was given some prominence; and a reporter was sent to the head office of the Moseleyite "Union Movement," asking them if our allegations were true. Mr. Hamm of the Movement said: "It's too silly for words," but did admit that the movement had held meetings in the troubled area during the riots.

The Fulham and Chelsea Branch estimates that over 100.000 people would have read our statement in these five newspapers. Two newspapers, one *The South London Press,* the other the *West London Observer,* did not publish our statement.

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Advice To Members of the CLC

Many members of Labor Unions affiliated with the Canadian Labor Congress may find themselves confronted with the question, at some time in the future of deciding whether they should vote for or against the amalgamation of the CLC with the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation into a new political party. This new party is supposed to represent the views of organized labor.

As Socialists we would like to ask union members to think back and try to recall any government that has existed that has ever been pro-labor.

We would also suggest that they examine the makeup of this civilization a little and find out why all governments act against the interests of the working class.

Capitalism exists for the purpose of expanding capital through the creation of surplus values, which are left after wages have been paid. If wages went up too high, profits would be eclipsed and capitalism couldn't operate. All governments act in the interests of the dominant section of society and in this society the dominant section is the capitalist or profit receiving section. So one of the activities of the government inevitably includes keeping wages down so that profits can be as large as possible, no matter what the politicians who make up the government may have said before they were elected.

There is not a paragraph in any CCF literature anywhere that indicates that the CCF party is opposed to the present social system. The only difference between them and the admittedly capitalist parties is that they would nationalize a few more industries than are already nationalized, and bring in some reforms sooner than some of the other parties. They have no more intention of interfering with the capital-wage-labor relationship (the master-slave relationship) than they have of traveling to the other side of the milky way.

The record of CCF type governments in other countries such as England, Germany, Australia, France, (where the French version of the CCF has just voted for a virtual dictator to look after the strained affairs of the French capitalist class) and the Scandinavian countries has always been one of opposition to the interests of the working class. It has to be since they are all elected on an anti-working class program of support of capitalism, the social system that robs the worker of the wealth he produces.

In 1947, the Saskatchewan CCF government fired 70 employees of the government-owned box factory because they went on a "wildcat" strike, that was called without the knowledge or support of the provincial office of the Canadian Congress of Labor. They went on strike because the CCF government-owned company dismissed two men for what they considered adequate reasons. One man was fired because he got a job plastering a house while on sick leave with pay — he wanted to raise his income above his subsistence level, temporarily. The other was fired because of "inefficiency." Apparently he wasn't working hard enough to make a profit for the company. A CCF or "pro-labor" government must think of profits first and this has been shown by the administration in Saskatchewan, when, "Speaking to the employees just before the resumption of work, Hon. J. L. Phelps, chairman of the corporation's board of directors pointed out that it might be necessary *to close the plant down* unless the workers co-operated to increase production, decrease unit cost and *bring the factory out of the red.*" (CCF News 8-14-47) (emphasis mine.)

Since that time the factory folded up or was sold to a private concern, but it is well to remember that a CCF government locked-out workers for going on an unauthorized strike, then allowed them in again and told them to work harder to make a profit for the owners. Does this make the CCF look pro-labor?

There is no more reason for the CLC to amalgamate with the CCF than there is for them to combine with the Conservatives or Liberals.

Marx stated in "Value, Price and Profit," that as far as political action was concerned, instead of the Conservative motto "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work" the workers ought to inscribe on their banner the revolutionary watchword. "Abolition of the wages system!" Understanding and working for Socialism, the social system that will free the worker from slavery to capital, so that he can enjoy the fruits of his labor in common with humans the world over is the only political action that is really in the interest of the working class. Support of capitalism will only bring about intensification of all the problems he has now.

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GREETINGS FROM AUSTRIA

Comrades,

In the name of Austrian comrades and friends I am sending fraternal greetings and good wishes to all the comrades assembled at your Conference, as well as to those unable to attend but with you, as we are here, in thought and purpose.

If in explanation of my apparent inactivity and the absence of news I were to tell you that we are living in a "depressed area" (this largest Austrian province with its centre Vienna is indeed the most depressed part of the country — in German it is called "state of emergency"), you would quite rightly remind me that, as far as the life of the mass of the people is concerned, the whole world is a depressed and oppressed area. And even though this month's natural catastrophies of which you have no doubt read, bringing death and devastation and causing thousands of people to lose even what miserable homesteads they had in their Styrian and Carinthian mountain regions, cannot leave one unmoved, my depression was there before; it is not merely due to the knowledge about the sorry plight of these victims and, for that matter, of the plight of the disinherited masses living under capitalism. Socialists know that this plight is inseparable from capitalism; they know that under the system socialists advocate, even those losing all but their lives in a natural disaster, would never become beggars as under capitalism dependent on a humiliating charity and eventually be left to their miserable fate. Under Socialism, with the curse of private property removed, with production of the means of life for use, i. e., solely to cover the needs and desires of all humans, and with the aid of the modern means of transport, and with no more national frontiers, people can easily and promptly move from any stricken or otherwise unsuitable area to other parts and accomodation. This and the knowledge of how to rid not only the working class, but