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Left is a photograph of a Fascist of whom we are very proud, and whose death recently we deplore; the Honourable Sir **EDMUND ROBERT FREMANTLE R.N., G.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., F.R.G.S., J.P.**

Britain's oldest Admiral and the British Fascists' oldest member, he always took a keen interest in the Organisation.



Do We Desire To Bind Ourselves

THE absurd publicity which has been attached to the name Fascist recently, greatly owing to the publicity of the "Colonel Barker" case, has opened the eyes of some people to the large number of British Fascists who are to be found in this country.

The fact that "Colonel Barker" was never connected with the British Fascists did not seem, at the time, to be fully realised. Nevertheless it was a fact. Some five years ago, when the British Fascists were first inaugurated as the only body capable of adequately dealing with the Communist menace, it was only to be expected that one or two hot-heads should creep in among the seriously minded Patriots who form the nucleus of the organisation. But it did not take General Headquarters long to find out who these hot-heads were and to weed them out. This, of course, did not suit the books of those who were so dismissed, and the result was an almost Gilbertian body, who called themselves the National Fascisti, who guarded their Headquarters with wooden swords, whose language on the platform was forceful, but a trifle illogical and who adopted a uniform as closely approaching that of the Italian Fascisti as it was possible to get. To give them their due, they did gradually settle down: at one time British Fascists General Headquarters were glad to see that they took their responsibilities a little more seriously.

It was at about that time that "Colonel Barker" joined the National Fascisti and, if reports tell us truly, "Colonel Barker" was a useful member of the organisation.

As one would expect, however, this little bunch of "Men" soon found that sincerity was the only foundation upon which a truly Fascist organisation can rest. The result was that the National Fascisti dropped out of existence; and so "Colonel Barker" became once more an ordinary citizen.

That, as far as we can see, is the history of "Colonel Barker" and you can see that "he" was never connected in any way with the British Fascists organisation.

The antagonism which the *Daily Express* shows towards the Fascist Movement would be easily understood if that periodical had Socialist tendencies ; but, for a paper which professes Conservatism, and more especially Patriotism, it must be beyond the comprehension of the thinking Patriot and even the clever politician. There seems to be one possible reason for this and it is to be found in the tremendous amount of self-esteem which characterises Lord Beaverbrook. It is our opinion that an organisation with the same principles as British Fascism could, if it had Lord Beaverbrook at its head, command not only the full support of the *Daily Express* and its associated papers, but also that of its great number of easily-led readers.

During the General Strike of 1926, The British Fascists were asked by the Daily Express to assist in the distribution of its Sunday paper and cars were supplied for this purpose which ran, one to Norwich, one to Chelmsford, one to Newport in South Wales, and one to Nuneaton via Wendover, Aylesbury and Rugby. On May 16th, a letter was written to the General Manager of the *Daily Express*, whose reply on the following day, in very non-committal tones, is found below.

THE "DAILY EXPRESS"
23 ST. BRIDE STREET,
LONDON, E.
17th May, 1926,

Captain Robert Smith,
British Fascists,
71 Elm Park Gardens,
S.W.10.

Dear Sir,---Will you please accept the most sincere thanks of the Daily Express for the assistance which your organisation rendered in the distribution of our paper throughout the country. **Yours faithfully, Signed by the, GENERAL MANAGER.**

Since this was such an unsatisfactory reply, General Headquarters deputed one of their members to call upon the General Manager, but he was unable to see him. The following letter, however, reached Headquarters on the 26th May.

THE "DAILY EXPRESS"
23 ST. BRIDE STREET,
LONDON, E.C.4.
25th May, 1926.

Captain Robert Smith,
British Fascists,
71 Elm Park Gardens,
S. W. 10.

Dear Sir,---I have shown the papers which were left by Mr. Coates to Mr. Robertson. While we are very grateful for the help which you gave during the period of the strike it would be invidious to single out for particular mention any one of the organisation: that rendered assistance.

The papers which were left are therefore returned herewith. **Yours faithfully, (Signed) M. D. Benwell.**

In spite of this, the Daily Express continued to confuse the British Fascists with the National Fascists and, in view of the facts which we have stated, this was not to be tolerated. A letter was therefore addressed once again to the Daily Express, but this elicited no reply. So much for the Daily Express and its vaunted Patriotism and, much for its gratitude. Such a paper does not deserve the support of British Fascists.

On the other hand the fact of the British Fascists useful work for official bodies is testified by the request sent to Headquarters by the Ministry of Transport on 7th of May, 1926, asking for as many men as possible to assemble in Hyde Park so that they might be sent away to unload boats. Our own General Headquarters were used in this instance by the Ministry of Transport as a central an

enrolling depot for the many members which were sent in answer to their request.

The letter of thanks printed below was received from them very shortly afterwards.

Ministry Of Transport,
Roads Department,
7 Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.I.

Dear Colonel Johnston,---I telephoned this morning to ask you if you would now discontinue sending men to Hyde Park for work at the Docks, the situation so far as the supply of manual for this particular area is concerned is now well in hand.

The help your organisation was able to render, in meeting the sudden demand for helpers which arose on Friday night, was of very great value, and very much appreciated. With kind regards and many thanks, Yours sincerely, **(Signed) H. E. Aldington.**

Colonel Johnston,
71 Elm Park Gardens,
Kensington.

And so the official gratitude of the Ministry of Transport was more candidly expressed than was the half-hearted acknowledgement of the *Daily Express*.

And now, with the early approach of a general election and the possibilities of a so-called Constitutional Government by a party with no Constitutionalism in its make-up, it behoves British Fascists to prepare once again for a similar form of activity. One of the predicaments which is likely to happen if a socialist Government comes into power is this. A general strike of a similar magnitude to that of 1926, would be more successful if its only opposition were a Socialist Government with a financial lacking from non-British sources. If this comes, then British Fascists will once again have to put their shoulders to the wheel, as they did in 1926, to help to maintain the National food sources and the normal running of the Country, so far as that may be possible: To whom are we to Offer our services? To the Government certainly! To any Patriotically minded body, of course! To such a paper as the *Daily Express*—well, they can't very well

expect it, but the British Fascist memory for such an example of ingratitude as we have printed is short-lived.

The recent statements of prominent Communists have brought a new light to the question of how the fight between Capital and labour is to be brought to a head. They discount the suggestion that Socialists will be responsible for the uprising which must, according to anti-Capitalists, take place. It is the intention, it appears, that the Socialists, or even the Communists, shall obtain the reins of control in this country through the ballot boxes, and once they have complete control, they will force upon the Country such measures as will rob Britain once and for all of control of its own finance, manufactures, and trade. It is designed to enforce upon the Capitalist classes the onus of the revolution; and a clever thought it is too.

But they have, here, reckoned without the far-seeing common-sense of the great British Public. They have also left out of: their calculations the force which can be exerted by an organisation with a membership as huge as that of the British Fascists. Interference, pacific or forceful, would come long before such measures could ever be forced upon an unwilling community by an anti-British minority.

The reception given to this new form of the British Lion, has been a matter for self-congratulation at Headquarters. We hope the issues will become more and more popular and that those who once buy this paper will continue to do so, to support the most Patriotic of all Patriotic bodies.



Obituary

THE DEATH OF MARSHAL FOCH THE PASSING OF A GREAT MAN

To-day the hands of every true Englishman will be stretched across the sea to clasp the hands of our comrades in France in heartfelt sympathy for the loss which they have suffered by the death of that great soldier, Marshal Foch.

To-day, who knows? Perhaps the spirit of that humble soldier "The Unknown Warrior," whose mortal remains lie buried in Westminster Abbey, is in commune with the spirit of the great Commander.

Both were guided by that great principle of "Duty and Discipline," discipline of self and duty to their own beloved land.

Both have lived and both have died, but the memory of both shall be immortal.

Arthur Sebright

Commander Locker- Lampson at Fascist Children's Clubs Meeting at Kensington

AT Kensington Town Hall on Thursday, March 14th, a meeting took place, which was one of the series of public meetings which the British Fascists hold from time to time, to endeavour to bring home to the British Public the menace to British children of the Red Sunday Schools. "Who has the Youth has the Future" was one of the sayings of Carl Liebknecht, a communist of the worst degree. Those whose dealings have brought them into close touch with children will know how true his saying is.

Mr. Arthur Sebright was prevented by illness from attending the meeting, and



disappointment was keen.

Colonel Lane, who was Chairman at the meeting, said that people, including even our leading M.P's, did not seem to realise that if it had not

been for the British Fascists there would have been no free speech at the last two elections in 1923 and 1924, for Conservatives and even good Liberals. He advised all British Fascists to stall this when they hear the organisation being disparaged. He also pointed out that the British people should realise their indebtedness to Commander Locker-Lampson for forcing the Government to break up Arcos which was a centre of a Communism—not only for the British Isles, but for our Colonies and even other countries.

Commander Locker-Lampson, whose valuable presence was appreciated very greatly by the audience, was received with great applause. We quote below his speech in full.

Commander Locker-Lampson

I am delighted to be once again in this hall, once again at a gathering of British Fascists and once again under the chairmanship of Col. Lane. I am glad to see him here although he has left little for me to say, nevertheless, I thank him for coming. I must say that I hope he will help us and encourage us right up to the election, through it and afterwards.

I must say that amongst those under the age of 30 in this audience there is no reason why meetings should not be kept in order during the coming election.

The King.

I should like to have a word with you on a matter very near my heart. This is a non-political meeting and there may be every class of people in the audience, but there is one matter which by common consent must be of

interest to every single individual in this country and to every party in the State: Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a matter of congratulation to the loyalty of the British Fascists and every loyal person that the King is hale and hearty once more. There is a place in our hearts he will always fill, and his attention to duty has endeared him to everyone and we hope that God has spared him for many years to come.

The King represents the monarchy and I take the liberty of being a very strong Monarchist. I hold the view that a king is absolutely vital. After the Great War we know that many countries lost their kings. Germany lost her emperor, but I must admit that even a republic in Germany is better than a monarchy and kingship under that crown.

Lived in Russia

I had to live in Russia and other republican countries during the war and my view is that there is a greater sense of justice in the countries ruled over by a king than in a republic. I have nothing to say against the great republic of America, but probably it was because they were a republic and not a monarchy that they were late in coming into the war.

I know that a monarch is vital and there is one other issue in connection with it, that we must never forget—he is the real head of the State to-day and there is not a member of the House of Commons, whether Conservative, Liberal or Labour who has not taken the oath to the King. He is there by common consent and if you get rid of him who are you going to put in his place? You will choose a President who will be chosen by the party in power and he will then naturally be unpopular with the other parties.

What about our dominions? Our monarch is the link between us and our colonies, Long may he live!

The General Election

There is a general election coming within the next two months and 27,000,000 people will have a vote and I am certain that every Communist in the country will register his

and I am sure that if a Comrade is ill he will get someone to take his place and put a cross against the name of his candidate. A great many people who believe as you and I do will not go to the poll: In Australia, not to use a vote is an offence against the law and yet here I find that people fail at the last moment. They have not been called upon for five years to vote at an election and they should use their vote better than that.



The Traditions of The Country

We have to elect a body of members of Parliament and these members have to maintain the traditions of this country,

There is one issue that I am going to speak to you about—our chairman mentioned our campaign to clear out the reds. I am very proud indeed that I was the instrument in any way to clear these reds out of England. I was told at the time that I had made a mistake, I was told that I knew nothing whatever about the history of Russia or Europe. When starting our campaign I was told that if we had a rupture with Russia we should have war. There has not been one single instance of a war, but the war difficulties in China have come to an end because British justice has been better than it ever was.

Working days lost through Strikes

Do you know how many working days were lost to the working classes in this country on the average during the five years before we cleared them out? 45,000,000. Do you know how many hours have been lost since? 51,000,000. 5,000,000 was paid out in strik pay and only £100,000 since we cleared them out.

What is going to happen as the result of the coming general election There are three parties standing—Unionist, Liberals and Labour with a few Communists. I want to ask every candidate who is standing at the election whether, if he is returned to Power, he will vote against the return the reds to England. What will happen if the Unionists get back to power? There is no doubt they will shut the doors against the reds. What about the Labour Party. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that the first act of a Labour candidate will be to allow the return of the reds. Mr. Lloyd George said that, the rupture with Russia was the greatest folly of our government. Whatever you do, return a government who will not take its marching orders from Russia!

The danger of Apathy

The apathy is very great—whilst we are doing nothing the enemy is working underground and hundreds of thousands of pounds are ready for the next election. They are going to subsidise the Communists and hire hooligans to break up meetings and howl down our speakers. I have only once in my life had a meeting broken up—never again. I invited everybody who had broken it up to come to the following day's meeting, where they would have the time of their lives, but if they did not behave themselves they would have the time of their death, and we had a meeting which has never been forgotten in that neighbourhood and ever since I have had order everywhere.

Keep out the Reds.

We are again starting our campaign to keep out the reds and are going to bring our workings up to fighting strength. We are going to form a body of loyalists all through the. country who are going to meet the challenge of our English liberty and freedom of speech and we want your support.

In the name of all that we hold dear we ask you not to support any policy which sends the children to the vilest schools to learn the vilest doctrines. To take the children of the country and destroy the souls of the innocents is a crime never to be forgiven in Heaven and I ask you to help to keep the red hands oil the

schools of England. Take care that you return the right members to the House of Commons.

I am very proud to be a member of the House of Commons and cannot bear to think that the result of the next election will be the return of a few more howling reds who are going to turn the House of Commons into a bear garden.

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When you start to do a piece of analysis you say to yourself where am going to put the sentences and then you put them there which is a very good exercise.

A Rummage Sale in 20 Minutes

AFTER months of preparation in collecting and sorting the "goods," a final door-to-door distribution of notices, the Great Rummage Sale opened with a bang at 2.30—a bang which almost swept the Senior Officer off her feet as, she tried in vain to stem the herd of wild women who stampeded into the Hall.

The noise and confusion were in-describable, even in the language of the district, which was not chosen for its mild and gentle character; the lonely seller at the first stall battled wildly, with buyers who waved garments of an intimate nature in her face. "Ow much, dearie?" whilst hurriedly secreting as many of the other garments under aprons, coats or in capacious bags thoughtfully carried, as could be got away whilst money—for one—was reluctantly handed over.

In five minutes the whole stall collapsed, and when the saleswoman came up for the third time the entire stock had vanished and the "locusts" had swept over the rest of the stalls, with more or less success, judging by the appearance of the room, and at ten to three there only remained a minimum of goods and a small and exhausted party of sellers.

Buyers continued to arrive, but more quietly, and when there was nothing more to sell, the cash was counted over, and, in spite of the "grab and go" methods of the "locusts," the financial results were quite satisfactory, and

the lessons learned will, it is hoped, bear much fruit at the next sale.

A British Lion and a box of matches were given away to the buyers as they left the hall.

One hefty lady who had barged in with the first rush and was leaving with many goods, which it was certain had not all been paid for, remarked with a highly moral air; Ain't it shockin' the way they pinches things—don't see 'ow they can do it! VEE CEE.

Rich Young Bachelor—"what time is it, Simkins?" His Valet—"Eleven forty-three cc, sir." "Er—Simkins you might work that out for me, will you?"

A Little Child's Letter

PERHAPS one of the most telling sidelights on the activities of the Fascist Children's Clubs is to be found in the following letter. It tells its own story in a manner which no editorial band could better.

Ellen Kent. Age 9 years.

My Dear Friend,---We like going to the club on. Tuesday very much. We were sorry Miss Hooper was ill and stayed away. We like the King and Country very much indeed. We liked the party very much and also the toys. We think our little country very proud. Before we went to the party we scrambled oranges. We think our Union Jack is the best flag in the world. I am delighted that the King is very much better and is in a bath chair. At the club we play games. One of our favourite games is stag that game we like very much. Excuse me for the writing as I had to hurry. One thing I forgot that we sing the King. My loving friend, **from Ellen.**

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The Significance of the General Election

S. Shewell

Every thinking voter must read this
article

THE shadow of the General Election is already cast over the industrial, social, political and -domestic life of the nation. It is the topic of the hour. It is certain that this topic will be discussed with increasing fervour in the press of the country between now and May, and the right of the worker to have cheaper beer will he enthusiastically maintained in every "pub" in the country.



It is The Topic of The Hour

Despite the mental activity engendered by the approach of the Election among those who, in the past five years, have not been troubled with a political

thought (as well as those who have) it is safe to say that the real significance of the issues at stake is not in the least understood by the majority of the electorate.

A Popular Idea

The popularity of the democratic idea depends upon the supposition that the democratic larger electorate the more nearly will the "Will of the people" be expressed through their elected representatives. This is a point we are not going to discuss just now, but, because of the swollen electorate of 1929, it may not be amiss (in fact it may be considered of some importance) to help them to a clearer understanding of the task they are about to undertake at the Polling Station (if they attend). Let us therefore view the situation in retrospect and prospect as briefly and succinctly as we can without, we hope, still further confusing the politically uneducated.

Prior to the emergence of the Socialist Party as a political force in England, the issue was clear and distinct as between two parties,

basing their outlook on the same fundamentals but differing as to detail.

The last General Election saw the submergence of one of these parties the Liberal Party—together with an accession of strength to the Socialist Party.

Effect of Zinovieff Letter

This, save for the decimated ranks of Liberalism, was almost a return to the two party system and came about because the electorate at that time received a shock. They were given forcibly and clearly to see the real and vital issues, which they were called upon to decide by the publication of the famous Zinovieff Letter—said to be a forgery by some but admitted to be genuine by the Socialist Prime Minister—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Through the agency of this revelation the nation saw in a flash what, students of politics and foreign affairs already knew; and very definitely they threw their weight in the scale on the side of England, refusing to be represented by the enemies of England—the Socialist Party. One wonders, however, what would have happened, had not the Red Letter shockingly awakened the sleeping electorate.

In 1924, the Socialists were beaten in the political arena, and immediately turned their attention to the destruction of industry, by stirring up class hatred and engineering strikes in the hope that, in the words of *The Miner's Next Step* they would "absorb the whole of the employers' profits." How far, they have been successful in their role of "The Wreckers is mutely testified by the terrible state of the mining industry, and the heartrending army of unemployed—an army which has been created and is being exploited for party purposes.

The could have saved the Nation

Stronger action by the Government would have saved a great deal of misery and destruction, and the question is Government being seriously asked in these days, "Has

the Conservative Party justified the trust placed in it?" We shall know how far that party has retained the confidence of the people when the result of the General Election is announced.

For the successful working of the democratic idea it is essential, among other things, that the two party system should prevail. This is not the case in the coming election. There are three parties, each with its own programme, who intend putting up something like 500 Candidates each, in May. This considerably confuses the issue. One wishes that the new Liberal Party, under the leadership of the Wizard, had remained in the political wilderness, there to work their miracles amongst themselves.

As we have said, the problem unemployment has been prostituted to party ends. The new Liberalism non claims to be able to solve the problem and to reduce the army of unemployed by half, within twelve months, without, any addition to the already heave load of taxation.

An Attempt to Gull The Nation

This is so obviously a blatant attempt to gull the nation that one is amazed that the boast should be treated seriously by anyone except its author. Yet, if we are to treat this claim of the Wizard as serious what can be said of the man who at this time comes forward with his alleged solution, after at least five years of silence Why were these wonderful plans not given to the nation during the past years of tribulation? Have they only been evolved during the last few weeks, under the exigencies of the approaching election? The altruism of the Wizard's claim to lift the nation "from the slough of despond to prosperity" is condemned by his past silence! True, his voice has often been raised in respect of unemployment, but only in criticism.

Away with this mockery, and this mocker of the nation's need The unemployed are in dire enough straits without the chimera of wizardry being held out to them. Let the problem be tackled seriously, soberly and intelligently, not degraded to the level of music hall conjuring. Why should this old

man, this ancient seeker after power, gavotte about the political stage with his Illusionist tricks and his quackery? Let us, in the spirit of his own wand-waving, mind, say **BEGONE**, in the hope that, in very truth, he will withdraw his malignant and disturbing influence from national affairs.



Wizardry attempts to beguile.

While Wizardry attempts to beguile the people, the Socialist Party steals a march on the nation. It is busy creating a reputation for respectability. It is not "red" really. It no longer stands with hands on the hilt of a sword, rather is it bourgeois enough to sit with hands caressing "boiled shirt" breathing benediction over the Capitalist System.

A Harmless Socialist Government

So we are asked to believe that there would be no harm in the return the Socialist Party to power! In fact, a series of articles appearing recently in the Morning Post; by prominent members, of the last Socialist Government, hardly mention the word "Socialism" and the doctrine of Socialism is only discernible after a close study of the articles, peeping here and there, through the veneer of "Moderation." These mild mannered gentlemen are quite harmless, you know. Why not give them a chance. Things could not be worse than they are now! Couldn't they? Instead of running the country, the Socialists would ruin the country!

What has been the primary cause of the nation's distress? It is the ferocity of Socialist attacks upon what they term the Capitalist System. Let there be no mistake about that. The attempt to ruin the industries of the country is part of a settled and determined plan to pave the way for. Socialism so that obscure demagogues may be enthroned as Commissars on the ashes of private enterprise.

Their Country's Enemies

The men who are now asking us to place them in power are **the same men and none other**, who have been consistently their country's enemies who, in the hour of direst need, in the midst of a great struggle with a foreign foe, took upon themselves the cloak of those we were fighting, These are the same men who, scorning to take their Country's part in war, stand with hands on the hilt of a sword in a general strike. These are the men who congratulated Russia upon her revolution and who expressed their intention of "Painting England Red."

Neither the men, nor their policy have changed one iota, Let that be clearly understood. Let the records of these men be engraved on the tablets of our memory. Their policy is the continuance of those attacks which have wrought so much disaster. It is unadulterated Socialism! It is a campaign of destruction, until the edifice of capitalism comes "crashing to the ground"—By Constitutional methods!!! Mr. Ramsay MacDonald; who ought to know, says that "For the Labour Party, unlike other parties, is not concerned with patching the rents in a bad system, but with transforming Capitalism into Socialism," it will be observed that this is as revolutionary an utterance as ever the pages of history held. The term Socialism is used without any qualification. This transition to Socialism is to be carried out by the "ordinary machinery of democratic government" and "without disorder and confusion,"

There is no space within the limits of this article to criticise in detail the policy which goes under the name of Socialism, but this at least may be said of it: that any attempt to overthrow Capitalism and enthrone Socialism can only be accompanied, unavoidably and inevitably, by disorder and confusion, in which the poorer classes would be the chief sufferers.

Failure of Communal System

It cannot be too often repeated that the idea of the common ownership and control of the means of production, distribution and exchange, has been tried and failed in various parts of the world in every age. In no place is

the failure of Socialism so pronounced and discernible as in the case of Russia. Lenin himself admitted its failure. In other countries on the Continent, where Socialist Governments have been in a position to impose Socialism, they have set up committees to enquire into Socialism.

The policy which has failed in Russia, and on which Mr MacDonald congratulated the revolutionaries, is to be put into practice here if we place them in power. That is the real significance of the coming election.

It is true that the Socialist Party are not concerned with "patching the rents!" its sole concern is to make the rents in the fabric of civilisation increasingly larger until they have destroyed the whole garment.

Socialists Admit Capital's Success

There is no hope for England under Socialism-! The Socialists plead, in extenuation of the failure of past experiments, that they were "surrounded by Capitalist society." In other words, capitalism was the stronger and more efficient, There is then no rosy future, only a bloody dawn, for a Socialist England surrounded by a Capitalist world. Socialism is indeed a veritable "dance of death."

Whatever may be the detailed programmes of the three parties do, the great issue of the election, which should never be obscured, is a fight to determine whether the present system of Society shall continue or whether the country shall go down in a welter of misery, heralded by a succession of "red" dawns.

The issue is complicated by the intrusion of a discredited and wholly self-seeking *Wizard*, but the great thing is: **VOTE!**

FORTHCOMING EVENT

A MASS MEETING IN AID OF THE F.C.C.'S WILL BE HELD IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE ON SUNDAY, 28th, APRIL AT 3PM.

Germany's New Religion

IT is interesting to note that General Ludendorf, the Q.M.G. of the German Forces during the late war is now conducting an anti-Christian Campaign throughout Germany.

Readers who doubt the statement may look in the back numbers of the *Daily Express* for verification.

This 'Campaign is to be conducted through the Fatherland with a view to bringing that country back to the religion of its Forefathers,—i.e., Paganism of the Teutonic - Scandinavian type.

Such a movement as this is hardly to be reconciled with the Peace projects of the Germans, seeing that the Ancient gods held their power by threats of jealousy and revenge.

This is a most dangerous movement and one that should be followed with care. **J. L. S.**

The General Election A Call for Volunteers

DURING times of political importance, such as that which is now approaching us, the call for volunteers to aid in keeping law and order is a matter which engages the attention of one branch of the Headquarter staff of the British Fascists.

There will be plenty for everyone to do between now and the end of May or the middle of June. Considering the political situation as it is at the moment, it is highly probable that the fight which the anti-constitutionalists will make will force upon us once again the necessity of mob-control.

We shall need, therefore, volunteers from both sexes to act as stewards at political meetings of all shades of opinion. Some will probably be quiet meetings, others may be disturbed; while it is possible that special squads will be required to maintain order, by physical force if necessary, at meetings when trouble is likely to occur.

There is, in course of formation, a special squad, which will deal drastically with troublesome meetings in the London County. Volunteers are urgently called for to form this squad. Transport and full arrangements will be made and application for admission to this squad should be made at G.H.Q. as early as possible. Write to the Officer Commanding Q.Q. Squad at General Headquarters for detailed information.

The Channel Tunnel

THE project of the Channel Tunnel has been revived again for the fifth time, and it will no doubt be resurrected many times before people realise that the idea is useless except as a subject for innumerable articles in the press and as a fascinating topic of conversation. The *Daily News* has, however suggested that the project might be adopted as a definite plank in the programme of the Liberal Party in the forthcoming Election, and in view of the fact that it may be a much debated subject during the next few months, we feel that space will not be wasted if we, explain our reasons for condemning the idea as impracticable.

The Military Authorities

The strongest arguments against the tunnel are those raised by the military authorities. They agree that it could easily be flooded by the pressing of a button, but who is going to press it, and when? It will be no light responsibility, especially as the country will no doubt be engaged in delicate negotiations to avert war, and nothing must be done which may be construed as an act of hostility. By stopping traffic we would create an excuse for the enemy to make war, and yet on the other hand traffic must be stopped otherwise travellers of all nations will be drowned, with disastrous international results. It is therefore obvious that it could not be pressed at a moment's notice. The question would have to be put before the Cabinet. They in turn will have to consult the other countries, who jointly helped to finance the enterprise, with the result that while we are engaged in these negotiations the enemy will have taken good advantage of the time at his disposal.

The Economic Point of View

Even if the military difficulties are overcome, let us consider the idea from an economic point of view. According to The New Statesman it will have to earn at least £20,000 per day in order to pay interest on capital, and to allow for the cost of upkeep, The toll will therefore be about £500 per train. We do not do enough trade with continental countries to merit this expense, nor are we likely to with the advent of the Tunnel. In fact it is continental countries who will gain the advantage, as they may then be able to send us larger quantities of luxury articles (in view of the more rapid transit offered them with less packing and handling than before), and it would be questionable if our own manufacturers and producers could compete with the prices of continental goods.



The Sea Will Continue to be Good Enough

Still less could they balance the imports by placing goods on foreign markets at attractive and competitive prices. Since there is no apparent prospect of a Channel Tunnel offering cheaper or greater transport facilities to us, the sea will continue to be good enough for the purposes of our export trade.

Technical Difficulties

The first supposed advantage of a Tunnel to the man in the street is that he will be able to go to Paris much quicker and in greater comfort. The idea of getting in a train at London and arriving in Paris without leaving it is certainly very attractive, but we are informed by Mr. Szlumper, the Assistant General Manager of the Southern Railway, that there is a difference in the Nord Railways gauge and the Southern Railway, Dover to London route, which would necessitate delay while passengers transfer from English to Continental rolling stock or vice versa. It is generally thought that passenger's baggage could be examined on the train, but owing to the number of dutiable commodities and also the number of articles requiring to be weighed and tested by hydrometer, this is not to be.

Neither of the latter operations could be carried out on a moving train. Then travel by the tunnel will not be so quick after all—impatient business men or tourists will still travel by air, which by the time the tunnel could be built will have made gigantic strides in the direction of a safer, cheaper and more frequent cross-channel service. As to the suggestion that crossing the channel by this route is more comfortable than a brief and invigorating sea voyage, surely a journey of about 40 minutes through a 25 miles tunnel under the sea, with the knowledge that it is mined every few miles and may be accidentally blown up any moment, is not the route for a nervous traveller to choose.

A Nerve-Racking Trip

No doubt there is actually very little danger, but the sense of danger would be intense. People with a dread of seasickness will of course favour the under-channel crossing, but is it absolutely necessary to have a tunnel, where, a packet of Mothersills will effect a remedy?

The expense of the Channel Tunnel will be enormous, anything from £60,000,000 to a £100,000,000. If such a sum can be raised for such a foolhardy enterprise with Government support, why can't we do something to lighten our present terrible traffic problems. If the London Traffic Authorities had this money at their disposal, to spend on overhead railways, widening street, etc., the toll of road deaths would be considerably reduced. By the time the Tunnel could be built, London traffic difficulties will be insurmountable; besides, in all probability, the Tunnel would be blown up before it could pay for itself, whilst money spent in solving our traffic difficulties will do a lasting good.



In addition to the objections, already mentioned, do we really desire to bind ourselves to the continental countries and become morally, materially and politically a continental power, to be drawn even more into the web of European politics than at present? Even the Tunnel itself will not be entirely our property as other countries will no doubt be asked to help finance the scheme,

with the result that we shall have to consult them on every little point in connection with the Tunnel, thereby putting ourselves in a subservient position.

No! England will never have a Tunnel. What has happened in the last few years in the way of naval, military and air development has tended, without exception, to render the Channel Tunnel a very dangerous experiment.

daughter who could accompany me as one of my private secretaries on trips abroad.

Since the flappers have been given the vote, I make them my first consideration. No tax on silk or artificial silk stockings; no ban on short skirts (no matter how short the shortage), all motor cars used by flappers would be tax free, every young man of Rudolph or Owen appearance would be compelled by law to be escort to a different flapper every day, and ices and cigarettes would be free to all flappers. I would give them the moon if they would go and live on it, or the earth if they would eat it.



CAN YOU WORK THIS OUT?

A man can fill a cart in 15 minutes, while another man can fill a cart in 30 minutes.

How long will it take to fill 3 carts both working together? (Answer on Page 13)

Next Election Your Selection Jay Dee, M.P.

NOW that the General Election is coming I am seriously considering myself as an M.P. I have most of the qualifications necessary. Being born in Kent, I am, an Englishman, but think I might over-come this difficulty by putting up for a Borough in Lanarkshire.



Myself as an M.P

Being a married man, I should be able to entertain the lady members to tea on the lawn, my sons could entertain my flapper supporters; my wife could open local bazaars and fetes, and thus we could easily earn our £400 a year. I also have a

I notice that Baldwin was not long ago very annoyed with Jix over something that Jix had said. At £10,000 a year I don't mind taking Jix's job and will guarantee to say nothing, even to the Income-Tax officials. All successful politicians are able to talk for hours without saying anything that can be used in evidence against them.

I would commence my speeches by saying "Ladies and Gentlemen and fellow citizens, I am not one of those who are here to-day and gone to-morrow. I shall, whether elected or not, remain to hear the result of the poll. I shall make it my first duty to look after your interests—and dividends if I get the Opportunity. To all men I promise free beer and I shall continue to promise tree beer, and I hope tobacco, for as long as I live.

Every man who wanted work could have it, providing I had a government job. Every woman who wanted a husband should have one supplied by the government: we could thereby save expense in the upkeep of our prisons.

My politics would be the same as the party who had the softest jobs to offer. I would even wear funny hats, long hair, and smoke a pipe.

Fascism By the Founder

IT has been stated that Fascism is in the minority,—Fascism is on the descendent and that Fascism cannot conquer.

This is not true. Any honest sentiment, and any honest effort against treachery is bound to succeed because, however many the difficulties, the true patriot who sticks to his ideals will eventually last over the man who shifts from one thing to another and who sits upon the fence.

Definitely Patriotic

Fascism is a clear ideal. Fascists are for H.M., The King and the Empire, and are definitely against all those who play at. Communism, Pacifism, Anti-British Socialism, or any movement which shows the British Empire to take second, place to any other nation, believing that we, the Empire, are the best hope for the peace of the world.

Fascists do not desire war—indeed too many of the members have suffered loss of limb and health to wish for a repetition of 1914; but they say one and all, "Should our country need us, we will serve her again."

The Mons Spirit



This is not in the vainglorious spirit that made certain stay-at-home individuals in 1914, obtain decorations, in many cases for work done by those too old or too young to join up. It is the spirit of VIONS and the old Contemptibles; and this spirit is not going to be betrayed by Britishers who remember and who will record that devoted remembrance, not in

words— but in deeds.

We Could Have Won The War

There is much propaganda written, preached and spoken on public platforms to-day. This propaganda tells us that we were responsible for the Great War, the German atrocities (we did these first!) air raids and let such, people who believe this read *The Daily Express*, on the subject of General Ludendorff, who stated that had we had the amount of men we wanted in 1913, we could have won the war.

Let them remember the poison gas, firing on the Red Cross, the Hospital Ship outrages, and Nurse Cavell's heroic sacrifice, before they whitewash German atrocities.

As far as Peace with Russia goes, let them think of her broken promises to the British Empire, her propoganda amongst all classes, the poison gas factories now extant in Russia and in Germany, the murdering of our children and let them find a single clause whereby our enemies may be upheld in the so-called toleration of "Peace at any price."

There is one hope for the Empire. A strong Army, a strong Navy, and most important of all, the **strongest** Air Force in the world.

Britain has always ruled the waves. Britain must and shall rule the Air; for when Britain goes, the world and Christianity go. And the fault is the fault of the ordinary British Citizen who refuses to recognise his responsibility.

In the forthcoming Election

In the forthcoming Election there is one question, and one only, that every man and woman voter must ask himself or herself; Is the prospective member of Parliament a Patriot or a Traitor? "Will he or she act for or against the Empire?"

In the view of British Fascism these points are against the British Empire.

1. Toleration towards our Enemies.
2. Disarmament
3. Anti-Christian Teaching to Children.
4. Anti-Working-Class policy.
5. Anti-Agricultural policy.
6. Anti-Non-Political Trades Unionism.
7. Dole or no Work.

It is essential that legislation be so that all classes will pull together for the sake of the Empire, to fight against her enemies and to improve the conditions that are now making for revolution.

Above all it is necessary that we are ready to fight for our rights and are not left as before, inadequately armed, inadequately prepared, and unready for any emergency.

In conclusion I quote the text, "When a strong man armed keepeth his Palace, his goods are in Peace." **R. L. L. O.**

Reform or Dowfall

Mr. R. D. Jeune gives us strong arguments for the reform of the political arrangements of our country. His dream of a Government or of a Man to lead a Government which would commit itself to such re-organisation as he suggests seems as far away as ever. But it is good for the Country to know that there is a vast body of patriots in the British Fascists which is pledged to help the reformation, on constitutional lines, of the non-party pro-country spirit which will in time replace the present unhealthy party system

LOOKING round, ten years after the conclusion of the Great War, at the general state of affairs in this country, and then looking into the future, can we consider the position with satisfaction, with equanimity? Can we pretend that the security and the prosperity which might have been thought our due after four years of wonderful achievements and sacrifices have fallen to our lot? Unfortunately it is far from being so. We did not fight the War "to make the world safe for democracy," We fought merely for security, in other words to save Europe from the domination of the Boche. Having done so, and having, with the help of our Allies, achieved a highly creditable victory, what was obviously our policy as regards home affairs?

A Policy of Reconstruction Needed

Common sense indicated a quiet policy of reconstruction, of nursing our resources, so recklessly expended during the War, of fostering industry, the main source of our wealth, and of dealing firmly with the alien-directed subversive forces. Instead of this, the blessed word democracy became our "old man of the sea," and politicians, drunk with the taste for spending which they had acquired in the War, vied with each other in orgies of promises and bribes to the electorate, and launched forth into grandiose schemes involving the expenditure of millions of our

money. It mattered little that the country was so much poorer by the loss of vast wealth dissipated during the War. The need for the creation of new wealth was ignored. Democracy had become the order of the day, and the mob-electorate ignorant and incapable of thought as to how a nation's affairs should be administered, cried only "what can I get out of it?"

Timid and dishonest politicians, caring little for the ultimate good of the country, but a lot for the safety of their seats, were only too eager to bribe more and more, and the aim of their successive Chancellors of the Exchequer seemed to be no longer to administer sanely and economically the finances of the nation, but to discover as many means as possible of robbing the taxpayer of his earnings and savings.

The Rake's Progress

And so it has gone on for ten years, with no attempt to stay the "Rake's Progress." Taxes, rates and, in many cases, foreign competition strangle industries and thus create unemployment, the workers are made to pay for those who won't work, the healthy for the sick, and the thrifty for those who, taught by the politicians that they have a right to rely on the state in case of unemployment, sickness or old age, throw their money about, heedless of the future.

As if a combination of week-kneed politicians and an electorate consisting of all men from the age of 21 and many women of 30 and upwards had not brought us near enough to ruin, we have a so-called Conservative Prime Minister who, after promising economy, conveniently forgets this pledge, and instead, uninvited, risks making matters worse by giving votes to women of 21. "Those whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad."

Give The Present Government Its Due

While credit is due to the present Government for dealing with the widespread revolutionary movement in this country, instigated by the 3rd Internationale, it was not until many strikes, ending with an attempt at revolution

in the guise of a General Strike, had cost the country vast sums and irreparable losses of trade that the nettle was grasped. It is true that we are amazingly slow at perceiving facts and realizing situations. For instance, what a time it took the country to wake up to the disastrous inefficiency of the post-war Lloyd-George Government. Likewise to realize the seriousness of the revolutionary menace, directed largely through trade-union channels. Yes, but that does not alter the contention that soon we shall no longer be able to afford this easy-going short sightedness. After the War, when the country was sick and exhausted, its doctors, instead of nursing it, decided that further great calls should be made on its diminished vitality, and the draining process continues. However strong the patient was originally, this cannot last indefinitely and there are signs which give rise to grave fears.

On the other hand, what signs are there of recovery? Few, alas, for the appetite of democracy is insatiable, and no political party has the courage to restrict the doling out of "rare and refreshing fruit."

Glib politicians prate of goodwill in industry and pretend to see signs of improving trade, but nothing is done to defend our basic industries against foreign competition, nor (beyond a tinkering measure such as the De-Rating Bill, of problematical value and involving already additional taxation, apart from the almost certain appointment of further hordes of officials) to relieve trade of the immense burden of taxation it has to bear.

Until this relief and help are given no real recovery can be expected, and our progress towards national bankruptcy will continue.

Economy

To quote Mr. Baldwin's own words (the irony of it!), "Economy in every sphere is imperative." Brave words. But the amount of economy to be expected from the Conservatives has been seen. The Socialists, more honest perhaps, that is if they mean to carry out their programme, are committed to the repeal of the McKenna Duties, a surtax on incomes, of "Transference to public ownerships of the coal, transport power and life-insurance industries," besides the

extension of the social services, in other words a huge increases in expenditure.

So it is clear that what we have to expect is on the one hand, slow impoverishment leading to national insolvency, involving our inability to pay for the food we buy from abroad, and on the other hand a financial crash of the first magnitude, bringing in its wake a condition of chaos and probably rioting and civil war.

Give Industry its Head



Can these disastrous consequences of our own folly be averted? Only by a government, or by a Man, of great courage, determination and Patriotism, who will give industry its head and help it by properly adjusted tariffs, ruthlessly cut down by millions the yearly expenditure, by thousands the number of government officials, and by several the number of Ministries, State insurance should be scrapped and arrangements be made for the work to be handed back to the Friendly Societies.

As a result of the impetus given to industry unemployment would be decreased, but at the same time the scandals connected with the dole could be largely eliminated and the payments saved.

War Pensions

War pensions are a debt of honour and will automatically decrease as time goes on. The fighting services have been reduced to within a small margin of safety, but who shall say that large reductions are not possible in the cost of education? The school years could well be shortened, and to some extent the fees should be paid by the parents.

Why not obtain some of the revenue now raised compulsorily by instituting premium bonds or state lotteries? it is done quite successfully in other countries.

The politicians' answer to these suggestions would be, of course, "It can't be done," meaning that they are afraid to try.

It is largely funk that has brought the country to within sight of ruin, and unless we can find those with the courage to lead us back-to the ways of economic sanity, bankruptcy is certain, and with it will come great trouble.

Pink Pars

EX-KING Amanullah gave an order to Soviet Russia for Tanks, which order was duly carried out and the Tanks delivered in Afghanistan, except—a most vital part of the machinery, which had been omitted.

Presumably trying to encourage Amanullah in the idea of total dis-armament!

At the Delegate Conference of the Workers' Council of Education held at the New Trades Hall, Tottenham, a resolution was passed unanimously, which branded the Scouts as anti-working class," and the W.C.E. was instructed to initiate a "special campaign against the Scout movement."

The Scout Movement

In the November issue of *Youth*, in an article referring to the Congress of the Federation of Youth at Errde last summer, the two following statements appear.



"Only when the little wills are in harmony with the One Will, can a real world Federation of Youth be possible.

"We caught there (at Errde,) something of the spirit of peace—let us bring it down through mind, emotion and deed, until we can say with Krishnamurti "O World, in thee

I behold the face of my Beloved"—The obvious inference being that, when the Federation of Youth is completely dominated by the Star in-the-East Society, its members will have no "little wills" to call their own.

In another article in the same issue of *Youth*, are other facts about the camp at Errde, which,

to our conception of peace, do not seem to harmonise, e.g. There was a world in miniature in the barbed-wire enclosure of the campground---Five nations jostled each other, sometimes rudely, but on the whole with forbearance "---Why barbed-wire?" and if the spirit of peace is so truly sought, no "jostling" or rudeness should be tolerated!

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S.W.I.**

Dear Sir,---May I trespass on your columns to correct, with due humility, the fears of a correspondent in your last issue?

"P.J.H" of Bath has doubts in connection with the proposed Channel Tunnel. When talking to Sir William Bull, M.P., recently, I raised the question of invasion through the Tunnel, and we discussed the question very thoroughly. In normal times, the French will possess their end, and we ours, of the Tunnel.

War with France is unlikely and unthinkable, but an invading force sent either way through the Tunnel into a hostile country at the other end would be annihilated. Fifty men and two maxims could hold the Channel Tunnel against an army; it could be flooded, either with sea-water or with poison-gas, though as a matter of fact none of these expedients is favoured by the military authorities.

The Channel Tunnel is a very expensive proposition, and it is unlikely that in war either side would wish to damage it; they would desire to capture it intact. That is the obvious tactical course: The use of a modern

double-portcullis, or the even simpler method of discharging gravel, can completely render the Tunnel useless during war without permanently affecting its value during subsequent peace.

The whole question, however, is one that really does not arise, as our relation with the French people has been of the most cordial for the last eighty years. In any other war; for example, a European war, with France either neutral or as an ally, the Channel Tunnel would be a great asset to us, and had it existed in 1914, would probably have enabled us to break, the mad German rush into Belgium, a tactical adventure which the German staff would, no doubt, never have dared to undertake in such, circumstances. **Yours faithfully, E. G. Mandeville Roe.**

To the Editor of the *British Lion*

Sir,---The *Daily Herald*, and the *Birmingham Post* tell us that Messrs. Cook and Saklatvala are so alarmed at the progress of British Fascism that they have made a public statement that "the wages of workmen, would drop under a Fascist Government, as has been the case in Italy"

Any Italian workman would give the lie to that! Italian workmen, under Fascism, were never before so well off, or so contented.

But, who are Messrs. Cook and Sakiatvala, to pose as protectors of British workers?

Mr. Cook wrote a preface to a scurrilous pamphlet (Dorset Press, Ltd., 68 Lant Street; London, S.E.1) not long ago, entitled *The Workers under Fascist Terror*, in which Mr. Cook falsely accused Mussolini of deporting the "Workers" of Italy.

Mr. Cook's "Workers" of Italy turned out to be 70 Usurers, 50, Purveyors of Cocaine, who had several times been convicted of those base crimes, and who had been draining, the life and blood of their countrymen.

I think we may safely leave Messrs: Cook and Saklatvala (birds of the same feather) to the judgment of British Workers.

British workers owe half their miseries to Cook, who is directly responsible for

unemployment in the mines and the loss of our coal markets in Italy and other Countries.

I am not afraid to let British-born men and women choose between British Fascism and creatures like Cook, who have driven men to unemployment While he himself continues to draw good wages! **W. E. R. Paymr' Rear Admiral**

To the Editor of The British Lion

Sir,---The following brief extracts from John Earle's *Microcosmographie, or a Piece of the World Discovered in Essayes and Characters*, sixth edition London, 1633, may be of interest or amusement to some of your many readers, showing that our Radical; Socialist, and "Red" has always been with us. Indeed it was men of this type who unjustly and illegally put to death King Charles I; some few years later:-

8. A Discontented Man. *Is one that is falne out with the world will bee revenged on himself. Fortune ha's deny'd him in something, and he now takes pet, will be miserable in spite ---Hee ha's now forgone all but his pride, and is yet vaine-glorious in the ostentation of his melancholy. He quarrels at the time---and sighs at the neglect of men of Parts, that is, such as himselfe---Hee is much displeas'd to see men merry, and wonders what they can find to laugh at---Hee at the last fall into that deadly melancholy to bee a bitter hater of men, and is the most apt Companion for any mischief. Hee is the sparke that kindles the Common-wealth, and the bellows himselfe to blow it: and if hee turne anything, it is commonly one of these, either Frier, Traytor, or Mad-man."*

Your Socialist appears again in No. 39. A Detractor. *"Is one of a more cunning and active envie, wherewith he gnaws not foolishly himself, but throwes it abroad, and would have it blister others. He is commonly some weake-parted fellow, and worse minded, yet is strangely ambitious to match others, not by mounting their worth, but bringing them downe with his Tongue to his owne poorenesse. You cannot anger him worse than to do well, and hee hates you more bitterly for this, than if you had cheated him of his patrimony with your owne discredit---Hee*

looks on all things with a prepared soorenesse---In briefe bee is one that ha's lost all good himselfe, and is loth to finde it in another". R.C.

Is Democracy Failing?

A Fascist's view of Fascism's place in Politics.

By Geo. Flower

An article under the above heading appeared in Britannia of the 10th December, by the Marquis of Londonderry, K.G.

I hope to be able, in the following article, to show what ignorance prevails with regard to the Fascist Movement.

The Marquis says that the two movements, Fascism and Communism are in favour of revolt. He is right with regards the latter, but in connection with the former he is entirely mistaken. Fascism is out to oppose any form of revolt. Fascism would not have been in existence, hut for these subversive movements, i.e., Communism, with its numerous branches, under perplexing cloaks. He is right when he says that we are out for individual initiative. Does not his own party stand for this?—I think it does.

We are, according to him, "overexcited and unhappily, under-educated pioneers of Democracy." We are not over-excited, nor are we under-educated.

"Communism is really Fascism upside down, and vice versa."—Surely the Marquis cannot have realised what he was writing.

British Fascism does not aim at revolution; it is established to prevent revolution, this has been proved in many other countries where the Fascist movement has taken root. Communism came into existence long before. Fascism was ever dreamed of, surely it is clear enough to even an under-educated individual, that Fascism came into life merely to oppose this excited rush of Communism.

A National Policy

British Fascism, as all other Fascist movements are National in policy. The

Marquis evidently does not know this, or even that Communism is International; so that I am pleased to be able to open his eyes to this fact.

The Marquis of Londonderry is a Conservative, but not of the old Tory type; for they as a whole are in entire agreement with any loyalist movement like our own.

The Conservative, Liberal and Labour Parties all put their Party before their Country,—Fascism puts Country even before Constitution.

Apology is Needed

It is the duty of the Marquis to apologise for his misstatement that, we are under-educated." Does he call Army Colonels and Captains, Admirals and individuals with life-lope experience, under-educated? Does he know that these help to form the personnel of our Organisation?—Does he know that we loyalists were some of the first to answer the call of the Government, at the time of the General Strike Fascists were to be found on the food lorries, in the docks, on public conveyances, and even on the Railways. One Fascist met his death while driving a train on the London and North Eastern Railway,—was he a revolutionary? We joined in batches or as individuals. Even did we give our services as members of the Special Constabulary, in many cases signing on for the three years' voluntary service Now I ask the Marquis of Londonderry, "are we Communists upside down, or vice versa " as he says in his article? Are we disloyalists, when we will give up our all, for the benefit of our beloved Empire? We have each and all sworn by our Country's flag, "that we will uphold His Most Gracious Majesty, King George V his Heirs, Successors, the established Constitution of Great Britain and the British Empire."

Discontent

No man can be sane who classes loyalists with revolutionaries. Is any man content with the government that he puts in power? No! There is always something wrong, something the government has done, or has not done. We Fascists are almost content with the present form of government, and will always defend a loyal one; but if that government show signs

of weakness in dealing with these subversive movements,—then Fascism must take its place.

When our Governments put their Country before their Party, I am sure that all will be content; but, until that happens, things must go on in the same old way.

Enough check has not been put on these International movements of World brotherhood; they have been encouraged and even fostered by our Government Parties, especially by the so called "Labour Party." We see this and, as loyalists, naturally rise against it.

Again I say that Fascism would not have been in existence, but for Communism-cum-Socialism. If the Government had crushed these movements while in the bud, we should have had no need for Fascism in England.

Does the Marquis suggest that Fascists are "Class-conscious?" If so, he makes the greatest mistake, for we are composed of all classes. Does he know that this Class-consciousness is fostered only by these International movements, Communism *et cetera*? There is no Class war with Fascists. Fascists teach otherwise, and all work together. We know "No Class."



Some More "Howlers"

Volcanoes throw out saliva.

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Asked to name six animals peculiar to the Arctic regions, a boy replied, "Three bears and three seals."

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There are three kinds of Downs. North Down, South Down and Eider Down.

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Sotto voce. In a drunken voice.

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In Elizabeth's reign Parliament frequently interfered and urged the sovereign to marry,

a thing it would not have dreamt of doing in the reign of Henry VIII.

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In a youth's essay on Socialism. The leader of the Socialists is Lloyd George, a Welsher, whose motto is Liberty Equality and Maternity.

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Martin Luther did not die a natural death, he was excommunicated by a bull.

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They gave the Duke of Wellington a lovely funeral. It took six men to carry the beer.

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Julius Cæsar was renowned for his great strength. He threw a bridge across the Rhine.

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The feminine of manager is menagerie

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On one side of a penny is the King's head, on the other a young lady riding a bicycle ; they call her Ruby Tanyer.

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Beethoven is found in The Radio Times. He made 38 senators and lately celebrated his centurion death. His father was a drunkard and sang bass.

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Pompeii was destroyed by an overflow of saliva from the Vatican.

Salome was a very wicked woman who wore very few clothes and took them all off when she danced before Herod.

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Now Henry had an abness on his knee, which made walking difficult.

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Tarzan is a short name for the American flag. Its full name is Tarzan Stripes.

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Doctors now treat patients with ultra-violent rays.

A mosquito is the child of black and white parents,



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At Home

State Lotteries

A suggestion has been put forward by "Parvel" that, in order to raise money on cheaper terms, the Government should appeal to the speculative spirit of the normal man. He proposes that this should be done by the issue of loans at a low rate of interest, but carrying the chance of a prize for the holder.

In effect, this is a form of lottery, and, as "Parvel" clearly foresees, the scheme will certainly meet with fierce opposition. He urges that we "should shed the hypocrisy that is fettering us."

The history of State Lotteries in England dates back for more than 300 years. Early in Queen Elizabeth's Reign, money was raised by means of a State Lottery for the repair of harbours. A lottery was floated in 1612, to assist the Virginia Company in establishing English Settlers in North America. In the year 1699, an Act was passed declaring all lotteries to be "common and public nuisances."

That should have finished lotteries. One can be forgiven for believing that it would have been the end of State Lotteries; but no, State Lotteries were issued from time to time until 1823, when an Act was passed which provided for the discontinuance of lotteries.

Let us now take the word "hypocrisy" as used by "Parvel" Temperance enthusiasts say that the consumption of alcohol is a sin, yet the Chancellor of the Exchequer expects to raise

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Most prints can be improved by judicious "trimming"—cutting away unwanted portions with a sharp pair of scissors or a trimming board.

The Autographic feature, which enables you to note on the picture itself what exposure you gave and the name of the subject and the lighting conditions at the time, the time of day, etc., before winding on, is very valuable because it enables you to get the exposure right next time if your picture is a failure through over or under-exposure. Your photographic dealer will usually tell you when returning your negatives and prints whether your exposures were correct or not.

Fair-haired sitters are usually best portrayed against a darkish background, and dark sitters against a lightish background. When you "stop-up" (or "stop-down") to the next f. number you double (or halve, in the second case) the amount of light admitted to the film. In other words you double (or halve) the exposure. Example:—You think right stop to

use, with 1-25th sec. (snapshot), but you want to make quite sure of your picture. So you snap one at f.11 and the second at f.8. The second snapshot will have been given twice as much exposure as the first.

The famous photographic slogan, "Expose for the shadows : the highlights will look after themselves," means that when estimating the amount of exposure required you should look at the darker parts of the scene and estimate how much exposure will be required to register the detail there ; not necessarily all, the detail the eye can see—some of it may be ugly—but all the detail you want in your picture.

At one famous London restaurant-Simpson's, in the Strand-40 sheep, 15 oxen, and 20 pigs are used. every day for joints, steaks, chops, and meat puddings,



Humour

"The sun never shines on him who cannot enjoy a joke."



Correcting Him

The old soldier was telling his story. "So," said he, "we started out from Wipers-" "Ypres," said the old lady. "Well, as I was saying, we started out from Wipers" "Ypres" said the old lady. We set off, as I say, from Wipers—" "Ypres," said the old lady. "Lumme, you ain't 'alf got 'iccups, mum," said the soldier.

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"What you runnin' for?" "To stop a fight." Who's the fight between? "Me an' another fellow!"

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Stage Hand (to stage manager)— "Shall I lower the curtain, sir? One of the livin' statues has the hiccups."

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Every time the bell on his type-writer tinkled, the absent-minded professor wrote, "Come in."

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"Can you tell me what conscience is?" I asked a little boy in my class.

Yes, teacher," he replied brightly; "it's something that makes you sorry for what you have done when you're found out."

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Badly-Informed Guide: "Ladies and gentlemen, on yo--er--r-right you see a monument erected last year to a noble cause." Old Lady:" And what does it stand for?"

Guide (after slight hesitation): "Because, madam, it would look silly lying down."

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Answer to Brain Teaser
on page 13

30 minutes.

Parent: "There is nothing worse than to be old and bent." "You don't."

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Young Son: "I think there is dad." "Well, what is it?"

Husband (arriving home late): Can't guess where I've been?

"To be young and broke."

Wife: "I can, but tell your story."

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Motorist (excusing himself for speeding)—"I was hurrying up to town to see my solicitor." Constable—"Well, you'll have some more news for him now!"

"Gerald," pleaded the girl, "please stop smoking for my sake."

"What on earth gave you the idea that I smoked for your sake."

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Circus Manager: "You want to speak to the Hindu Mystic, Miss?"

Girl Visitor: "Yes. Tell her it's her sister, Bridget."

She (passionately): "Will you ever love another dearest?"

He (wearily): "No, never, if I get out of this affair!"

It was one of those restaurants where the food was as good as the music was bad. You know the kind of place I mean! A diner, tired of the incessant whining of the fiddles, rose from his table and walked up to the conductor. "Pardon me," he said courteously, "do you play certain things by request?" But certainly monsieur," said the chef d'orchestre with gratification." Very well, then, you might be good enough to take our fellows away and play a game of snooker while I finish my dinner."

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The Maid: "There was a terrible storm last night, professor."

The Professor: "Then why didn't you wake me? You know I can't sleep during a storm!"

Reports No. 2 Area

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The Editor of The. British Lion wishes to express his regrets for the non-appearance of this report in the last issue. The hurry in preparation was responsible.

Mother: "You were a good girl not to throw your banana skins down in the train. Did you put them in your bag?"

Joan: "No, I put them in the pocket of the gentleman sitting next to me!"

Since the Xmas Holidays every move has been made to resume vigorous activity in view of the approaching General Election.

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Two members of a club were discussing the table manners of a new member.

"Well, what do you think of him? asked one. "Really dreadful," replied the other. I've heard soup gargled, and I've heard it syphoned, but, upon my soul it's the first time I've ever known it to be yodelled!"

The area has increased its strength of active members and the General meetings are well attended.

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Teacher: "What is an octopus?" Little' Girl: "A person who hopes for the best."

On Friday, nth January, at the Area Meeting we were honoured by the presence of the Chief of Men's Units, Lt.-Col. Johnston who appealed to all members to prepare for the coming fight at the General Election and to be ready to serve their country in her hour of need. This could only be done by every British Fascist acting up to his pledge "without Personal Consideration."

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"You don't 'alf look cold, you don't." "Oo do?"

On Friday, 25th February, we were honoured once again by having Captain R. Smith, General Secretary of G.H.Q. to address us, he

pictured England's troubles in his speech and pointed out the remedy; the time would come, he said when those who have ignored us would be proud and anxious to wear the Badge of the British Fascists.

Mr. L. J. Hirst,
Area Commander of the No. 2 Area.

Wishes to thank all officers and members of the organisation for their kind sympathy and floral tributes upon the death of his Mother.

F.C.C. Order

All Officers and Members in charge of Fascist Children's Clubs, are requested to forward the Official Report on the 1st of each month. This order MUST be complied with.

Helpers

Helpers from the Men's and Women's Units are urgently required for a couple of hours a week for the London Clubs. Apply F.C.C. Dept., G.H.Q.

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Uniform Women's Units

Uniform Regulations can be obtained by applying to "Uniform" G. H. Q. No. 1 Area.

On January 13th, an Open-air meeting was held on Hampstead Heath the speaker being Mr. Berger of Bournemouth area. Many copies of the "Lion" were sold and several recruits obtained. More meetings will be held very shortly.

The members are determined to live up to the name of their Area and be the "first," not only in name but in actions.

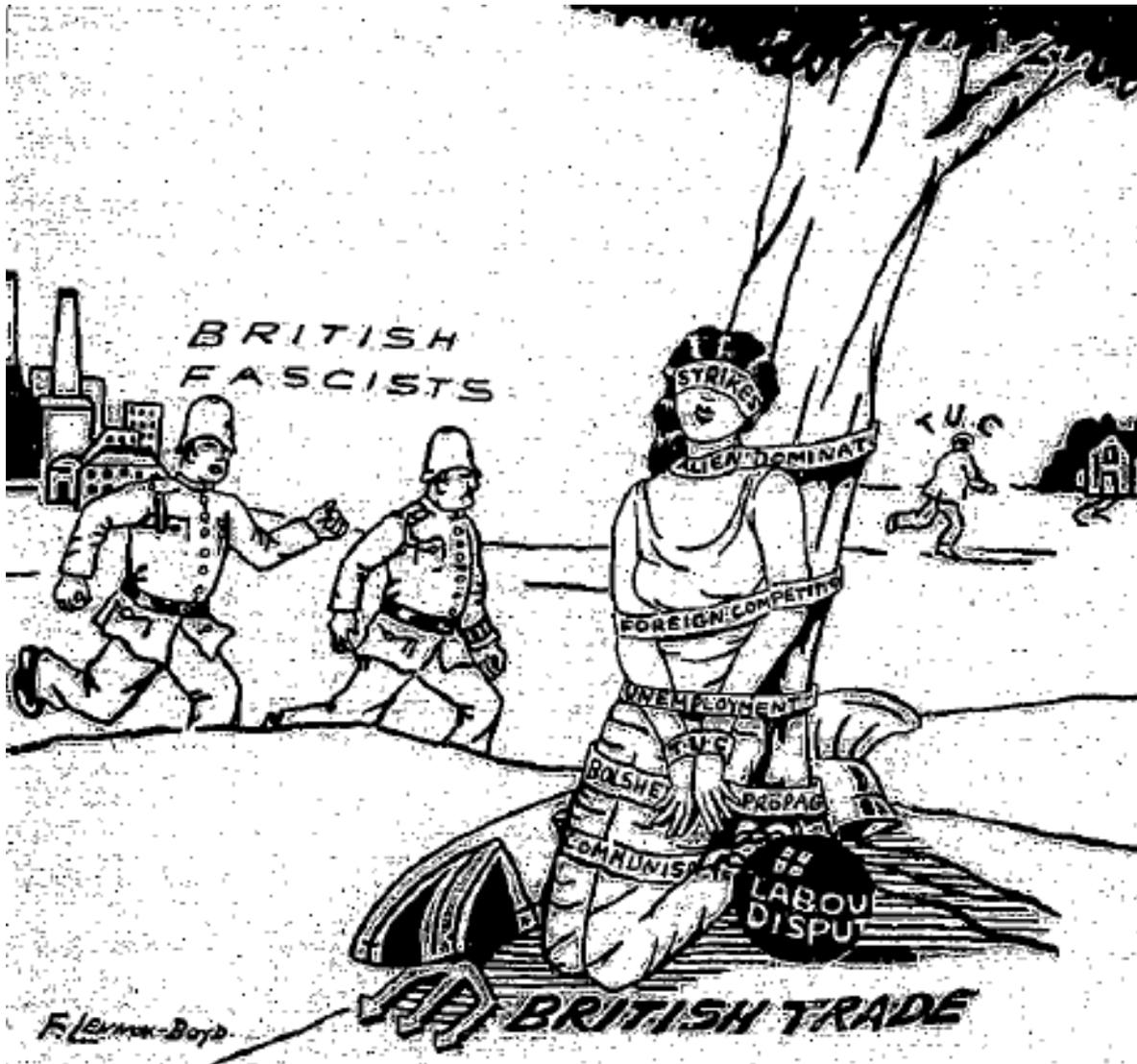
Correspondence should be addressed to the Area Commander, Mr. N. Francis-Hawkins, 128 Greencroft Gardens, Hampstead, N.W.6.

No. 3 Area (S.W. District)

A Carnival Dance held on Thursday. 13th December, at Holdron's Elizabethan Salon, Balham High Road, was well attended, the M.C. being Mr. J. B. Hibbs.

Christmas Carols

Carols this year were most successfully organised by the London Men's and Women's Units. Our enthusiastic singers were to be seen, with their Motor Lorry, gaily decorated with holly, in almost every district of London. Cold nor rain did not depress them, and they sang for eight nights, until after midnight. A/C L. Hirst, M/U., undertook Conducting, While A/C. N. Francis-Hawkins M/U was in charge of Collections. Over £19 was realised for The Fascist Children's Clubs.



MASS MEETING Kensington Town Hall, March 14th, 1929.

A very successful Mass Meeting organised by G.H.Q., in aid of The British Fascist Children's Clubs, was held at Kensington Town Hall, on the 14th March at 8.15 p.m. Lt.-Col. Lane took the chair, and Commander Locker-Lampson, R.N., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., was the principal speaker. Mrs. Passy, C.C. Staff, spoke on the Fascist Children's Clubs. An account of Commander Locker-Lampson's speech is printed elsewhere in this issue.

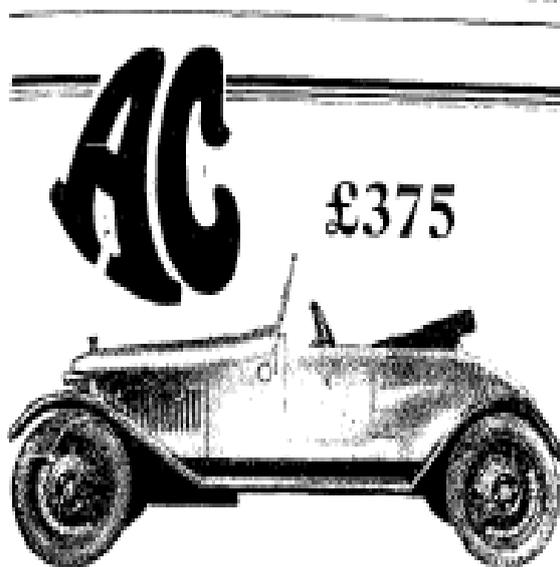
On Sunday, 17th March, there was a large Meeting in Trafalgar Square, also in aid of the F.C.C.'s. Recruits were enrolled, and many copies of The British Lion were sold. On Wednesday, January 16th, 1929, the Members of the W.U. held a dance at the Harpurhey Conservative Club. This was

organised by Fascist Lily Furlong and great credit is due to her for the success both Socially and financially, which attended it. Seventy people were present (only a small percentage being Members) and much advertisements was given to the Movement inconsequence.

The "Jazz '0' Letts " Dance Band one of the best known Bands in the district provided the music, and for a wonder there were very few non-dancers present.

Prizes were given (consisting of a box of cigarettes for the Gent: a box of Chocolates for the Lady) for a spot Waltz, the prizes being presented by. F. L. Raynor of the Men's Units, who acted as M.C.

Refreshments were provided and the Evening was voted a complete success by all present. The financial gain from the Dance was the sum of £1 0s. 6d., which was handed to Area Headquarters Funds.



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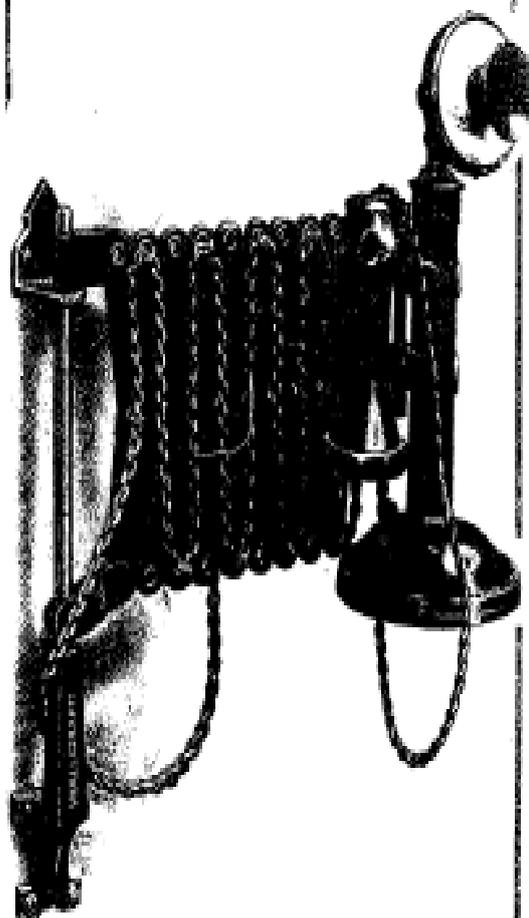
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