"Central problems remain unsolved... The welfare state cannot guarantee security, because it is incompatible with the nature of capitalism. If the living standard of the worker has improved, the difference between his and the standard of life of the employer has not been reduced or removed. In spite of all rights and Trade Union powers secured by long and hard struggles with the employers, the workers' economic dependence on the capitalist class remains, nay, it is now often felt to be harder than formerly."

Other points in the program are:

"Capitalism is never proof against crisis. At no time was mankind filled with greater fear and unrest than today. The fate of many hundreds of millions of people is still indescribable poverty, starvation and homelessness. We see the gulf between technical and social achievement getting ever wider and deeper."

Sozialminister Proksch said at the Congress of the Gewerkschaftsbund (22-9-1959):

"Today, as in the past, the working conditions are determined by the *antagonistic interest* of the amployers and the employed. The economic power of the capitalists owning and controlling the means of production *continues as before*... The economic existence of the worker still depends on his chance to obtain a job with some employer. We are still far from the solution of the workers' problem, because ney problems are constantly cropping up."

And after more than half a century of reform effort, Sozialminister Proksch said at a meeting of "socialist youth":

"We are just now endeavouring to remove social injustices. By our social policy we give all Austrians security and protection. But social achievements are not sufficient. We want a juster economic system, which is to take the place of capitalism. It will be the essence of the socialist order that *only the needs* of men will be the decisive factor in production and *NOT Profit* or private interest of some individuals. It must not be forgotten that the fundamental evil capitalism, with its *exploitation through the wages system still exists.*" (our emphases.)

Another prominent leader of the SPO (now vice-chancellor of the Austrian government) Dr. Bruno Pittermann, writes in the "Osterr, Arbeiter und Angestellte" (28.7.1945):

"The inability of the capitalist system to avert recurrent crises inherent in its very structure, or at least to mitigate their consequences and make them bearable, brought about the wars. And this system is bound to lead to further violent economic and political convulsion. *Marxian socialism shows us the way out* by means of the socialisation of all instruments of wealth production, and distribution according to actual need, a harmonious running of the economy can be assured. It means that THE PRESENT OWNERS of the factories, of all the resources of the soil, of the means of transport, of the power stations, etc. MUST BE DEPRIVED of their control and that these resources must be brought under the control of the people as a whole. If a section of the people can own and exploit all the means of production, society is far from any real democratic principle; the owners are always strong enough to impose their rule on and dominate the other numerically far greater part of the people. We socialists therefore MAKE THE SOCIALISATION of the means of production, and planned production of the means of life a question of PRESENT-DAY POLICY, recognizing as we do that nothing short of the abolition of these *last privileges of a favoured class opens the way to a world of true freedom and real peace.*" (our emphases.)

KNOWING BETTER, THEY LIE AND BETRAY

Although they know the futility of all reforms, which they have advocated for 60 years, and that nothing short of the abolition of capitalism will solve the problems, their new program proposes: (on the economic field): "assurance of full employment by anticyclic (!) measures in the sector of finance, currency and investment policy, setting up of industries in the depressed areas, assuring the stability of the currency to build up sufficient capital (poor members of the SPO who had once dreamed of the abolition of capital and must now learn that their leaders want its **strengthening!**), maintenance of employers' initiative (to make profit of course), income according to work done, compensation of owners in case of nationalisation of industries," etc.

(On the political field): "Cooperation with the other big parties, equal sharing of the government jobs, further funds for the army, for the church, support of all efforts for disarmament under international control, the independence of the Congo and all the other "colonies," etc.

You may ask, where does the SPO-program differ from that of the other big parties? Where does the Sozialminister's and Dr. Pittermann's socialism come in? Is there a party at all whose program does not comprise these brave virtues, a party which would not reject as a malicious slander the suspicion of wanting the opposite? What prominent politicians and other "personalities" should ever have stood and ever stand for social INJUSTICE, slavery, exploitation, oppression, inhumanities and war? "God forbid!" Even the demand for the removal of the monopoly of higher education enjoyed by the sons and daughters of the wealthy class is on occasion brought forward by the avowed conservative parties. Nothing in the way of breaking this monopoly has of course ever been done by them. But what have the leaders of the SPO on their part ever done to break this or any other flagrant social inequality? NOTHING! unless you consider a miserable, beggarly scholarship of the Johann Bohm-Foundation type for specially talented children of the working class as "breaking the monopoly of higher education!" Here are labour leaders pretending to stand for social justice and equality of opportunity while they in reality work for their opposite, i.e., support and help to perpetuate bourgeois "God-given" inequality!

No doubt they will pretend — as they have done throughout their 60 years existence, that the present is a "transition period" pending the attainment of an SP-majority in parliament. Why this transition period is continuing even after majorities of "socialists" have conquered political power, as in the Scandinavian countries, in Great Britain, in Russia and other countries, the leaders and spokesmen of the big "socialist" parties have yet to explain.

For the reader's further information on the Austrian "Socialist" party's **present-day policy** to "replace capitalism by socialism, to do away with classes, with wage-labour and profit making, with the monopoly of higher education, to abolish the last privileges of a favoured few (in short) to make socialism a reality," here is their latest proposition, described by the "Arbeiter-Zeitung" as "A labour charter for all workers "(Ein Arbeitsrecht fur alle Arbeitnehmer). What then is this new "Bill of Rights"?

THE FALSE FRIENDS AND THEIR "SUCCESS"

The very title "...for all WORKERS" indicates the SPO's concern NOT for the ABOLITION, but for the PERPETUATION of CLASSES — a class that produces but does not possess, and a class that possesses but does not produce—with all the other contradictions, glaring inequalities and injustices, crass differences in living standards, in opportunities for higher education, and general conditions of life. The leaders and managers of the SPO have found that after 60 years of reforms scattered over hundreds of laws and by-laws, enactments, decrees, legal decisions and regulations, it has become such a labyrinth that the young worker of today has great difficulty in finding out what rights and claims he has on such questions, as wages, overtime, unemployment, sickness money, invalidity, holidays, insurance, children's allowances, maternity benefits, dismissal, military service, etc. After 60 years of labourism and social democracy, they still make the distinction between workers and employees (clerks) —