productive forces of his time. This is further shown three paragraphs on where he states: "The distribution of the means of consumption at any time is only a consequence of the distribution of the conditions of production themselves." And he also points out that "Right can never be higher than the economic structure of society and its cultural development thereby determined."

And Engels, in "Socialism Utopian and Scientific" agrees: "With the seizure of the means of production by society, the production of commodities is done away with and along with them the domination exercised by the product over the producers." And further, "It is the leap of mankind out of the reign of necessity into that of freedom." There is no necessity for labor certificates here, or the principle of "the exchange of commodity equivalents." (No more so than in the free consumption of **primitive** Socialism).

And as if to leave no doubt of his feelings on the subject, Engels continues to describe Socialism: "The conditions of life, which had previously dominated him (mankind) would then be placed under his domination; etc." Such a state of affairs could only exist where each consumed freely according to needs, with all types of exchange relationship absent. Socialism can be basically nothing else and nothing short of Socialism, in the freest meaning of the term is possible in our times, once capitalism has been abolished.

Due to space limitations, the other matters raised by Mr. Minal will have to be dealt with later, if the Weekly People is gracious enough to allow more space to Socialist opposition to the S.L.P. within its columns.

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NEWS FROM WALES

The Principality is now enjoying the somewhat doubtful summer weather which attends the holiday season on this, the western part of the British Isles. In this respect, the weather seems to be a reflection of the state of affairs prevailing generally in political, social and cultural circles generally. There has been no lack of agitation going on against one thing or the other over the last few months. Marches and protest meetings have been held over a variety of causes ranging from the inadequacy of teachers' pay to the introduction of German Panzer troops into Wales for special training.

This latter affair has greatly incited our Welsh members of C. N. D. (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) who have been exploiting the situation to the full. We have challenged local members to discuss the problem of war with us but though we have explained the misguided attitude of people and organizations who hope to outlaw war by "reconstructing" capitalism, or by turning to religion or by any or all of the various means they propose, they have consistently refused to meet us. It is obvious (and such is the experience of our comrades in England too) that the Peace Campaigners are too jealous of their "Peace Movement" to allow of any intrusion — even from the Socialist Party which is the only organization in British politics that has consistently opposed war at all times.

Our Welsh Nationalists (now tending to become far more vocal and enthusiastic than the Labour Party) have been contesting at local elections. In the Swansea area their election address stressed the "crippling" effect of rates and other forms of taxation, pointing out that Wales was paying more than its fair share to the English Government. Their argument implied that "Home Rule" would mean, among other things, a lowering of rates and taxes. We explained through the Press that rates and taxes were actually no concern to the workers. This statement did not draw a single word of comment

from our Nationalist opponents. We pointed out that it was the sole object of the Nationalists to take over capitalism in Wales for themselves, believing (as they do) that such a 'devolution' of capitalism would end the workers' miseries. These Nationalists of ours must be indeed blind not to see the result of Nationalist victories elsewhere in the world.

As we write, and to prove our point, the Welsh Nationalist Annual Conference being held this week urged that a 'Profit making Investment Trust' be set up in Wales. This 'Wales First' scheme called for 'ambitious' Welshmen to invest in Welsh schemes rather than English. It was also urged that the Welsh people not sell houses or other property to English people (this latter argument was backed up by talk about the threat to Welsh culture and traditions etc. by the influx of 'outsiders.')

It appears then that the Nationalists are in a hurry. They have failed to get the majority to support them in their demand for political power to legislate on behalf of Welsh capitalism and now they hope to bring about some kind of economic revolution in which they hope to squeeze outside capital out of the country.

We have consistently put three questions to our Nationalist opponents which they equally as consistently refuse to answer. For the sake of the record we submit them here where they will be read by a much wider and certainly more varied readership:

(1) Does it matter whether a country is exploited by foreign capitalists rather than by the 'home grown' variety?

(2) If Wales gained 'Home Rule' would the economic set-up (capitalism) continue, if not, what would be the alternative?

(3) Would a Welsh parliament float national loans as did the Irish, and so invite foreign capital?

These three simple questions, despite the presence of economics professors and other highly cultured beings in the Nationalist Party, are still unanswered. If and when we are privileged to have the answers we shall let you know.

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