I LÔ-WIR DE CYMRU

TO THE COAL MINERS OF WALES

DEFFROWCH!

AWAKEN!

Nid y bwrdd glo yw eich gelen ond y cyfundrefn

It is not the Coal Board that is your enemy, but the system of

gymdeithasol - cymdeithas sydd yn addoli y llo

society — a system that worships the golden calf

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of Capital, PROFIT

JUST 13 YEARS AGO

If you were a miner thirteen years ago you will remember Jan. 1946. It was in that month that Parliament debated the Labour Government's bill to nationalise the mines. If you can remember also how the Labour M.P.'s cheered and how delighted most coal miners were, you may marvel at the change that has taken place. You will be asking yourself now what you had cheer about.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

When coal nationalisation was launched by the Labour Government it was described as "A great and wonderful adventure for the common good." What went wrong? Was it a good idea that has run into bad luck! or was it a bad idea? *From the stand-point of Socialists it was always a bad idea.*

EFFICIENCY AND PROFITS

When Nationalisation was being argued about, the M.P.s and business men were chiefly concerned with efficiency and profits. Would Nationalisation increase efficiency and would it be profitable? The Government said "yes" to both these questions. The Tories said No! It was left to the S.P.G.B. to give the correct answer from the workers' standpoint. We said that efficiency and profitability are the affairs of the employer not the worker. They are Capitalist problems not working class problems.

YOU LISTENED TO THE WRONG PEOPLE

When offered Nationalisation by Labour (and others) you should have considered the view put forward by the S.P.G.B. We did *not* support Nationalization of Coal in 1946 neither we support railways Nationalization. Ever since our formation in 1904 we have stated that Nationalisation solves no problems for the working class.

Like private enterprise, Nationalised industry is concerned with profit. Nationalisation is nothing more or less than *State Capitalism* and has nothing to do with Socialism. Support for Nationalisation has brought you face to face with the same problems, too much coal, redundancy and unemployment.

FORWARD TO SOCIALISM

Don't make the same mistake again; don't listen to politicians promises. Recognise, as Socialists do, that it is Capitalism that has to be got rid of and replaced by Socialism. This means getting rid of the system of *sale and profit* and changing over to production solely for the use of mankind. This it was that inspired the pioneers of Socialism in the 19th Century.

Only the S.P.G.B. in this country has struggled to keep that inspiration alive.

Plaid Sosialaidd Prydain Fawr
[Cangen Abertawe]

OBJECT

The establishment of a system of society based upon the common ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments for producing and distributing wealth by and in the interest of the whole community irrespective of race, sex or colour.

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THE LABOR LEADER

He is a natural product of capitalism. He is as much of a recognized fixture in our social system as an anvil in a forge, or a stove in a kitchen. He is a symbol of fraud and reaction. His presence at the union meeting, the labor convention, or the conference table denotes the knavish means by which our exploiting brigands and commercial bandits rule the social scene.

Merchandizing goods and services is a cardinal feature of capitalism. It is essentially a merchandizing system. Dealers traffic in everything. Some are dabbling in crockery, cutlery, groceries, textiles, leather, wood, and every other category we can think of. The labor leader deals in the commodity labor power. That this is something special in importance we can readily concede when we know that all other commodities result from its consumption.

The movement of speculators and traders in this basic commodity from which all wealth evolves breeds an officialdom that manifests a sympathetic concern in the activities of other movements of a similar character. It is only natural that there should be a close affinity between trading fraternities that would express itself during normal periods when no extraordinary circumstances had risen to disturb the happy family life.

There are of course times of distress in the otherwise amiable relations between capital and labor. The joys of family life are strained by external influences that creep in. Sometimes the workers exhibit a marked degree of crankiness over what they consider to be a meager bill of fare on the family table.

Sometimes it is the capitalists who strain the relationship by insisting that the menu is too elaborate and extravagant and might well lead to gout or fatty degeneration of the soul. It must be lessened in the interests of humanity.

His Function

A violent family row results, and the ordinary peaceful way of life is converted into mean looks and nasty remarks until either the party of the first or the second part applies for an interlocutory divorce and refuses to listen to the voice of reason around the family council. Here is where the labor leader comes into his own. He plays the part of the medium who listens to the woes and worries of both sections of the family, settling the disputes, and restoring harmony before either brother in the heat of passion inflicts mayhem on the other.

At local levels the labor leader has a chance to assert himself, and put the squeeze on the employer to the extent of keeping the scale for labor power on an even keel with inflationary pressures that steadily proceed. The climax of the quarrel finds the two branches of the social family in