modities when they are receiving high prices for **their** commodities on the market.

The year 1951 will do. In that particular year the primary products of N. Z. brought high prices on the overseas markets. Wool in particular brought unprecedented boom prices.

Also in February of that year the Waterside Workers demanded a few pennies-an-hour wage rise to give them, as they claimed, their just margin. On being refused, they staged an overtime strike. The resulting lockout precipitated the biggest and bitterest strike in N. Z. trade union history.

History also shows that to gain a rise in the price of their commodity, "Laboring Power," the workers must be in a position to force it, irrespective of the degree of prosperity, that the purchasers of labour power may be at the time enjoying.

To return to the N. Z. C. P. programme. In the last paragraph they say.

> "While these are immediate ways to cushion the effect of the capitalist economic crisis, the Communist Party would not exist if it did not see that the only permanent solution is to replace capitalism with socialism."

We certainly do agree that the only solution to the problems of Capitalism, that is, ever recurring crises, war, and poverty of the wage workers, is Socialism.

We do not agree with their conception of Socialism, which is obviously the system of State Capitalism that exists in Russia and so-called Communist China.

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