk any responsibilities or repercussions."

Further on the article said: "Violence may be the only way to bring them (the Jews) to the sense of their responsibility to the country in which they live."

In the course of his evidence, he brazenly declared: "I intended to be offensive to the Jews."

"LIBERTY" TO INCITE

Despite this, the Judge could say in his summing up: "It is the highest degree essential, and I cannot overemphasise the importance of it to you that nothing should be done to destroy or to weaken the liberty of the press."

This was a clear indication to the Jury that "liberty of the press" included the right to slander and vilify minorities and to incite to violence against them. This is the red light for the Labour movement!

Anti-Semitism is one of the most useful weapons in the armoury of the reactionaries of all stripes. It is used to divert the attention of the workers and the lower-income groups of the middle class from the real cause of the evils which afflict them-the capitalist system. Not for nothing did Hitler proclaim that if the Jews were not there he would have had to invent them. Capitalism in its dying agony needs a scape-goat. The Jews and other racial minorities are ready at hand. Anti-Semitism is the trick that fascists use to smash the Labour movement, to rob the workers of their hard-won rights-including the right of free speech.

Now, after the Caunt verdict, Home Secretary Ede will no longer be able to blandly maintain that the Government has sufficient powers to deal with anti-Semites and Fascists. Clearly the law is on the side of reaction. The organised working class movement must demand that the Labour Government change this state of affairs. Race hatred in any form-anti-Semitism, Vansittartism, the colour bar-must be outlawed. The police must be instructed that the person and property of those who advocate racial hatred and fascist doctrines will not be protected when the justly infuriated workers seek to settle with them in their own fashion.

But to appeal to the Government is not enough. Experience has taught that the Edes will seek to shelter behind the letter of obsolete laws and prate about "liberty' rather than submit to the pressure of the workers who elected them to office. Workers Defence Groups for the protection of organised Labour and threatened racial minorities are the only effective answer to the Fascists and the race-mongers.

The Caunt verdict was a verdict of capitalist law. Organised Labour will give a different judgment. It will pronounce Caunt guilty of spreading the most vicious anti-Semitism and thus faithfully serving the cause of reaction. In its own time, and in its own way, the Labour movement will pronounce sentence on Caunt and it will be a judgment which he and his kind will not be able to

Palestine Partition Will Lead to Bloodshed

BY S. MUNIR

The Chiefs of Staff are putting the finishing touches to plans for alternative bases when the withdrawal from Palestine goes through. Vast construction schemes are preparing new bases in Kenya, Somaliland and the Sudan, with forward bases in Cyprus for the Navy, and Transjordan and Iraq for the land forces.

"The malicious plan, for which Imperialism and Zionism are making propaganda "- those were the words in which the Palestine Arab Stalinist Paper "Al-Ittihad" characterised the Partition plan for many years. The Jewish Stalinist Paper, "Kol-Ha'am", was not shy in denouncing Partition in similar words. The opposition to Partition was, perhaps, the only thing on which the two Stalinist parties in Palestine, the Jewish and the Arab one, were united.

However, both will have to change their attitude. The partition of Palestine, which has always been regarded not only by us Marxists, but even by the Stalinists, and by the Arab National Movement, as an imperial-

JOBS FOR BUREAUCRATS FIGHT THE FASCISTS

Demand Workmen's Wages For All Labour and Trade Union Officials

BY HARRY ANDREWS

The Tories are gunning against the Labour leaders for their "nepotism" and "gluttony for privilege". The hypocrisy of the Tory humbugs is boundless. The whole capitalist edifice is built and maintained on graft, corruption, privilege and nepotism from the foundations to

And the capitalist politicians have sought at all times consciously to draw the Labour leaders into the s atmosphere of corruption and privilege in order to -choke any militancy class-consciousness on the part of the workers' representatives.

Who doesn't remember the famous observation of Ramsay MacDonald when he sold out: "Tomorrow every Duchent will be wanting to kiss me?" And the late Lady Houston taunting the workers: "You make your leaders, we will buy them!"

More recently we recall the lescriptions of the nauseating cenes in the bars of the House of Commons when the present Parliament first an embled—the back slapping, "hail-fellow-well-met" conches of the old Tory foxes to the new Labour members.

If today, the Tory pack are in full cry against "jobs for the boys," their plaints have no ethical or moral base. The Labour leaders are taking to themselves too many plums of office which the repre-sentatives of the ruling class con-sider chould constitute their birth-That is the source of the

But in condemning the hypocrisy of the capitalist politicians we seek no excuses for the Labour leaders. On the contrary, we believe it to be the duty of all genuine socialists to expose the nepotism of the Labour leaders, not to leave this to the Torice. And further, to point the line of action for the workers, whose fears and mis-givings on these questions may well drive sections into apathy and cynicism, or even out of the

There is plenty of cause for grave concern in the ranks of the Labour movement. Almost every week brings its announcement of some new controlling Board, Council, or Advisory Committee. Not com-mittees for the operation of State enterprises under workers' control. but bureaucratic set-ups composed of highly-paid capitalist adminis trators, redundant Army tops, top Union leaders, and titled labourites.

An outstanding example is the An outstanding example is the administration of the Coalmines. Apart from the National Coal Board, from which Sir Joseph Hallsworth and Ebby Edwards draw colossal salaries, there are eight Regional Boards all decorated with Labour leaders, including two Chairmen; Sir Ren Smith and J. L. Webb of Ben Smith, and J. L. Webb of the Transport and General Workers

The notorious bureaucrat, Lord to the same "freedom and Citrine, has now netted a £5,000 a privacy" as independent capitalist

year job as Chairman of the new Electricity Organising Committee, with E. W. Bussey the E.T.U. general secretary to keep him company.

Civil Aviation provides quite a few plums of office for both active and retired Union leaders. Lord Dukeston adorus the Aeronautical Research Council, B.E.A.C. has its I. J. Hayward; B.S.A.A.C. J Stephenson, Building Worken, Union leader; and B.O.A.C. has Newlands of the T. & G.W.U.

The Bank of England Directorate provides a plush seat for George Gibson who, besides retaining the general secretaryship of the Hospital Workers' Union, is now Chairman of the N.E. Area Electricity Supply Board at a salary of 64 000 a year salary of £4,000 a year.

Transport is another happy hunting ground for Union leaders. Dockers' Union chief, Jack Dockers' Union chief, Jack Donovan, is on the Docks and Inand Waterways Executive; in the Transport Commission there are J. Benstead and W. P. Allen general secretaries of the N.U.R. and A.S.L.E. & F. respectively. These Railworkers' Union leaders alaries in their new jobs are each £5,000 a year, and they have both insured themselves against a change of Government by signing up 5-year contracts! Also in the Transport Commission as a full-time London Transport Executive s John Cliff, former T. & G.W.U assistant secretary with £3,500 a year. And Co-op. Director, T. E. Williams receives £750 a year for part-time duties. At the summit of the London Transport administration is Lord Latham whose approximately was approximately approximately was approximately the summit of the London Transport administration is Lord Latham whose approximately was approximately the summit of the lordon transport was approximately the summit of the lordon transport transport to the lordon transport tran appointment was announced by Transport Minister, Barnes, less than a month after he had denied, when challenged by Tories, that he was making such an appointment!

This is by no means a complete chronicle of the extent to which the Labour bureaucrats have penetrated the lucrative administrative posts created by the Labour Government. Nor is it an extensive exposure of their monetary rewards. xposure of their monetary rewards On the contrary, one of the most disturbing features from the standpoint of the rank and file supporters of the Labour Govern-ment is the marker in which ment is the manner in which Morrison and Co. persistently resist the Tories' demands for malic investigation of the method of making appointments and revelation of the emolumen revelation of the emoluments received by the bureaucrats. What leaders' conception of Socialism was Morrison's defence of the "right" of the various boards created by the Labour Government

enterprises to conceal the salaries of their staffs !

Open The Books !

We say, let the workers know what salaries and fees are paid not only to the directors of the State enterprises but to private

tended that the representatives of the workers should be paid the same wages as skilled workers. In departing from this principle the Labour Movement has created a privileged social stratum which ha raised itself above the working class and is now subject to th direct pressure of the ruling class Such leaders become careerists, in terested not in the struggle of the workers, but in their own jobs and conditions of life; in favours and titles, and flattery from the ruling class. They become the trans mission mechanism of bourgeois "respectability" and "responsibility" in the ranks of the working class. Objectively they are the agents of the ruling clas in the workers' movement.

some £150,000 a year in salaries all of which goes into their own pockets, despite the fact that it accrues to them only because of the positions they hold in the Labour movement. In addition, five Ministers receive rent free accom-modation worth more than £4,000 a year, not including Chequers, the country residence of the Prime Minister. The annual cost of main-taining cars for Senior Ministers is some £1,000 per head.

Herald," under the 'Dignity Saved":

"Two junior Ministers, John Freeman and George Lindgren,

Returning by air from Bristol they were coming into land at Heathrow when the pilot of their Ministry runabout plane found the undercarriage

"They held a conference in the air and decided it was infra

capitalist enterprises too. We Trotskyists have always con

That's a pretty barsh character-isation. But facts must be faced What other conclusion is drawn from the manner in which th Labour leadership behave. sider the salaries and privileges of the Government tops.

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The Cabinet collect between them

Junior Ministers subsist on a somewhat lower plane, being com-pelled to travel in cars drawn from a pool at the cost of some 1/4d. per mile. They have, however, "runabout' aeroplanes at their "runabout' aeroplanes at their disposal, and some insight into the extent to which their ideas and outlook have become divorced from that of the working class and their own backgrounds is provided by the following item. It was written, without any semblance of reproach, by 'Chanticleer" in the "Daily Herald," under the

Parliamentary Secretaries to the Ministries of Supply and Civil Aviation respectively have just had what the K.A.F. would call a skaky do.

the air and decided it was fifted dig to make a crash landing at Heathrow. So they flew to Gatwick, where the nilot made a perfect belly-landing, "Then the two Ministers hopped quickly into another air-(Continued on Page 4.)

WHILE THEY ARE WEAK

An Appeal to Members of the C.P. and Y.C.L.

We publish here an Open Letter to Members of the CP. and Y.C.L., which has been circulated by the London District Committee of the R.C.P.

COMRADES:

Two years after a so-called war to end fascism, the reactionary bands of fascist thugs are beginning to creep out of their holes and insolently to flaunt their antisemitic, anti-working class propaganda in the streets of Landon and other towns of Britain.

There is no need to explain to militants of the Y.C.L. and the Communist Party what fascism means and how it menaces, above all, the most class conscious and active elements fighting for the emancipation of the working class from the chackles of capitalism. Fascism means the complete destruction of ALL the organisations of the working class, trade mions, political parties, cultural and sports organisations, together with the hard-won rights they possess—free speech, press, the right to organisa and strike-series right to organise and strike, etc.

Already today, when they are extremely weak, these anti-Labour thugs have begun attacking the workers' organisations. They have attacked the headquarters of the Communist Party in Bristol and in Bethnal Green, London, and the Labour Party rooms in Bethnal Green. In Ridley Road, Dalston, Bethnal a meeting organised by the Com-munist Party was broken up. Since then, the farcists have in-solently invaded the Dalston area to hold meetings there every Sunday evening. The crowning insult to the organised workers and Jewish population in the area has been the announcement that Mosley intends to speak at Ridley Road At first, the leadership of the Communist Party and Y.C.L. re

acted in a militant fashion to this fascist provocation, despite criticisms we have of their policy there. They organised demonstrations in the area and began a campaign to counteract the meetings and pro-paganda of the fascists. At the same time, they introduced resolutions in the Unions and Labour movment for the banning of the tasciet organisations and the illegalisation of incitement to race-hatred. The man and file members of the Communist Party and Y.C.L. played an important role in this campaign. But instead of putting a firm CLASS LINE, and explaining to the workers the need to win year. the workers the need to win over the middle class to the banner of socialism as the only means of fighting fascism; the Communist Party put forward the idea of uniting with "progressive" Tories and Liberals—representatives of the very class which supports and needs fascism. The very people, who, when their clan interests are at stake, will rally to the side of fascism against the working class Then, without any adequate explanation even to their own members, the leaders of the C.P. and Y.C.L. abandoned, really deserted, the militant struggle deserted, the militant struggle against fascism. The official policy of the C.P. is to keep away from Ridley Road and elsewhere, where the fascists hold their meetings. Thus they allow the fascists a free hand in carrying out their antiworking class and anti-Semitic propaganda, in working class and

The Demand For Banning The Fascists Is Not Enough!

A campaign to demand that the Labour Government take action and ban the fascists is necessary. But it is sheer political suicide for the militant sections of the working class to leave the position at that. Even if legislation were introduced, in itself it would not be sufficient to destroy fascism.

sufficient to destroy fascism.

The terrible experiences of the working class of Italy, Germany and Spain, have taught that we cannot rely on the capitalist state to take decisive action against the fascists. The top strata of the fascists, The top strata of the fascist, of the police and the judiciary, are specially selected and trained to serve the needs of the capitalist class. A great part of them are in sympathy with the anti-working class aims of the fascists. fascists.

All the lessons of history emphasise, as Lenin never tired of reiterating, that the working class can only rely on its own militant class action to the control of the cont can only rely on its own militant class action to protect its interests. The set-backs received by Mosley in the pre-war period were a consequence of the militant activity of the workers, in which the rank and file of the Communist Party and Y.C.L. played a proud role. East End, Cable Street, Bermondsey, and Hyde Park, showed the way to defeat the fascists.

Hitler admitted that if the Labour movement had taken action against him when the Nazis were in their infancy, the growth of fascism in Germany would have been seriously retarded, if not irretrievably damaged.

CRUSH THE FASCISTS NOW WHEN THEY ARE STILL WEAK! DON'T WAIT until the fascists feel strong enough to begin a real offensive against the workers and their strong conditions. were in a state of collapse. Then they were left in a compound under a boiling sun. . . . I think the women who were beaten up were afterwards taken away to imprisonment on the islands. I last saw ment on the islands. I last saw them being driven towards Larissa. We never saw any of them again.

Exercises sintered by the strength of the fascists feel strong enough to begin a real offensive against the workers and their organisations with a campaign of terror and beatings up, of breaking up Labour Party and Trade Union meetings and premises. Strike now while the enemy is weak! Clear the lands of the Royalist reaction. The organised working class of the workers and their organisations with a campaign of terror and beatings up, of breaking up Labour Party and Trade Union meetings and premises. Strike now while the enemy is weak! Clear the lands of the Royalist reaction. The organised working class of the workers and their organisations with a campaign of terror and beatings up, of breaking up Labour Party and Trade Union meetings and premises. Strike now while the enemy is weak! Clear the lands of the Royalist reaction. The organised working class of the workers and their organisations with a campaign of terror and beatings up, of breaking up Labour Party and Trade Union meetings and premises. Strike now while the enemy is weak! Clear the lands of the Royalist reaction. The organised working class of the workers and their organisations with a campaign of terror and beatings up, of breaking up Labour Party and Trade Union meetings and premises. Strike now while the plants of the Royalist reaction.

Instinctively, the rank and file members of the Communist Party and Y.C.L. feel that there is something wrong with the policy of leadership on this question. is why, despite their strong of discipline, in violation of Party policy, numbers of militant members of the C.P. and Y.C.L. turn up at Ridley Road and other meetings of the fascists, and participate in the anti-facist struggle alongside members of the Revolutionary Communist Party (Trotskyists) and other organisations. That i pretend, in an article in the October issue, the leaderships of the Y.C.L. and C.P. are actually

fascists from the streets before

they become bolder!

escists on these lines. For A United Workers' Front Against Faseism!

leading the struggle at Ridley Road and elsewhere. They are forced to

lie to cover up the fact that the leadership is not conducting a

struggle

The R.C.P. has appealed many imes to your leadership and organsation for a United Front against Fascism, despite our serious disagreements in policy. But we have received never even received acknow-ledgment of our letters. This is a serious and a vital question that affects every minimal ally. We conscious worker personally. We appeal to you to force your mactive affects every militant and class ship to alter their positive towards the passive

The struggle must be carried on in the Unions and the workers' organizations. But also, it must be carried into the streets wherever the fascists appear. Your Party has a powerful apparatus, and formidable means of propaganda. Demand that these are utilised in the struggle. Despite our differ-ences, join forces with the Trot-skyists and all other working class organisations to form Front of militant action against ascism.

policy to fight fascism s embodied in the following resontion, passed by a mas meeting of 2,000 workers and antiascists at a recent meeting at Ridley Road:
"This united front meeting

held at Ridley Road calls upon all working class organisations to unite their forces against the fascists and to organise common platforms and defence organisations with the object of destroying fascism. It calls upon all workers to refuse to print, transport, or handle fascist propaganda of any sort, and upon the Union Executives to make It calls upon the this a rule. Government to make illegal, the propagation of anti-Semitism or race-hatred in any form, and to protect any section of the population which enforces this law, or is engaged in any activity against the fascists."

COMRADES of the C.P. Y.C.L.! FASCISM CAN ONLY BE FOUGHT BY THE MILL TANT ACTION OF THE WORKING CLASS. GIVE MOSLEY THE "WELCOME" HE DESERVES IF AND WHEN HE COMES TO RIDLEY ROAD. AS THE FASCISTS ARE AS THE FASCISTS BOASTING HE WILL!

We ask you to consider this problem seriously. Help us to set an example to the rest of the Labour movement: despite all our political differences let us wage a common struggle against the fascists! Let us close our ranks against the fascist menace

FOR A UNITED FRONT OF ALL WORKING CLASS ORGAN-ISATIONS AGAINST FASCISM! DEMAND A MILITANT POLICY FROM YOUR LEADER-SHIP NOW !

SMASH FASCISM WHILE IT IS STILL WEAK!

INTO ACTION AG THE FASCISTS NOW!

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Ajit Roy's Meetings in India

Comrade Ajit Roy spoke at two meetings in Calcutta. One was atended by 150 and the other on the Anniversary of the Russian Revolution, was attended by about

GREECE:

A British Soldier Speaks

An eye-witness account of the crueities and atrocities committed against militant Greek workers and peasants, men and women alike, is contained in the following extracts we give from the statement publicly made by ex-Corporal H. Starr, who was, before his demobilisation, stationed with British troops in Greece.

Ex-Corporal Starr in his statement said :

... on the way back from collecting stores we saw a crowd and Greek soldiers dressed in British battledress uniforms mounted on horses. They were carrying human head of bandits, or rather, Communists, killed in a clash between the Greek army and the guerillas. . . . We were not Communists, but we knew that it was God help you if it was known that you held Communist sympathies! You may be hot, beaten up or deported to one of the barren isles off the coast of Greece.

"I cerved with the British Military Mission to Greece for just over two years and I have yet to read an account of the Greek situation which gives

those of the Gestapo at their worst. Then there were the inhuman beatings. One of these incidents nearly led to armed warfare between our fellows and the Greek troops . . . I was one of 25 British Tommies and five officers stationed in the Grok Army barracks there, which we shared with Greek troops under

They began to beat up men and women in this barracks one day while motor cycle engines were revved up to drown their screams.

About thirty women were beaten up on this occasion. One of them them again,



Head of a young Greek is paraded through a Village Street. Corporal Starr saw nine such heads in the paradeeight men's and one woman's.

a true unbiased account of life in Greece today. The police are all-was a cripple girl, hobbling on powerful and their methods are crutches. At least one other woman cripple girl's sticks away and lashed her repeatedly across the face and stomach with them. All of the women were injured when they had finished with them, and were in a state of collapse. Then

". . . These are not the only crutches. At least one other woman | beatings which I witnessed. I also was pregnant. They took the saw men beaten up in the police station at Larissa while I was there on Army business. . . No worker in Britain can remain

No worker in Britain can remain unmoved at this account by the ex-Corporal, of the cruelties and excesses suffered by the workers and peasants of Greece at the hands of the Royalist reaction. The organised working class of Britain must protest at the Labour