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NO CAPITALIST PEACE: *By St. Mungo*

The longer the War drags on the greater is the danger that it may end with a capitalist peace. An ending of that kind would be a gross betrayal of all the idealism that has inspired common men and women and children to make unprecedented sacrifices during the past three and a half years in the hope that by so doing the world would be freed from War for evermore. The War, we now know for certain, was caused by the conflict of capitalist interests; it is being prolonged by capitalist interests; and it may be ended for the sake of maintaining the dominance of the capitalist interests which set it in motion. The capitalists will lose no more time in making Peace, than they did in making War, if they think such is necessary in order to save capitalism from being overthrown by a general social revolution.

A capitalist peace under any circumstances means that the workers of Europe lose the War. A capitalist peace means the continuance of capitalism and the exploitation of the workers; and it will be an armed truce that will lead to more War. The capitalist system was born of force; it has been maintained by force; it cannot continue unless it is based on force. If the capitalists make the peace, the terms of settlement will not include disarmament, the abolition of secret diplomacy, the autonomy of small nations, or economic freedom for all States. There can be no real Peace unless these essential principles are embodied in it, and they will not be so embodied by capitalists. Only the workers will establish these principles as being necessary for an enduring Peace, and for that reason alone we must insist on a workers' Peace. Otherwise Labour will become the slave of an international capitalist power, euphemistically described as a League of Nations.

The capitalists of all countries realise that the War has given birth to revolutionary ideas which can only be controlled by an international power operated by capitalists to maintain "order" in Europe. This has been made plain by their frantic efforts to localise and crush the Revolution in Russia. In this project both sets of belligerent powers have found a common ground; and both have worked in various ways for the common aim of smashing the Revolution. They may differ as to which set of capitalists should exploit certain territories; but they are agreed that no territory should be free from capitalist exploitation. Hence their common desire to crush the Socialist regime in Russia. Unless Socialism is crushed in these countries it may raise its head in other lands.

A capitalist Peace will have for its aim the repression of revolution in Europe.

In all the warring countries there are discerning capitalists alive to the fact that the wave of revolution may flood Europe if it is not dammed in Russia; and none of them is more active in this respect than Lord Lansdowne, who wants Peace because a capitalist Peace is preferable to a general revolution. Lord Lansdowne is one of the Few who plunged this country into War; and if he now cries for Peace it is because he sees the social revolution looming on the horizon. We can offer no objection to Lord Lansdowne or any other lord or magnate swelling the chorus for Peace, but we do object to them asking us to join in their chorus, for their Peace anthem has a different tune from ours. He wants Peace to prevent a revolution: we want Peace as the prelude to a general revolution. He wants a Peace made by the men who made the War; we want a Peace made by the peoples who have suffered in the War. A Lansdowne Peace is a capitalist Peace, and that we do not want and will not have.

Some Socialists have been so far misled by his lordship's "standing and influence" that they think the cause of Peace is best served by rallying to the banner of Lord Lansdowne, and, with his capitalist followers, shouting for a Lansdowne Peace. These Socialists, too, are comrades who have spent much energy in the past three years telling the workers that the War was caused by secret diplomacy and capitalism, and would only be brought to an open and honest settlement by the workers taking the control of diplomacy and government into their own hands. Yet they are now in open association with one of the Few who caused the War, vainly imagining that he will procure for them the Peace which at one time they thought could only be won by the workers. How easily have these comrades forgotten their own principles and their own speeches and the workers' strength to make Peace. Evidently there is still magic in the call of a lord.

Let us look at the record of Lord Lansdowne and from it endeavour to find out if he is the man who will lead for an open and honest Peace. He has been a prominent politician for almost fifty years, and between 1869 and 1909 received in salaries from the State a total of £193,020—an average of almost £5,000 a year. This, too, in addition to the rental of £53,465, which he exacted annually from the tenants of his 135,517 acres in Ireland and England. He was a Lord of the Treasury in 1869-72; Under Secretary for War, 1872-4; Governor-General of Canada, 1883-8; Viceroy of India, 1888-93; Secretary for War, 1895-1900; and Secretary for Foreign Affairs, 1900-1905.

In none of these positions did Lord Lansdowne ever show any sympathy with the aims and aspirations of democracy, and it is unlikely he has changed his views now. He believes in the rule of aristocracy and plutocracy, and has acted according to that belief all through his public career. He was one of the men behind the South African War, and his was the hand which guided Britain into the European imbroglio with Germany over Morocco, which dispute undoubtedly paved the way for this War. As leader of the Unionist Party in 1914 he, with Bonar Law, wrote the letter pledging Unionist support of the Asquith Government if it went to War and the historians will tell us how much this letter helped the Asquith Cabinet to take the plunge. He was a member of the first Coalition Cabinet and helped, we presume, to draft some of the secret treaties, and accorded general approval of the iron heel policy at home. *Was it not his Lordship who wanted the Cabinet to inflict "drastic" punishment on the leaders of the Clyde movement against the Munitions Act?* Was he not an advocate of conscription before and during the War?

In domestic politics he has always been on the reactionary side. No man has offered stronger opposition to the enfranchisement of women than Lord Lansdowne, and he has also made himself notorious by his resistance to Home Rule for Ireland. He was against the Land Tax and the right of strikers to picket; all trade union legislation making for improvement has found in him an opponent. He owes everything to Labour, but Labour owes him nothing. Always he has been the friend of privilege and the foe of democratic progress.

And this is the man who is to lead the workers into the Promised Land where reside Peace and Prosperity!

If the workers want an honest Peace they will have to get it for themselves. Lord Lansdowne will not help them. Those who have to carry the burden of war must free themselves from its oppression. Peace, like freedom, comes from below, not from above, and the workers who rely on a Lord to lead them towards Peace are indeed weak. But the workers are not weak; they are strong; and if they use their strength, as it should be used, an honest Peace will not be denied them for long. A Lansdowne Peace would be better than war, but a workers' Peace is better still. And it is on the latter we should concentrate if we are really anxious to lead the world out of the hell of War into which it has been led by the class which is so well represented by Lord Lansdowne.

Lord Lansdowne is no friend of the peoples either in Peace or War.

THE BETRAYAL OF IRELAND

If the Government Home Rule Bill for Ireland be based on the recommendations of the Convention, it will prove to be a poor measure indeed, and unfortunately the present Government is likely to produce nothing better. The Irish Parliament suggested by the Convention is intensely undemocratic in character. The proposal to create a Senate of 64 members, including Archbishops, Lord Mayors, representatives of commerce and industry, labour, and local government, is of interest on this side of the water also; for a similar structure may probably be suggested as a Reformed Second Chamber over here. Highly reactionary are the proposals that 20 members of the House of Commons of 160 members shall be nominated by the Lord-Lieutenant, to give 20 extra seats to Ulster, and to guarantee 40 per cent. of the seats to Unionists, though they represent only 25 per cent. of the population. In the Senate it is predicted that the Unionists will get 70 per cent. of the seats. How could this be called a democratically elected Parliament? Again, the 42 Irish members of the British Parliament are to be elected, not by the people, but by the Irish House of Commons. Consider what would be said if this were done in Prussia!

The Irish Parliament would be, under the Convention's programme, not merely undemocratic in structure, but devoid of power. The executive power it is proposed to continue vested in the

King, and exercised through the Lord-Lieutenant on the advice of an Irish Executive. It is further proposed that Money Bills shall be founded only on Viceroyal messages, that the Irish Parliament may not legislate on the Crown, peace and war, treaties and foreign relations, dignities and titles, naval harbours, coinage, copyright and patent rights. Police and prison services are not to come under Irish control until after the War, and the question as to whether the Irish Parliament shall control Customs and Excise is to be left over till after the War. The Irish Parliament will in many respects, it seems, have less power than some petty Rural District Council! But small as the proposals are, they are too big for the more determined Unionists, and therefore the Government refuses to pledge itself to pass even so narrow a measure as this in return for Conscription. The answer of every self-respecting Irish man and woman will continue to be: "You can keep both your Bills!"

When War broke out, a Home Rule Act (not a satisfactory Act from the point of view of the Irish who desire independence; but nevertheless a more satisfactory measure than this) had passed through the various stages necessary for a measure to become law in this country. But the rules which apply in regard to our own British measures were disregarded where legislation was concerned

which affected a subject race. Because Sir Edward Carson and his friends threatened rebellion, British law was set aside and British faith was broken, the Home Rule Act was suspended, and now the Irish are asked to accept these infamously insulting and highly undemocratic proposals in its place. Of course they will say no; of course they will rebel against Conscription. Then coercive violence will be employed, and lives will be lost.

Dominion Home Rule has often been advocated for Ireland. We must point out that Canada, Australia, and New Zealand decide the question of Conscription for themselves. If Ireland had her own Parliament, the British Parliament would have even less right than at present to force Conscription upon her unwilling people! The Irish Legislature itself would decide this question. The Sinn Feiners, who are now the Irish majority, will never be willing to man an English Army. Obviously, the right thing to do is to drop the Irish Conscription clause.

FINSBURY PARK

Everyone should attend the Finsbury Park demonstration on Sunday, May 5th. This is the Marx Centenary year, and Socialists should now re-consecrate themselves to the International Socialist Cause.

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OUR DUTY TO YOUTH

As conscription relentlessly claims the lads in their eighteenth year the mass of them goes un-

The capitalist newspapers and magazines, the street wall advertisements, the novels and entertain-

Against this teaching of spurious patriotism we must set up for them the Socialist ideal of universal brotherhood and sisterhood;

Capitalist-Militarism is on the alert to mould the minds of the children in order that when they are up-grown they may submit their vital powers

Every day yet more boys reach their eighteenth year and conscription claims them; every day yet more girls become a part of the military machine.

Every day yet more boys reach their eighteenth year and conscription claims them; every day yet more girls become a part of the military machine.

E. SYLVIA PANKHURST.

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PORTSMOUTH SOCIALIST SUNDAY SCHOOL
A club for the elder children has developed from it which has a boy and girl committee, and a boy and girl act as secretaries.

GIVE THIS PAPER TO A FRIEND

National Workers' Committee Conference

On Saturday and Sunday, April 13th and 14th, a Conference of Workers' Committees, Manchester, London, London West, Leicester, Birmingham, Sheffield, Southport, Newton-le-

Are you in favour of the declaration of an immediate general armistice on all fronts for the purpose of an attempt being made at a general peace by negotiation, on the basis of no annexation, no indemnities, and the self-determination of nations?

Are you in favour of an International Congress of the Workers to be convened during the armistice, and that Labour shall be fully represented at the Peace Conference?

This was seconded by comrade Dunston, Manchester. Both mover and seconder said that after hearing the reports we could not ask workers to take action for peace.

When the Conference reassembled on Sunday morning W. F. Watson then moved the following resolution on behalf of the L.W.C.:

That this Conference recognising that the Government and the State are institutions erected for the specific purpose of protecting private property and perpetuating the machinery of the State, demands that a National Assembly of Local Workers' Committees directly representing the workers which shall render Parliament unnecessary by usurping its functions.

In the debate on this resolution, most of the delegates appeared to be of opinion that it would be foolish to ignore Parliament. Peet suggested we should send men there to Westminster with a distinctive policy.

On behalf of the London Workers' Committee, W. F. Watson moved: That the Workers' Committee declares itself in favour of an immediate armistice on all fronts for the purpose of instituting negotiations for peace on the basis of no annexations, no indemnities and self-determination of all nations.

The Workers' Committee further declares its intention of formulating proposals to place before an International Workers' Congress believing that such a Congress is the only body that can settle war and peace problems in the interests of the workers of the world.

CONTRACTS AND A CONTRAST

If the allowance of some poor soldier's wife is overpaid, if she receives allowance during her husband's desertion, after his discharge, or at any other time when she is not entitled to it, she is threatened with imprisonment, and it is imprisoned unless she can prove that she was ignorant of the authorities' mistake.

The price of a certain shell was reduced from £1 to 12s. 6d. in March, 1916, but the Ministry continued paying £1 for large quantities of shell till February, 1917. In one case the contract ledger reported payments of £1,400,000, though £4,700,000 had actually been paid.

These are just a few of the Ministerial expert's mistakes. Could the few workers do worse? The Comptroller reports that shortly before the Silvertown explosion conditions existed in the factory which were considered to have been the cause of earlier explosions.

FINNISH CAPITALISTS TO GERMAN INVADERS

General Mannesheim, Commander-in-Chief of the capitalist forces in Finland, thanks the German armies for driving out the Bolsheviks, expresses friendship for "Germany's great Kaiser," and hopes that the "iron discipline" of the German troops.

AMERICAN-JAPANESE AGREEMENT

As we expected, the American Government hung back from assenting to the Japanese invasion of Russia until the U.S.A. had struck a satisfactory bargain. Now Reuter announces that an agreement has been concluded at Kharbin which gives America control of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

COUNT CZERNIN

The statement that Count Czernin has come into conflict with the Austrian Slavs leaves us comparatively cold for the fact that the British Government is preparing a conflict with Ireland appears to us to be an affair concerning us more nearly.

PARLIAMENT AS WE SEE IT

April 9th.—Replying to Mr. King (L.), Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Russians transferred to the Reserve in September chose military service rather than repatriation.

INSANITY

April 10th.—The Home Secretary declared that there were thirteen C.O.s in prison and three in work centres who have been certified as insane!

VENEREAL DISEASE

April 11th.—Representations were made by Mr. King (L.) and Mr. Lees-Smith (L.) against the one-sided Regulation 40d. Sir G. Cave explained that it was intended "only for the protection of His Majesty's Forces."

AGE LIMIT

Mr. Macpherson stated the age limits for military service in Allied countries. We should like to point out that these limits can be no guide for Great Britain.

MILITARY SERVICE BILL

The entire debates of April 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 15th were devoted to the new Military Service Bill. It was heralded by a speech by the Prime Minister, which was dealt with in our editorial of last week.

"We have built a vast military structure on the broad basis of the lives of our best youth."

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

ANOTHER VICTIM

Mr. John Arnall was arrested in his house on Saturday, April 13th, by Scotland Yard officials for four speeches delivered in Finsbury Park (one in December, two in March, and one in April).

WORKERS VOTE FOR CHILD SLAVERY

The cotton workers have shown little foresight in their vote against the abolition of the half-time system, which is so injurious to their children.

THE W.A.A.C.s

The report of the Women's Commission of Inquiry into the position of the W.A.A.C.s in France proves and disproves nothing. The Commissioners, during their eight days' visit to France, could see little beyond what the military authorities desired them to see.

PEACE WORK

We need your help! Write to the Hon. Sec., W.S.F., 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

STRIKE AT ROBINSON & CLEAVER'S

The Irish Drapers' Assistants' Union reports that the employees of Messrs. Robinson and Cleaver, Belfast, have been on strike for forty-one weeks and that thirty-one summonses have been issued against the pickets for alleged obstruction.

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS

That the Government gave the agricultural labourers less than nothing when it gave them a minimum wage of 2s. is proved by the fact that the Wages Board for Norfolk has fixed the rate without overtime at 20s., and the Cheshire Board at 35s., with 9d. per hour overtime.

LORD HALDANE

Lord Haldane has again been talking about freedom and democracy. As a member of the Cabinet he must have known of the Morocco intrigue and at least some of the secret treaties.

TO PARENTS

You do not wish your little boys, who are still at school, to be trained for soldiers.

TEACH YOUR BOYS NOT TO JOIN THE BOY SCOUTS.

TEACH YOUR GIRLS NOT TO JOIN THE GIRL GUIDES.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN NOT TO DO MILITARY DRILL AT SCHOOL!

ENCOURAGE your children to join the Socialist Sunday Schools, Socialist Red Scouts and Socialist Leagues of Youth, because the Socialists are opposed to War, and your children will thus learn to hate War and love peace, and to understand that the workers of the world have no cause of quarrel.

PARENTS!

Read the Socialist papers and learn the truth about the capitalist wars in which your children are used for cannon fodder.

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EXTRACTS FROM ABBOT'S "LIFE OF NAPOLEON"

"A great victory, said the Duke of Wellington, is the most awful thing in the world, excepting a great defeat."

"The Liberal Party were ranged on the side of peace. Lansdowne, Bedford and Lauderdale in the Lords, and Fox, Sheridan and Grey in the Commons were the strenuous opponents of the war. They were sustained out of doors by a small minority of intelligent men, who saw through the arts by which the war was rendered popular, but, and it is a mournful fact, the advocates of peace were clamoured down, their persons and property left insecure, and even their families exposed to outrage at the hands of the populace.

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NEXT WEEK

"The Serbian Socialists and the European War," by Dushan Popovitch, secretary of the Serbian Socialist Party, will appear in our next issue.

WHATS' ON? W.S.F. FIXTURES OUT DOOR

FRIDAY, APRIL 19th.
Pretoria Road, Walthamstow, 5.30 p.m., Miss Price.
Chair: Miss Horsfall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th.
Great Push for Peace, Socialism, and Votes for All in the St. Pancras District: meet at 2.45 p.m., at 44 Malden Road (nearest Tube Station—Chalk Farm).
Speakers: Miss Price, Miss P. Rickards, Mrs. Walker. Meetings, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st.
Osborn Street, Whitechapel, 11.45 a.m.
Finsbury Park, 3.30 p.m., Mr. Kings-Lynne.
Hyde Park, 3.30 p.m., Miss Lambie, Miss Price, and others. Joint meeting to demand the Repeal of D.O.R.A. Regulation 40d.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th.
Chrisp Street, Poplar, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Cressall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th.
Hague Street, Bethnal Green, 11.30 a.m., Miss Price.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th.
Great Push.

INDOOR

MONDAY, APRIL 22nd.
44 Malden Road, 2.30 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier.
St. Pancras W.S.F., "Russia, Past and Present."
40 Old Ford Road, 8 p.m., Bow Branch Social.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th.
29b Lincoln's Inn Fields, 7.30 p.m., Rev. Stanley James, "The Romance of a Prison"; Mrs. Hooper, "The Present Outlook."

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd.
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The fact of a married man becoming automatically POORER at the birth of each child constitutes a cruel wrong to all children, and until each child has 7s. a week in its own individual right, as an infant citizen, suffering, war, disease, and poverty can never be abolished. Let us all demand this from our different Governments now, before it may be too late.

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A Joint Meeting to demand the withdrawal of D.O.R.A. Regulation 40d will be held in HYDE PARK, on SUNDAY 21st at 3 p.m.
Speakers from various Societies:

Women's Freedom League:
Workers' Suffrage Federation: MISS PRICE, MR. J. W. WILLIAMS.
In the Chair - MISS JEAN LAMBIE, S.W.S.P.U.

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FEDERATION NOTES

BOW.—A most successful recital and dance was held at 400 Old Ford Road on Saturday, April 13th. The large audience was enthralled by Mr. Edward Soermus's violin recital of music by Russian, Italian, and French composers, which exemplified the revolutionary spirit in their respective countries. Mrs. Bouvier gave a short speech on the aims and character of the Russian Revolution, in which she emphasised especially its international character, and the need for the same spirit in this country. Mr. Soermus then played "The Song of Despair," the Russian Revolutionary March, and Funeral March in honour of those who had fallen during the present Revolution. As one man remarked, "It is worth coming a hundred miles to hear him." He also played "The Red Flag" and the "International," which were sung by all present. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing. Our thanks to Mr. Soermus; Mrs. Ellis, Miss Wilkin, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Eglinton, who kindly aided with the refreshments; to Miss Van Raalte, who acted as accompanist; Mr. Leonard Sergeant for playing the dance music; to his friend for acting as M.C.; to the comrade and Miss Morley, who took the tickets; to Daisy Peyser and Lily Ainsworth for selling literature; to Mrs. Cox, Miss Halsey, and Miss Lagsding for their gifts towards the refreshments; and last but not least, to the Poplar members who helped to send out tickets, and thus contributed so largely to

securing the large attendance. On Sunday, April 14th, a well-attended meeting was held at 400 Old Ford Road. Unfortunately, Mrs. Bessie Ward was prevented by illness from opening the discussion on "Anarchism v. Parliamentary Government," but members of the audience carried it on in a spirited manner, and Miss Smyth gave a short address.

HULL.—Hon. secretary, Mrs. Bryant. A peace picket is being organised for Sunday, April 28th. Further particulars from Mrs. Bryant. On Wednesday, May 1st, a branch meeting will be held to discuss the picket and the Annual Conference agenda.

MISS MARSH.
Our readers will remember that Miss Marsh, W.S.F., of Portsmouth, was imprisoned for her pacifist views, also that she was turned off the Local Food Control Committee for the same reason. The Portsmouth Trades Council and other bodies have taken up the latter point, and have sent a deputation to Lord Rhondda demanding her reinstatement. Well done, Portsmouth!

We regret to hear that Mr. W. H. Mainwaring, of Rhondda, was arrested under D.O.R.A. for a statement which he made about maisons tolérées, when he moved a resolution of protest against them. We understand he has been granted bail.

WAR AIMS.

Each in a blood-stained pall,
Like mist off bloody waves,
Rank after rank they crawl
Out of their crater graves.

Rank after rank they cry,
"You called us forth to fight,
You called us forth to die
For Liberty and Right,

"So toiled we and so wrought we
For high and noble ends,
So strove we and so fought we,
As men fight for their friends;

"And is our sacrifice,
Our toil, our blood, our pain
To be the gambler's price
For Alsace and Lorraine,
"For Bagdad and Trieste,
For bits of Palestine,
For potash in the West,
For vineyards on the Rhine?
"Was it for this we paid
Our life, our very soul—
To capture German trade
And corner Briey coal?"

Rank after rank they rise,
The maimed and bloody dead,
"You lured us on with lies,
Our curse is on your head!"

RONALD CAMPBELL MACFIE.

THE MOTHERS' ARMS.

Volunteer helpers are urgently needed at the Mothers' Arms to help and care for and amuse the babies and to take them out in the Park. This is most useful and necessary work, besides giving real joy to those who are fond of children. Volunteers should write to Nurse Clarke at the Mothers' Arms, 438 Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

The Johannesburg Socialist weekly, "The International," says—

"The brotherhood of Capital and White Labour is becoming a reality. The mass of the miners down below are black. They work for three or four pounds a month so that their white boss miners may get £25 or £30 per month, and so that the boss M'kulu may get 10 per cent. To them it is immaterial which boss miner orders to build pigstyes. They are out of this affair altogether. A fig for your family quarrels, they say.

"At one time it seemed as if the tendency was for the white miner to ally himself with his black fellow workers. But the increasing co-partnership of the Chamber of Mines with the white Union militates against the healthy principle of the solidarity of labour irrespective of colour and of wage scales. In short, the Board of Reference is buying out the Union, and making it a Boss Boy over the 'nigger' working class."

The Zulu workers have a newspaper, the "Bantu Batho," which says:—

"Perhaps the people outside Johannesburg are not aware that there is an organisation of workers which is trying to organise itself called the Industrial Workers of Africa. It has been found that the whole country, its money and wealth, is made by labour, but all for nothing. One feels ashamed to see the sons of men going down into the bowels of the earth digging gold and diamonds and coal, yet only get three pounds a month. These men have found out that it is necessary to start the organisation which is known as the Industrial Workers of Africa."

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with special reference to the Education Bill

By E. SYLVIA PANKHURST

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