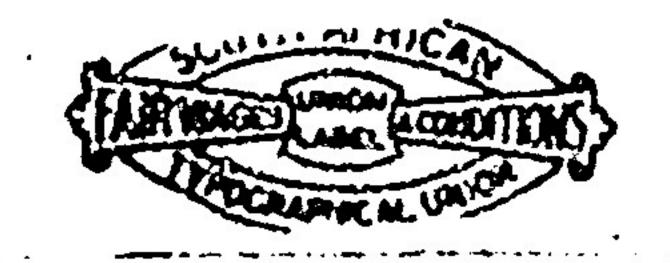
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THE SEAMY SIDE OF ZIONISM.

What heart has not responded to the call of the soil whence his race has sprung: "Breathes there a man with soul so dead?". Just as the sternest Intérational will oft-times turn in thought to the spot where his mother crooned the lullabies of babyhood above his slumber, so also the sentiment is not to be ignored of a race of men who, in the turmoil and acridity of the age of iron in which they find themselves, cast reminiscent eyes to a land of milk of honey where the ancient mothers of the race first bore them. There sure, in the bosom of a mother land, amid soothing groves of sweet content, is an escape to be found. Vain Hope! When this Utopian dream is bound up with religious ectsacy it acquires a double intensity.

While not wishing to deny the worth to human kind of the sentiment behird Zionism; we wish to show how all worthy sentiments, that of patriotism and Zionism included, under the Capitalist system are susceptible of being exploited in the interests of the ruling class.

When our Jewish friends jump for joy at the patronage of Zionism shown by the British Government, let us remember that Governments are only veiled manifestations of the Capitalist system. How the coming of that system, as Marx put it, 'has left no other tie between man and man but naked self-interest and callous cash payment. It has drowned religious ecstacy, chivalrous enthusiasm and middle class sentimentality in the ice-cold water of egotistical calculation." Zionism is no exception to that, as we shall prove.

Zionism is a torm that Anarchist Communism takes among Jewish idealists. Where there is an industrial -proletariat shorn of past illusions and full of the international spirit it sees clearly that the thing to do is not to destrov capital while destroying Capitalism. It sees that its task is to capture the enemy's artillery, to "wrest all capital by degrees from the bourgenisie." and turn the huge machinery of Capitalism which has hitherto oppressed it into a blessing for man kind.

But where the proletariat is as vet undeveloped and tinged with the ideas of small producers, it is prone to look for relief in petty schemes, arcadias, the simple mill and its quaint stream and the village cobbler, and the peasant farmer, and the faithful dog under the elms watching the lambs, and the weaver weaving on his little loom,

and the village blacksmith, in short, small production, the era that preceded Capitalism and vanishing relics of which still linger, as in the Palestinian hinterlands, not yet invaded by the thundering hoofs of Imperialist Capital. It seeks to destroy capital, the conquests of human industry and invention, with the destruction of Capitalism.

Zionism is one of the forms which this archaic longing, this looking backward takes. There are two reasons why it receives the patronage of the Capitalist Governments. The first is that the minds of the young Jewish people are by it side-tracked from the class struggle. Just as Christians are taught to waive their rights in this world for the blest inheritance to come, so it is hoped that the militant young Jewish Socialists who form such a valuable part of the great International Socialist movement, will be satisfied with a toy arcadia in Palestine.

There is another and far more compelling reason for the sudden conversion of the European Governments to Zionism. Britain is willing to allow Jewish autonomy (under the aegis of British Capital) in order to provide a back door which will enable it to pass freely from Egypt to India. Belgium and Alsace-Lorraine are only kites. the bone of contention is the Baghdad Railway. "The Cambridge Magazine" quotes the Austrian paper "Reichsbote" as wishing to support Zionism, and urging Austria to do like England: avoid any suggestion that it is really connected with international politics.

The Austrian paper also demands a Jewish republic, but under the protection of Turkey. "We must cut the ground from under the feet of the Anglo-American Powers, says the Reichsbote."

Mr. van der Wielen, Chief of the Dutch Bureau of Public Information, is also quoted by the "C.M." as fol-10WS:--

I do not want you to go away, however, with the impression that the sympathies of the Allies with Zionism in contradistinction to the Central Powers, is an unselfish one The Allies will look after their own interests as much as Germany if the question of Liouism charles up. . I have told we determine solfish out Both the Aller and the Aller a Powers will be only a second with the second second

half of realising the Zionistaim as is compatible with their private interests. England will be thinking of Suez, and keeping which she has captured.

Thus Zionism is in no danger of being dished. Both belligerents are in its favour, for reasons that concern themselves. It wili be realised, either under Anglo-American auspices (Caratal) or German-Austrian auspices (Capital). The Jewish people will Hoek there by the million, let us say, especially the poorer, whose fares the rich Jews will pay to get them out of ...e wav. Anglo-American or Austra-German Capital will develow the courstry for its own sake and also a place of call for the great hinterland which is still left for world Capital to exploit.

The Zionists will then be in the position of the Boers in this country when ther were "given their country back." They will be boss, politically. But Capital knows neither race nor creek. Jewish labour will have to be exploited, as cheap as possible. The compettition of the Arabs will see to the cheapness. Iwo Jewish parties will spring up, a Botha party having the interest of the Anglo-American commercant pices' (Capital) to look after, and a Hertzog Party, looking after the National (or small producers) interesta-Later, as the industrial development goes on, a Jewish proletariak will spring up; who, gaining class collsciousness, will fight both parties is the name of International Sacislian.

Does it not make one weary, mow all the eve of Social Revolution, to have this minature Capitalist development in the land of promise? Why not fight the battle of International Socialism now, instead of another farty years its the wilderness. Only in the day of Char triumph of the international profession iat will all nationalities gain their true ideals and find expression.

Trotsky said that the suffrage is solete (as a means, to action). is the sort of satisfaction you and of it.

Mr. Brace, the Miners' M.F., and the other day a question by Mr. I. Smith, he replied:

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Children of the Ghetto.

By S. P. B.

The Native Affairs Department is introducing a Bill in Parliament to establish municipal locations and enclosed "hostels" (hospitable word!) in which all town natives of both sexes, except landowners, Cape voters, servants living on their master's premises and a few other 'exempts,' will be compelled to reside, and outside which, generally speaking, no native may even hire land or, presumably, buildings on it. These places are to be controlled by the municipalities, which may regulate for their 'good order" (alias "loranorder"); allot sites for church, school or trading purposes: (Oh, to be a Councillor!) establish servants' registries and servants' training institutions (how to black boots in three lessons); register all contracts of service, with power to prevent or cancel such registration (who said a black blacklist?) with more monthly fees to pay, over and above the pass fees, of course; exclude from the urban areas any natives who are unable to give proof of their means of honest livelihood (what ho! for municipal deportations); fix the night hours when Jim mayn't walk the streets without a "special;" regulate the use of public streets or thoroughfares by natives ("fined £5 for being in Commissioner Street''--sounds just like the War Market!); and hold a monopoly in Kaffir beer. One typical piece of humbug permits the Municipality to establish native advisory boards: we know these nominated · Conneils.

So. The notorious Native Administration Bill drives the luckless 'boy' to the towns for a living (though the white man in turn can't or won't go "hack to the land"), and now this Natives (Urban Areas) Bill, as it is called, having got him to the town, boxes him up in a wholesale kaya where the wicked working-class propaganda agitator shall cease from troubling and the nigger, like a prisoner, be "at rest.

Much of the Bill consists of re-enactment, it is true. But hang it, come, Esay, you know," this sort of thing, even hy way of re-enactment, really is rather astounding in these days of freedom for oppressed nationalities, medvancement of the native towards minimation, equality of opportunity, distinctions, capital and labour hand in hand, and the happy release of the G.S.W. and E.A. populations from the Hun voke,—isn't it, now? Repeal would have been more un-to-date.

But naither Bill is law yet; nor ever will be if the workers will-not petition the Government, that is played cout, nor even demonstrate merely, but manine to exercise the industrial comer that will remove mountains. Phose affected by the Urban Bill are mearly all workers and can and will months. despite the lecation harbed This kind of law was well known man with what outcome we all now; it is still in force in Ber-

lin. where they have already started, and also "somewhere else" (as Litvinoff said) where they will soon be starting, a proletarian revolution to lock out the Capitalist class, whether lurking behind the Native Affairs Department or any other hideous grinning masquerade.

All Those who are Heavy laden.

Come unto me all ye who are weary and heavy laden and I will put you in clink.

Glyndwr Davis, the fiery recruiting parson, told his church a story the other day:--

A coloured man was going along an East Rand Suburb one Sunday morning. He saw a number of people entering a church, and as he was " far from home he mingled with them, intending to spend the hour in worship; but no sooner than he was inside he was jostled out. A policeman was hailed, and he spent the next hour in the charge office instead of the Church. On Monday he was convicted and fined £1 for trespassing on a mivate place — a church! They could not wonder at that man turning around and saying: "I shall have no more of your religious mockery with its theoretical 'Come unto me,' and your practical £1 or a month with hard labour."

Ah well. Glendwr old man, walls do not a prison make. What you worry about is that he got into the wrong prison. Here you were, setting vonr bird lime to catch this man's soul and mind and body for Capitalist spoof and someone blew the gaff and spoiled the game. Now he is free from mental slavery though prison walls surround him. Anyhow, what about your "theoretical" Sermon on the Mount and your "practical" killing Germans with your mouth?

Botha put the kaibosh on the conscription conspiracy by telling the Recruiting Conference that, instead of getting more men for Flanders, it would require men from Flanders to come here to enforce it.

But Oom Louis is a simple soul. They don't want conscription to send men to Flanders. They want conscription in order to-well to have conscrip. tion, to get the workers tabulated and ticketted and regimented, to work or to fight doesn't matter which.

The Building Workers Industrial Union, or at least the Johannesburg Branch of it, has passed a recommendation that all movision for "Benefix" he struck out the modelli added with This With the same of the same And we trust a first the first terms. ing-class that .

The Natives on the Land.

ANAX JUNIUS communicates to us a "Doubt" as to whether it is possible to propagate Socialism at this stage among the non-industrialised natives. "They are still living in a tribal state, being small lightsmen and farmers."

But Scientific Socialism kus never had any doubt on this Matter. No Marxist will expend energy preaching the class struggle to the backward peasantry until the industrial proletariat is in such an advanced stage that a base is afforded from which to enlist the peasants to the proletarian revolution. Tolstor decried the Marxian dogma that the workers must first become bereft of property and pass through the industrial mill before Labour can emancipate itself. But events have proved it. The fown proletariat has been the clear sighted leader of the yast masses of Russian workers through a maze of confusion which the peasantry could never have hoped to tread alone.

It has been repeatedly stated in "The International" that the one hope of the Social Revolution in South Africa is that Capital should hurry up its development of large industry, and thus enable the native workers to acquire the stability and co-operative psychology of a revolutionary proletariat. On INDUSTRIAL Solidarity

alone we base our hope.

Nevertheiess, no distinct line can be drawn between the native on the soil and the native in the town industries. There is constant intermigration. The inatives in the reserves are themselves right up against the wage system. Nearly all the natives in the Natal reserves work intermittently for the sugar farmers and further afield. Though many may be comfortably off, in the mass they are never far from want and misery. That is the object of the reserves in the Capitalist order of things, a cheap sponge to take in and squeeze out the reserve unemployed as required.

Nothing shows the power of modern Capital so much as the utter inability of the ordinary "fellaheen" of the Zulu reserves, with pienty of land to work on, to rise to comfort, leave alone affluence; for want of tools and oxen, in short, capital. They are compelled to sell their labour to the machine owning sugar farmer. The ground allow-'ed them is mainly for the purpose of breeding on.

Misery and want alone can never produce a revolution. It can only produce anarchists. The means of some anity must be there. These are provided by Capitalist industry in its in phase. It is to the amelianaling in Auence of the large manier that the Socialist looks for the development of a revolutionary makes. while, the father with the principle with the harvest. The hours printer, colomit, and the same of the s

The Woman Ouestion.

By J. M. G.

Far back in the history of mankind. before the dawn of civilisation, when the thought of inequality had not yet penetrated the mind of humanity, the female was the equal of mainkind and sometimes more so. J.M.G. is an Irishman. Ed.] She was the sole authority for the authenticity of birth. In her was vested that mother right that made her the head of the family and gave her authority in the counsels of the tribe.

THE FALL OF MAN.

The passing away of the old communal life gave birth to a form of society based on private ownership. One of the many diseases inherent in thisform of society, called civilisation, was the fall of woman from her high position as head of the family. Man as the usurper claimed everything he could lay hand upon, enslaving his mate, reducing her to a mere chattel, a slave, subject to repressions and obscurity, which has been her lot during the centuries.

The cross of civilisation, whilst resting heavy upon the mass of humanlity, has been more brutal in the burdens it has imposed upon women. No matter what her position in socie-Atv. she bears the smudge of slavery, has always been the victim of economic dependence upon man, forced hy this dependence to enter into ill-assorted marriages that degrade both man and woman, making life one long jarring wrangle, stiffing the humanity in both.

In adapting herself to this dependence upon man, and looking to the marriage market as a means of securling her future, she in many instances has developed into a bundle of flabby sentiment, something between an an-Agel and an idiot. The lady type leading an aimless life dressed like a figure from a fashion plate, an animated peg to display the gorgeous drapery supplied by those upon whom she is dependent, a caged hird confined by the conventionalities of society, an oblect of pity no less than her sister at the other end of the pole, the so-called I free woman who sells her body openly to procure the necessaries of life.

Between the two poles we have the thousehold drudge, the workers' wife, toiling from early morn till late at night, no eight hours for her. The slave of a slave. Her body worn to a shadow. Her mentality restricted; life one long weary toil in what is called kome, that is not a home but a mere shelter. A slave without any hope of freedom.

Thus has civilisation enslaved women making them pawns in the game of life. servile tools for the reproduction of the species, glossed over in all sections of society by hypocritical cant, and hollow social customs that but thinly cover the mutrid condilion-beneath.

Women as members of Roval talliles are denied apv right or choice in the disposal of themselves in mairing

Their future is arranged in accordance with plans to perpetuate dynastics The daughters of the impecunious nobles are sold by this legalised prostitution to the newly rich. Whilst the daughters of the mass of the people are forced to look to the marriage market in the hope of securing a husband, and be the mothers of the succeeding generations. Failing in the marriage market many are forced by economic conditions to become common prostitutes, victims of a social system that fails to ensure to them the essentials of life.

TOTES NO REMEDY.

The woman question is one of the many social problems that can never be settled under our present Capitalistic form of society. Give them the vote, will their economic position be one iota improved? Open up all the fields of employment for which their estrength and faculties are adequate, with higher education enabling them to enter the professions, thus increasing the competition in those professions, intensifying the antagonism, reducing the status by lowering the remuneration for services rendered, their entry into other industrial occupations will but sharpen the competitive struggle, causing it to rage more fiercely.

There is no hope under our present form of society of giving that freedom, that equality which is her birthright. You may ameliorate the harsh. ness of life in individual cases; but in the mass there is no emancipation Her freedom from the bondage of to day is inseparable from the freedom of the race. Only under Socialism will she receive that economic freedom that will place her in society, not the serf of man, but his equal, his comrade and mate, restoring to her the freedom of which civilisation robbed her.

This freedom will come with the freeing of the masses, both men and women, from the economic slavery of ' our present system.

Just as the mass of male workers are unconscious of their slavery, so are the majority of women. But there is a gradual awakening. Many have had their mental vision cleared, enabling them to see their degrading position in society, and are bearing the burden in the struggle toward emancipation. They are lifting their eyes. towards the dawn, the rebirth of hvmanity, a returning to the first principies of human society, by the spiral upward curve of revolution.

In the onward march during the civilisation period, society has picked. up much that is good and much that is bad. In obedience to the law of evolution it will drop the bad, retaining, the good; building society on the basis of mutual aid and equality, freeing. woman and restoring to her that mother right which has been denied to her down the centuries, since the dawn of civilisation.

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Getting Under Wav.

Talbot Williams has been on a propaganda tour in Natzl and the Free State. Although the local Press, which gives lengthy reports of his purely pro-colour agitation, suppresses the class struggle propaganda, Talbot Williams says that the propaganda of Working-class solidarity was enthusiastically received everywhere by the coloured workers, and his printed speech, the 'Call to the Non-European workers" to combine, has made a stir among the coloured and native workers in the Free State.

The Management Committee of the League, on the recommendation of the Leaslet Sub-Committee, has adopted this reprint for distribution on a large scale during the coming months, under the title of 'The Burning queskion of Labour in South Africa." Extracts of this reprint were given in the "Internationial" a few weeks ago, and the Leaflet Sub-Committee states that nothing so "native." so "racy of the soil" has appeared in working-class literature in South Africa vet. Its appeal is universal, to white, black and coloured. The MC. has under consideration a scheme for the most thorough distribution, first in the coast towns, that we have vet done of any leaflet. The movement of Labour in " South Africa is beginning to find its centre of gravity, its home, among the real proletariat in this country. But we have a lot to do. The Revolution is knocking at the door, and the native and coloured workers must be told to ". wake up, and the white worker must be enlisted for the job of waking them. up. This new pamphlet does all that.

League Notes.

JOHANNESBURG CENTRAL. -This Branch had a good roll up of members at its monthly meeting last Tuesday. There were lively discussions, ranging from the Solidarity Committee to resuming public meetings and leaflets. The proceedings were enlivened by the presence of two new members, old contrades in the movement, one from America, Comrade Hanscomb, and Comrade Tinker, from Rhodesia: both originally brought up in the British Socialist movement. The branch is it a health. state and the Executive Report show ed unremitting activity. The Brade is alive to the responsibility of keeping the "International" going. All was paid in affiliation fees to the Head Office last month, solely from menhers' subscriptions to the Branch.

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Germany's Revolutionary Proletariat.

The great news of the week is the revolt of the German proletariat. The facts are known to our readers. Hundreds of thousands of workers in Berlin alone, practically the whole proletariat of that city, out on strike, and the same state of affairs in many other large industrial centres. The strike is still smouldering, but we gather that it is dwindling out.

The suggestion that the news may be exaggerated by the British Press Bureau won't hold water now, as the present Northcliffe Government knows more about the international psychology of the workers and its reactive power than any of its predecessors. For some time past it has been its policy to belittle rather than extol revolutionary sparks in Germany, knowing the encouragement it gives to Socialist agitation everywhere. Indeed, it is said that one of the chief concerns of the international meeting of belligerent financiers at Berne was how to preserve the Kaiser regime, as it was the last remaining bulwark of the ruling class in Europe. At that Conference Allied talk of democratising Germany was pooh poohed as highly dangenerous to their own interests as well as to that of German Capital.

Every united effort of the proletariat by the mere fact of unity has a revolutionary significance. But in the case of this great uprising its revolutionary character was enhanced by the political nature of the demands. 'PEACE AND BREAD.' It is with this tocsin that the Russian workers broke forth in Revolution. A peace enforced by the workers will be a revolutionary peace, and a revolutionary peace will be the first stage of Social Revolution.

For the time being the effort of the German proletariat has failed. The will to revolution was there in no small degree, but the armed workers were not there to enforce it. They were in the trenches.

The experience and education which this temporary rebuff affords the German proletariat is incalculable. As in Russia, the police were the standbacks of the ruling class. In the main the army could not be trusted. Strange to say the army has seldom been brought into civil strife in Germany. Liebknecht in his book "Militarism and Anti-Militarism" says:

It is just in Germany that the employment of the military in the economic fights is not customary.

The cause of this militarist moderation does not lie in an especially kindly and upright way of thinking on the part of the authorities.

Quite the contrary. Germany has a strong force of police and of Gendarmerie, excellently organised from the point of view of the employing class.

The well armed police perperform here the functions which are elsewhere left to the military.

place the Independent Socialists definitely as enemies of the Capitalist State, it will kill lip service to national defence among Revolutionary Socialists.

it will turn tens of thousands of proletarians from Fatherlanders into Bolsheviks; it will stir the army to prepare to stand by the people in the next encounter, just as the 1905 counter-revolution in Russia made straight the path of Ithe proletarian triumph of 1917; with years condensed into months in Germany's case.

These and many other rumblings make the military issue pale. "The Star" lets out the bourgeois hysteria and hate when it says that if the British, French and Italian proletariat follow, "they will indeed prove that they are fit subjects for a drastic course of Kultur administered through the toe of the jack-boot." The bourgeoisie are preparing for the international class war.

White Mine Workers!

After the Annual Meeting of the S.

A. Mine Workers Union last Sunday that organisation may be given up as a power for advancing the cause of the workers. Having elected a Mr. Paul, whose sole distinction at the Trades Union Congress was that he led the anti-colour rage there, to be vice-president, the Union decided by an overwhelming majority that all Union subscriptions be paid through the mine office. Thus is the brother-hood of Capital and Labour finally sealed.

We will now have a Mine Workers Union kept up by monies levied by the Mine management. In no time all workers will be compelled to allow the deduction whether they like it or not, and the Union men of four years ago who refused then to quit the Union will now be victimised by the bosses as soon as they decide it is no longer worthy of support. This is again another instance, Hike the Joint Board of the Building Trades, where the white workers black-ball a job hecause a builder does not follow the rules of their friend, the Employers' Union)—another instance we say of the growing rapprochement between the Craft Unions and the Employers. with the ultimate goal—not of social emancipation, but of sweating the native worker and keeping him in subjection.

The Mine Workers Union is going to ballot its members on the question of forcing the Government to pass an adequate Phthisis Act in three months by ceasing work on any particular mine where a phthisis victim has died. No colour bar is mentioned in this humane resolution. If it means ceasing work every time a hammer boy or white miner succumbs to the disease that unites them all below, then the miners can look forward to a few good holidays this coming year.

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Divide and Rule Asain. "

It appears that the S.A. Industrial Federation, which is South African in name only, is finding a role to play in South Africa very different to what it played four years ago. Then the Government and the employers resented its intrusion into every industrial dispute. To-day the Government and the Chamber of Mines haul it in by the ears into every industrial dispute. Forrester Brown, chairman, has given an interview to the Press on his return from Capetown with the Federation depuiation, having amicably settled the dispute between the Administration and the mechanics on the Railways. The chairman of the Federation said that "the railway members of the "rades Unions concerned would not regret putting the matter in the hands of the Federation."

Just so. When the Board of Reference needed popularising, and direct action of local miners needed smashing, it was not difficult to get terms first go off, seasoned with a Chamber of Mines lecture to the men, signed by Labour leaders, on the heinous offence of sticking up for themselves.

The Government is also learning that it is worth while giving substantial concessions to the privileged craftsmen, so long as they speak through the Organised Disunity of the Federation instead of placing their demands through and linking up with. one Railway Union, uniting all work kers in the industry irrespective of colour and grade. That would never do. Better buy out the top strata, and crystallise the disunity through the Federation. Federation officials are thus men of power, and honourable men. and ride in the motor cars of the mighty, and dine at the Grand Nationsal with Wallers and sip wine with Smuts.

Mrs. Parker: Now, young man, why aren't you at the front?

Young man (milking cow): 'Cos there ain't any milk that end, missus'

We don't want to moralise on a good joke, but it strikes us that is why many members of the Recruiting Committee are not at the front, 'cos there ain't any milk at that end of the recruiting business'

Une of the Bolshevik reveisions of the doings of the Porcian office of Russia under the old regime is one concerning the great scale manifested for the Czar's regime by certain great Trench herespapers. It admiss are that the 'Petir many of model that the Czar's thought and the order of the Czar's thought a second to the Czar's thought a s