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## British Fascist Policy

**I**T is very easy to misunderstand British Fascism, and easier still for those who wish to do so to misrepresent it to the minds of people who know nothing about us.

### OUR CRITICS CRITICIZE THEMSELVES!

On the one hand we are accused of being almost a foreign organization—certainly one with the intention of imposing foreign ideals on this country—which takes its marching orders from Rome, just as Communists are declared to do from Moscow. The only difference is, that nobody, however mad, or however much they hated us, has ever suggested that we received money from abroad, or even that it was offered to us and refused. It is a cause for thankfulness that we

are understood to the small extent that everybody knows that British patriots will only use British money.

From the other side we are attacked with the accusation that we are not Fascists, that because we don't adopt some trifling detail of Italian origin, therefore we are impostors. Personally, I prefer to wear a clean shirt, and one that is visibly so, and I believe that in order to proclaim my Fascism to the world it is not necessary to trespass upon the wardrobe of comic opera and go about in fancy dress.

These two lines of criticism obviously defeat each other. We cannot be a foreign organization with a foreign purpose if we do not follow that foreign example! Our critics might have some hopes of being an

annoyance if they would only agree among themselves.

In actual fact there is nothing foreign about us, not even the words "Fascism" and "Fascist," and anybody who remembers the "Scott and Jones" of their school-days will readily realize the symbolism of these words.

## THE BASIS OF FASCISM

We accept and preach the moral of Fascism, of a united nation composed of individuals working without thought of self, for the good of the whole community, That is laid down in our Oath. Our greatest duty is to teach it to the British people, and not to make intellectual snobs of ourselves by saying, "We will capture only the elite, the cannon-fodder don't matter." No Christian can regard anybody as cannon-fodder, and we are a Christian organization, with a militant Christian purpose. We must knit together our own people for an ideal of Imperial cohesion, based on the Throne, the Church, and the State, of which they form the kernel.

## NOT ONLY FINE WORDS

If our mission were only ethical, however, we might safely leave it to the Church. We recognize that our country to-day is anything but perfect, that the condition of our workers is, in only too many cases, deplorable. That is why we have come down to practical levels in our Manifesto.

## ONE OF OUR TRUSTY WATCHDOGS

### Sir Wyndham Childs and the British Fascists

**S**INCE his retirement from "the Yard" Major-General Sir Wyndham Childs, K.C.M.G., C.B., has fallen a victim of that parrot disease which attacks so many idle warriors. He has written his memoirs. That, however, does not concern us for the moment. He has also felt it necessary to explain, in the columns of a Sunday Paper, how greatly his hands were tied, and why he got so little done, during his reign at Scotland Yard. He tells us that he has always regarded the Communists

as being people whom the law should suppress, and could suppress, but for the soft-hearted sentimentality of influential politicians.

Many of our own Members will heartily agree with Sir Wyndham as to the undesirability of tolerating a Communist organization in this country; few will be so foolish as to advocate a massacre of the rebels. That would be to make martyrs of the Communists, and there is no quicker recruiting-sergeant for any organization than martyrdom. Christianity proved that in its first century, and is proving it again to-day in Russia. It may be said that Communists have suffered in Italy. Well, who began the trouble there? If Italian Communists were all shot tomorrow it would be "that the scriptures might be fulfilled," for surely there would never have been a plainer case of those who take the sword perishing by the sword.

As a matter of fact Italian tyranny is very much blacker than it is painted, for neither torture nor execution would be so galling as is ridicule, and the situation was accurately described to the writer when he was in Italy in the phrase, "We don't treat a Communist as a public danger but as the village idiot!" And he is the village idiot if the prosperity of modern Italy cannot convince him of the benefits of Fascism.

## NOT SO KNOWING, AFTER ALL!

Sir Wyndham Childs, however, does not appear to possess that omniscience with which "the Yard" is credited by novelists. He seems to know nothing of the splendid work of the British Fascist Children's Clubs, which have been the most effective means yet found to fight the Communist and Proletarian Sunday Schools. He rightly admits the amount of disorder for which Communism in this country has been responsible; he also admits having wasted, possibly through no fault of his own, seven years in trying to lay this spectre.

It is, therefore, undeniable that the failure of the State to deal with this problem produced, as a logical result, a body of loyal citizens in

the. British Fascists who were determined to achieve what he could not.

## JEALOUSY

It may, therefore, be some feeling of "sour grapes" which prompts him to a splenetic and acrimonious attack upon the British Fascists, whom he regards as valueless or worse, if not a definite menace to the preservation of the King's Peace. Having thus vented his ill-temper, he leaves us without another word, without giving a single reason why we are "a peace of this country." He offers no proof for the very simple reason that he has none. He, with his knowledge of legal procedure, should know very well that in a case like this the burden of proof lies upon the accuser. Far from our being "a menace to the peace of this country," what was Sir Wyndham's own position when, as he confesses, he was powerless against Communism? We, let him remember, were at that very time fighting his battle and doing his duty for him by facing the enemy at every point where they showed themselves.

Whatever may be the view of Sir Wyndham as to the utility of the British Fascists, at the time of the General Strike, various departments of His Majesty's Government were glad enough to avail themselves of our services. Why was this? What was wrong with the ordinary "volunteer"? Why must a Government which had previously only recognized us by turning a consistent cold shoulder come to us for men, when it had thousands of others from whom it could draw? The answer to these questions is simple. AT THE TIME OF CRISIS THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED MEN WHO THEY KNEW WERE LOYAL. Hence the thanks expressed by these departments of the Government in letters to us after the Strike was over are a far truer indication of our real place in history than the mendacious and misleading hostility of Sir Wyndham Childs.

### USEFUL BOOKS:—

*"The Punjab Peasant in Prosperity and Debt"* (Darling), Oxford University Press, 1925.

*"Rural Economy in the Bombay Deccan"* (Keatinge), Longmans, Green and Co., 1912.

*"The Land of the Five Rivers"* (Trevaskis), Oxford University Press, 1928.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT INDIA

By O. C. C. Hayter

Col. Arthur Osburn, D.S.O., may be a gallant medical officer, but his book, *"Must England Lose India?"* is the essence of ignorant and disastrous futility. Beatings by British Officers are extremely rare nowadays, and such as they are they make no more difference to India than a blue-bottle makes to a motor-coach. Almost all of India scarcely ever sees a white man at all. Most Englishmen on the inside of India are close friends with the Indians, who join in work and recreation with them. The whole meaning, virtue and prestige of British control is that it has kept peace where formerly all was always war. Our pacifist scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites ignore this, although they pretend, falsely, to be vowed to the cause of peace.

## THE BRITISH PEACE

The Moslems fought the Hindus, the Sikhs fought both, the Raj puts fought the Marathas, the Marathas fought everybody who had anything; the Moplahs fought the Nairs, and so on ad infinitum. All these feuds are not dead, but smouldering. The British made, alliances and got control, for their own hand certainly, but the cessation of the old eternal bloody murder and rape, famine and desolation made India as a whole most heartily thankful, and that is why Indians consented, **and still consent**, to the control. But for that, we could not possibly have gone one-quarter of the way towards control, and anybody who says, like Col. Osburn, that we hold India only by our might is the most ridiculous chest-puffing John Bull imaginable. We have always held India by general consent, that is, 'by Right, absolute Right and righteousness, actually stopping war, by our stern sacrifices, for a longer time than at any other period in the world's history. Holding such pugnacious nations together has

been a wonderful, glorious achievement, and now it is scoffed at and traduced by every guttersnipe in a red tie!

## GANDHISTS--A NOISY FEW

To-day the Moslems are with us, but it is wrong to think that Hindus as a whole are not. The Maratha leader in the Bombay legislative Council has come out strong for us, and that martial nation (if given a lead) will certainly follow its Chiefs, loyal to our King and theirs, not to the Gandhi-wallahs. The Bengal landowners, the Oudh lukdars, the best of the Sikh peasantry, and the outcastes are all for us. Any lower caste Hindu rioters have no informed hostility; they are duped and misled by the lies of the Congress rebels.

If we are to continue territorial electorates for a representative system at all, our clear duty is to encourage a **Country Party**, composed of these rural elements and their chiefs, against their bloodsuckers of the Brahmin and high trading castes, from whom the rebel Congress is almost entirely recruited. The rescue of the Indian peasant and the overthrow of the usurer-politician is a duty, a call; a crusade Mr all the schools and universities of Britain. A fine start has been made. In the Punjab, the countrymen are well on top in the Council, and the British Governor had to rescue the rebel--usurer-Congressmen from them, because they laid it on too hot (in their private bill) for practical politics. In the Deccan; the Maratha countryman is burning to defeat the usurer "nationalist" (whom he boycotts so strongly that our police have to check him!) The reason why the Congress; from the first, is a Brahmin-Bania body is that these castes monopolized book-learning and diplomacy for ages past; the other strong elements were of the sword, despising the pen. But not all these castes support the Congress, by any means; only the mischievous element, avid for sedition, privy conspiracy and rebellion. They do not do this for fun ; they see that if the British are not ousted soon their own influence will go. It is exactly parallel to the Prussian Junker diverting the German masses with hymns of hate and *Unser Gott*. Many high-caste individuals are loyal, liberal, patriotic.

Our duty is, first, to declare the whole Congress an unlawful association, if it incites to war at Peshawar and Kohat. The whole body is responsible; it is all linked up and disciplined. Second, reinforce the troops with British, Moslem, Sikh, Maratha, etc.; give them good rations, let them save pay and defeat the usurer at home, and praise God. Also we must reform the constitution, recruiting, training and equipment of the armed police. All picketing by private bodies should be illegal encouraged by legislation and administrative action, a Country Party in the legislatures. In many parts at present the country masses are illiterate or servile, and are driven or duped to elect their worst enemies, of the usurer castes, who fight all legislation for debtors' relief. The difference between some Indian nations and others, in character and courage, cannot be found between any folks in Europe, not between Berwickshire or Northumberland and the least sturdy kind of "Dago."

Well, rescue the feeble folk! Is that "Might" or "Right"?

**NOTE** Read "India" and all back numbers, especially February, 1930, for an article on "The, Moneylenders Act." Published Charing Cross Road, W.C.2.

## NAVAL DISARMAMENT What it Means for Great Britain

By E. G. Mandeville Roe

**N**OBODY deplores more heartily than I do the disgraceful surrender of British Naval safety which was the outstanding feature of the recent Naval Disarmament Conference. The true meaning of this collapse is scarcely realized by many of our own people, who, if they understood the situation, would be horrified at the results.

Rear-Admiral E. A. Taylor, C.M.G., C.V.O., speaking in London at the time of the commencement of the Conference, said: "As far as cruisers are concerned both Lord Jellicoe and Lord Beatty said seventy, and that is the number we require. Now, however, we don't go into the Conference on a basis of seventy but of fifty! If we had gone in on a

basis of seventy there might be something in Mr. Alexander's saying that owing to the Kellogg Pact we could cut down to fifty. We are already down to the irreducible minimum without any quid pro quo for the abandonment of the ships provided by last year's Parliament. an abandonment which was made without reference to Parliament.

"Of the number given by Mr. Alexander (the Socialist First Lord of the Admiralty), twenty-five are definitely allocated to the Battle Fleet. There is no reason to argue over the fact that for every battleship you must have five cruisers.

That is a tactical fact. Those twenty-five are not available for any other service at all. That leaves twenty-five for the convoy of troops and to guard 80,000 miles of food routes. There is not one Admiral afloat who, if war were to break out, would be satisfied to go into it with twenty-five cruisers.

How are you to space twenty-five cruisers over the world so as to safeguard all our interests and those of our Dominions? In the next war, of these twenty-five cruisers at least six will have to be in port at any one time. It is absolutely impossible!"

Briefly, it means that not merely is the number of our ships to be progressively reduced, but the life of those we retain is lengthened while other powers build up to our numbers. The ships they build, however, will be new, whereas ours are not. How many people understand that this will result in the certain death of the gallant sailors who fight in those older ships against the newer craft? We are preparing the stage for a repetition of the tragedy in which Cradock and his brave men perished in the unequal duel with von Spee. So let us remember: at this Naval Conference our peace-loving statesmen have certainly made a wonderful sacrifice, but not merely a sacrifice of ships and guns, hut of the lives of some thousands of our seamen. It is just as well, therefore, before this disaster reaps its harvest of death, that we should see quite clearly where the blood-guiltiness lies.

We have been glibly told that war in the future is impossible under the Kellogg Pact. I

suppose that is why other nations are so anxious to build up to our Naval Strength!"

## “THE FRIVOLITY BALL”

A most successful Carnival Dance organized by the London Dance Committee, was held at the Northumberland Rooms, Trafalgar Square, on the 4th April. A/C N. Francis-Hawkins was M.C., the music being provided by the London Rythmicians. That celebrated actress, Miss Dorothy Seacombe, presented the prizes, which were won by Mrs. Frank Mason as "the Duchess of Devonshire," Miss Clare ("Fascist Match-Seller"), Miss R. Lintorn-Orman ("Grandfather"), and Mr. Frank Mason. ("Trafalgar Sailor").

An enjoyable interlude was provided by the H.M.V. Cabaret Troupe, directed by Miss Kitty Aaen.

## NEW BRANCH AT SLOUGH

A highly successful open-air meeting was held at Slough on the 9th May, the chairman being the O.C. of the Branch, Mr. Landon, and the speakers, the Founder, A./C. Hirst; C./O. Slaughter, A./C. Mrs. Harnett. There was a large audience, many of whom asked for further details at the conclusion of the meeting.

NOTE: Members are asked to obtain particulars of the dates and places of other meetings from their local officers, or direct from the London Campaign Committee at G.H.Q.

The following awards have been made:--

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3rd Degree—M.F.W. S. Wood, DD. ... O/C Birmingham-

A. W. Ward, C.O. ... A.T.O.

A. Crampton, Adj. ... Irish Command.

M. E. Bellamy, C.O.

Commander Locker-Lampson's "Clear Out the Reds" Campaign. Meeting at the Albert Hall, 24th. June, will be stewarded by the British Fascists, and members volunteering for this duty are asked to with Capt. Robert Smith, General Secretary, The British Fascists, 99 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.



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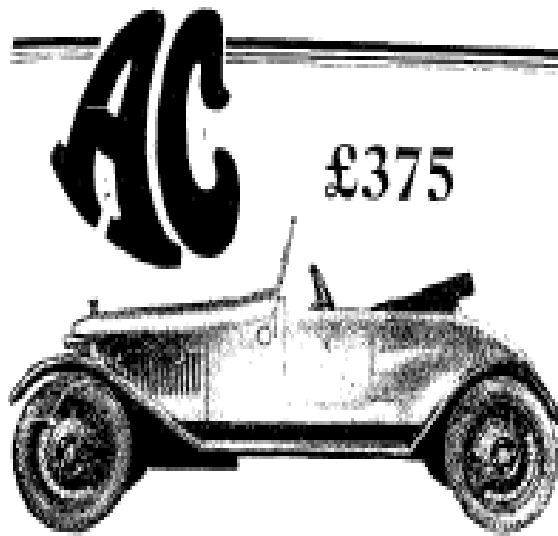
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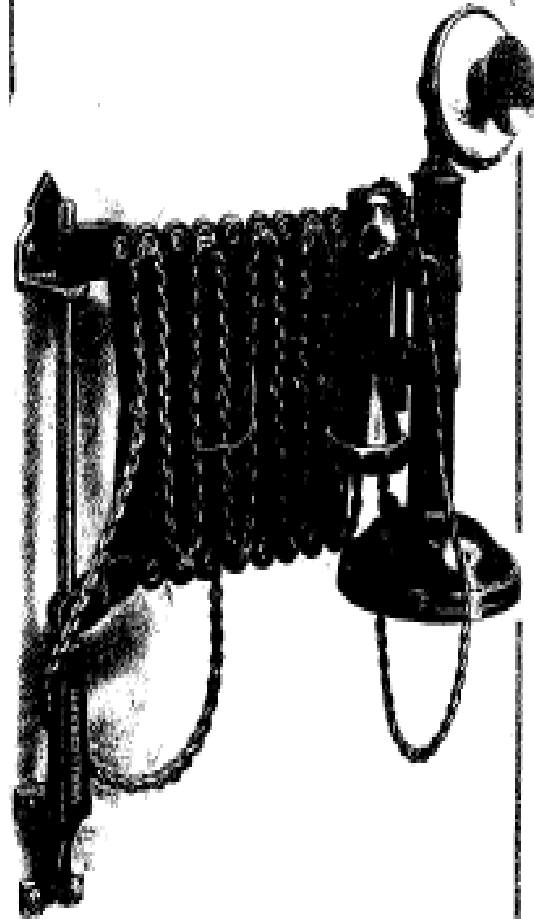
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