Another example: Irish Wallboard Co. Ltd. The directors of this concern include an Adolf Emil Klingstedt (a distant relative, this, of the O'Reilly's, no doubt!) and James Paulding of the New York banking firm. Some of its issued share capital is held by Aktiebolaget Defribator, Stockholm. (Ireland for the Irish! Whoop it up for liberty!) Another: Butlin's Irish and Continental Holidays, Ltd. Directors include: Ian Anderson, English industrialist and member of the London Stock Exchange, Prince Jean-Louis de Faucigny Lucinge et Coligny of Paris (!) and J. J. Stafford (also director of Irish Shipping, Ltd., and Irish Mouldex, Ltd., Wexford) who, with two other sons, was left one-third the town of Wexford when his father died recently. (To those of Irish descent who, remembering "Vinegar Hill" and "brave Father Murphy" of 1798 fame, cannot believe this of "Rebel Wexford", we add that the report appeared in no less an authoritative newspaper than Mr. Eamon De Valera's "Irish Press" — and without comment. By the way, it was Dec. 17, 1922, not 1947, when the last of the British troops left Eire.) We could go on and on, mentioning such illustrious Irish nationalists as Emil Hirsch, Marcus Witztum, Fritz Blaskopf, Hans Lowry, etc., who, side by side, with Fianna Fail Senators Sean McEllin and Michael Hearne exploit Irish men and women in Galway, Langford, and Dublin in the production of ladies' hats, ribbons, zip-fasteners, and sugar. And we would not forget people like Sir Francis Terry (of Barclays Bank), E. J. Strutt (of the huge British combine, Express Dairy Co.), Lord Glentoran (the Northern Ireland Govt. Minister), Sir George Beharrell (ex-Pres. Federation British Industries, now — among other things — chairman, Irish Dunlop Co. — owned by the Dunlop world combine) etc., etc. — all actively co-operating with their Eire-born fellow capitalists in the exploitation of Irish men and women. Yes, we could go on and on, but space forbids. This all happened during the reign of a government that was going "to prevent any more Ranks coming into the country". Or as Mr. MacEntee (another Fianna Fail Minister) put it, in the first flush of that 1932 victory:

> **"Is it evil to seek to establish our people in the ownership of the industries which operate here?" (In Parliament, June 16, 1932.)**

Brave words — but then they were brave days. Now . . . ! Why, in one year alone (June 1946-47) over £10 million capital was transferred from Britain to Eire! (Chancellor of the Exchequer, British House of Commons, Nov. 4, 1947.) In closing this glorious chapter of Irish history, it is only right that, before departing, we should raise a cheer for that free, independent, sovereign, self-governing, native, Irish-Ireland Republic, which we in Ireland have the incomparable pleasure of experiencing — day after day — and which the Irish Constitution of 1937 brought into being, according to that authority on Republicanism, Mr. Eamon De Valera. (Hip, hip . . .)

Returning to "The Best Years of Our Lives" (and the Ranks!) Certainly, the Rank organization couldn't have chosen a more fitting and appropriate title to herald its further extension in the field of capitalist exploitation in Eire. Only its *they* — the international capitalists (Irish included — who've had the best years of *our* lives. Its *they* who through their ownership of the means of production have made of our lives nothing but wasted years — years spent in grinding toil, poverty, and ignorance — years spent in piling up wealth untold for them to enjoy — years wasted so that their every year might be a "best year". And all these — society's parasites — periodically exhort us to go and die in defence of this state of affairs, where the vast majority produce all the wealth and are then deprived of nine-tenths of it. To this way of life is given the grand, noble, and impressive name of "civilization".

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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 society as a whole

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

THE COMPANION PARTIES OF SOCIALISM HOLD:

1. — That society as at present constituted is based upon the ownership of the means of living (i.e., lands, factories, railways, etc.), by the capitalist or master class, and the consequent enslavement of the working class, by whose labor alone wealth is produced.

2. — That in society, therefore, there is an antagonism of interests, manifesting itself as a class struggle between those who possess but do not produce, and those who produce but do not possess.

3. — That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class, by the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.

4. — That as in the order of social evolution the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of all mankind, without distinction of race or sex.

5. — That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.

6. — That as the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, exists only to conserve the monopoly of the capitalist class of the wealth taken from the workers, the working class must organize consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government, in order that this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into the agent of emancipation and the overthrow of plutocratic privilege.

7. — That as political parties are but the expression of class interests, and as the the interest of the working class is diametrically opposed to the interests of all sections of the master class, the party seeking working class emancipation must be hostile to every other party.

8. — THE COMPANION PARTIES OF SOCIALISM, therefore, enter the field of political action determined to wage war against all other political parties, whether alleged labor or avowedly capitalist, and call upon all members of the working class of these countries to support these principles to the end that a termination may be brought to the system which deprives them of the fruits of their labor, and that poverty may give place to comfort, privilege to equality, and slavery to freedom.

Those agreeing with the above principles and desiring enrollment in the Party should apply for Application for Membership form to secretary of nearest local or to National Headquarters.

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