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BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY

DECEMBER 1951

1. General.

- a) William GALLACHER, the Chairman of the British Communist Party, and his wife are to be the guests of the Communist Party of Australia for a few weeks in March and April.
- b) The Daily Worker Fighting Fund is seriously below its quota, and the appeal for donations to make up the £5,000 damages paid by the paper in the Anders libel action has not yet produced £2,000.
- c) Tamara RUST, National Women's Organiser, was in Berlin for some days at the beginning of December, where she attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Women's International Democratic Federation.
- d) Two British delegates representing the British Peace Committee were to attend the Nordic Peace Conference at Stockholm on the 30th December.
- e) As usual, Party Re-registration has not been completed by the 31st December and will probably continue during the next couple of months.

2. Party Education.

- a. A six months' reading programme on "The State and Political Power" has been produced by the National Education Department. The programme is designed for "leading cadres" of the Party and is to run from January to June.

The number of those taking the course is expected to be about 140, and as they will be spread throughout the country it will not be possible to organise a system of study groups.

- b. Another reading programme which is to run from January to June 1952 is on "Scientific Socialism". Its aim is to provide "cadres" of the Party with a general knowledge of the basic principles of Marxism - Leninism. It is hoped to get between 1,000 and 1,500 students to take this course. In this connection the Party "cadres" are defined as members of Borough and Area Committees, Branch Secretaries and comrades in responsible positions in the Labour Movement. Special efforts are being made to persuade those "cadres" working in industry to take the course.

Education Secretaries are being asked to organise informal study groups where several students live near each other. At meetings of these groups either the actual reading will be done, or discussions on what has been read privately will take place.

3. United Action

The Communist campaign to promote "united action" by the Communist Party and the Labour Party has been carried on vigorously and will be continued throughout 1952. Its influence can be seen in many forms of Communist activity, as the following examples illustrate:-

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In telling the Party what it is to do in the local elections next spring, POLLITT has said that "The aim must be to develop the maximum unity of the working class forces in the fight against the Tories, and ensure that a real fighting campaign is carried through by the Labour Movement in every locality, in which the factories play a decisive part. Everywhere our Party should make formal and informal approaches to the local Labour Parties and other organisations of the Labour Movement to propose such a united campaign".

b) The Women's Advisory Council.

The Women's Advisory Council of the Party has recently asked women members "to concentrate on the development of all forms of united action with the women of the Labour Movement and women's sections of the Labour Party around the questions of peace and attacks on food and social services, which are growing daily".

c) Social Services Committee.

This Committee recently decided, amongst other things, "to develop the fight against the education cuts, involving all sections of the Labour Movement".

4. Middle East Party Conference.

The Party is to hold a National conference on "Egypt and the Middle East" in the Beaver Hall on Saturday the 5th January. The Chairman will be Idris COX, and the speakers R. Palme DUTT, Ivor MONTAGU, Phil PIRATIN and John HORNER. The conference is organised by the International Department of the Party and is intended to equip the delegates with facts and political argument to support the Communist policy against Imperialism and war plans in the Middle East. Two members from each district are to attend and two from the branches in London, Middlesex and Surrey. Other members of the Party will be admitted on the production of a 1952 Party card.