

NUREMBERG: DEATH TO NAZI CRIMINALS

TRIAL SERVED TO COVER ALLIED WAR GUILT

By BILL HUNTER

SALUTE THE DUTCH SOLDIERS!

Protest at War Against Indonesians

AMSTERDAM — 21st Sept., 1946.

During the second week in September, the soldiers at Harderwijk camp near Amsterdam, Holland, were informed that they were to embark for Indonesia.

Last week, the Committee issued two leaflets, one addressed to their fellow soldiers and the other to the workers of Amsterdam.

WORKERS OF AMSTERDAM

We thank you for the wonderful solidarity with which you supported us today in our struggle against being sent to Indonesia.

DOCKERS, SEAMEN AND RAILWAYMEN

We know that you made great sacrifices in the Dockers' and Seamen's Strike. It's not so easy for you to go on strike again.

We don't call you to a General Strike. With disappointment we read that the National Council of the E.V.C. (Dutch T.U.C.) has

taken a decision to withhold strike pay for action in support of Indonesia.

Therefore, we don't ask you to strike. But you can help us by declaring as contaminated, everything intended for use against Indonesia.

We now understand why the Government took such sharp measures against your Strike. They were afraid for the War against Indonesia. You see, you can prevent it.

Thus, we count on your support. Just think that you yourselves will have to serve for two years to fight against the innocent.

LONG LIVE THE BROTHERHOOD OF WORKERS AND SOLDIERS. WE DON'T WANT TO FIGHT FOR THE MONEY-BAGS!

Soldiers' Committee.

THE NUREMBERG TRIAL, WHICH BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 20th, 1945, HAS ENDED. GOERING, RIBBENTROP, STREICHER AND OTHERS—LEADERS OF FASCIST GERMANY, SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED BY ALLIED STATESMEN IN THEIR DAY—HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH OR TO LONG TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT.

BUT SHACHT, VON PAPEN AND FRITSCH HAVE BEEN RELEASED. THEIR GUILT, LIKE THAT OF THE BIG FINANCIERS OF GERMANY, IS NO LESS THAN THE GUILT OF THE OTHER NAZI GANGSTERS.

BUT LIKE THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, THE INDUSTRIALISTS AND BIG FINANCIERS WHO PROFITED FROM THE WAR, THEY ARE TO ESCAPE THEIR JUST DESERTS.

Battle Against German Workers

Fascism systematises and accentuates all the repressive brutalities and horrors of capitalism in decay. A harassed and desperate ruling class, utilising the sweepings of human rubbish, reaches ghastly lengths of bestiality. That much was known by the working class of the world, and least of all, of Germany, have no cause for tears over the fate of the Nazi leaders.

The statement of General Von Fritsch, quoted in evidence at Nuremberg, made it clear that one of the major Nazi aims was "to win the battle against the working class".

MOLOTOV DOFFS HIS HAT TO RIBBENTROP, 24th AUG. 1939



The capitalists of Britain, America or France all applauded the Nazis when they smashed the German working class movement and massacred the finest workers.

In November, 1939, Molotov said:

"Today so far as the European great powers are concerned, Germany is in the position of a state which is striving for the earliest termination of the war and for peace, while Britain and France, which but yesterday were declaiming against aggression are in favour of continuing the war and are opposed to the conclusion of peace. Roles you see are changing."

The Real Purpose Of The Trial

For over ten months the Nuremberg trial has run its course. It has focused the attention of a mixed array of international jurors, and the gradually waning interest of the working class.

Nuremberg was an effort, on the part of the Allies, to convince the world working class that once the Nazi leaders pay their reckoning, the account is closed.

Hypocrisy Of Allies

During this ten months, while the prosecutors of Britain, France, America and the Soviet Union, listed the sickening crimes of Nazism, world events showed the hypocrisy of the prosecuting Allies.

The British prosecutor prated about justice. Meanwhile, Dr. Kiessbach, according to "Tribune" Sept. 6th, declared opponent of de-Nazification—was placed by British Imperialism, in charge of the German "Central Office of Justice."

While the court-room resounded with castigations of Nazi oppression and racial discrimination, American Imperialist suppression was active in the Philippines, and lynch law was rampant in the Southern States.

The prosecutors denounced the occupation methods of the Nazis. Yet, even while the French prosecutor mouthed phrases of indignation, the agents of French Imperialism were torturing the natives of Indo-China and burning their villages.

The miseries of slave labour under the Nazis were related to the court at the same time as ten million Germans were uprooted and wandered homeless as a result of the wholesale expulsion policy of the Soviet Bureaucracy.

In face of world events during the trial, who can deny that at Nuremberg the pot called the kettle black, blackening itself still further even while doing so?

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RELEASE THE PARATROOPERS

Officers Should Have Been on Trial Not Men

BY G. NOSEDA

A storm of protest is sweeping through the organised Labour movement in Britain against the vicious sentences imposed upon the Paratroopers at Kluang, Johore.

These monstrous sentences have been imposed upon these workers-soldiers for daring to take the only effective course of action open to them, as a protest at the intolerable and degrading camp conditions under which they were expected to live.

The O.C. of the men concerned, claimed in his evidence, that he had warned the men against taking collective action on their complaints, that the only method recognised in the army of presenting grievances, was by individual complaint.

It was this knowledge that was one of the factors in deciding the paratroopers to stand together in their protest. There was no other effective way open to them.

It is clear that not the 255 paratroopers should have been court-martialled but those officers responsible for allowing the filthy camp conditions to continue.

For the whole company of men there, as the evidence showed, only four water taps were available and one of those reserved for the use of sergeants.

B.O.A.C. Strike

A.E.U. Break-Away Responsibility of A.E.U. Leaders

RANK AND FILE MUST WIN BACK A.E.A. WORKERS

BY F. EMMETT

The strike of Air Line workers on September 12th cannot be easily understood unless the background to the dispute is examined.

Put simply—perhaps over simply—the answer is that these workers have lost confidence in the established Unions (A.E.U., E.T.U., T.G.W.U., etc.).

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charge was another grievance. The prosecution's evidence was completely unable to refute these charges.

The same shabby method of collecting prosecuting evidence was carried on as happened in the case of the R.A.F. militants who were court-martialled earlier this year.

These vicious sentences are an act of criminal injustice perpetrated upon working class youth conscripted into the armed forces of British imperialism, by a reactionary and anti-labour military caste.

The organised working class movement must solidarise with the victimised paratroopers and demand their immediate and unconditional release.

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LESSONS OF THE SQUATTERS MOVEMENT

Statement Issued by the London District Committee, R.C.P.

The squatters had to leave their new houses, forced out by the State acting on behalf of the rich property-owners. But the fight for housing the homeless and overcrowded continues.

Effect of the Movement

This movement has had some "great efforts. First of all, it has brought the reality of the housing problem sharply before the eyes of the people of this country.

It has shown up the plight to which millions of people are condemned, as a result of capitalist rule. Building has been carried out for the profit of private builders, speculators and landlords, not for the needs of the people.

the working class, in mortal struggle with the capitalist class, can show the way to solve the housing crisis.

These are the positive achievements of the Movement. The Squatters deserve the gratitude of the whole working class for taking the struggle for homes a step forward.

Role of Labour Leaders

And the movement has done a great job of educating the working class itself. It has shown that when the Labour Government is faced by a revolutionary threat to capitalism, it rallies to Capitalism's defence.

in order to meet the most elementary needs of the workers.

The Government follows in the footsteps of all capitalist politicians and the Yellow Press. Instead of attacking the cause of the problem, and taking vigorous measures to solve it, they immediately scream that "agitators" are responsible.

It is the same method as they employ when the workers go on strike.

Protest Arrests

We denounce the Government's action in arresting Communist Party Leaders, and call for the immediate withdrawal of all charges against them.

For An Honest Accounting

But if we are to make an honest accounting, it must be admitted that the movement failed to achieve the desired result.

The squatters found themselves in a hopeless position. With the whole power of the State against them, only a great mass movement of the working class could have defended them.

This was not an accident. Those who led the movement, namely the Communist Party Leadership, bear the responsibility.

Lack of Political Preparation

The movement should have been preceded by a wide political campaign.

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