

# "Labor" Swindlers

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THE British imperialists are worried to death: the revolutionary spirit of the people of India is rising. Conservative and Liberal circles are openly jubilant that at such a crisis the Labor Government is in charge of the Empire. The unanimity of the Labor Parliamentary Party in actual action is all the more valuable on account of the hypocritical words of the British Independent Labor Party.

Lord Irwin, the present Viceroy, has a reactionary policy almost worse than any of the previous viceroys. He has certified every Act that the Indian Assembly has rejected, he has perpetuated the outrageous mockery of law called the Meerut trial of trade union leaders; he has inflicted upon Indian workers the Trades Disputes Act and the Whitley Commission.

## Prison Without Trial.

He has ordered imprisonment, without trial or with mock trials, of workers' representatives and strikers all over the country, and he and MacDonald combined together have sanctioned the taking of human life of the working-class people on a more extensive scale than was done during Baldwin's Government.

And the Independent Labor Party has still got the audacity to make their Indian friends believe that this Viceroy is to be looked upon as more democratic than others. The Independent Labor Party pretends to pass resolutions in favor of India's independence, and yet recommends the trickery of the Round Table Conference also. Fenner Brockway and all Independent Labor Party members who have got friends amongst the Indian bourgeois politicians inside or outside the Indian National Congress, are continually writing letters to persuade them to enter into negotiations with the Labor Government at the Round Table Conference.

They want the Indians to believe that a ruthless and murderous government, by a little friendly discussion around a conference table, will give up their imperialist conspiracy and will agree to India's freedom.

Fenner Brockway and Maxton know very well that this Round Table Conference will be composed of representatives of the British House of Lords and the present House of Commons, one hundred per cent of whom are in favor of Empire. It will have Indian Princes, it will have Indian Liberals representing the highest and strongest capitalist interests of employers, money-lenders and land owners, and notorious Right Wing Indian Trade Union leaders, beloved of Indian capitalists, and then Fenner Brockway and Company want some Indian Left-Wing pretenders from the old Congress Party, who represent 3 per cent of India's enfranchised population.

Maxton and Fenner Brockway are making every effort to support MacDonald and Lord Irwin in drawing Gandhi into this game of the Round Table Conference; they know that Gandhi has stoutly refused to support or to identify himself with the struggle of the Meerut prisoners, or of the textile workers of Bombay or of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway strikers or the jute

mill strikers or with the Gharwali Regiment.

The Independent Labor Conference pretended to reserve the right to oppose the MacDonald Government. On the position in the Colonies they are in the same despicable conspiracy with the imperialists as is MacDonald and Lord Irwin.

When a fighting deputation of workingclass representatives was arranging in London to see Wedgwood Benn and to expose this cruel policy in the Meerut trial, Maxton and Brockway, who both pretended to be members of the Meerut Defense Committee, sabotaged the movement of the bona fide workingclass deputation, and a dishonorable bogus Independent Labor Party deputation helped to screen Wedgwood Benn from workingclass exposure.

Since the pretense of the Independent Labor Party that they are opposed to MacDonald's imperialism, literally pools of blood have been flowing from the slaughtered colonial workers, and the Independent Labor Party gang of political importers does not even challenge a vote and oppose MacDonald's Government.

## Disgraceful Resolution.

In order to throw dust into the eyes of the Indians, Brockway and Maxton manoeuvred a resolution on India which was of such a disgraceful imperialist character that not only the MacDonald Cabinet supported it but even the Conservative imperialists openly praised it and backed it up in the House of Commons. While the London branch of the Indian National Congress threw an open challenge to Maxton that he was engaged in low tactics of a sham fight against MacDonald on imperialist problems, he barefacedly admitted that he was confining his opposition only to such picaresque questions as may increase his popularity and votes in Great Britain; and as for the murders of Negroes, Indians, or Chinese workers, he was not moved by any principle of Socialism or humanity.

## Armed Labor Faker



J. Ramsay MacDonald, prime minister of England for the labor party, and commander in chief of her army and navy, which he uses ruthlessly against any of his imperialist masters' revolting colonial slaves. Under his orders dozens of Indian peasants and workers have been murdered, and hundreds imprisoned.