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for a new social order as the only worthy end to this terrible war.

HILLSBOROUGH 'FORUM'

The Co-operative Party recognises the necessity for public discussion on present and post-war problems. The Sunday morning gatherings at which such subjects as Finance, Education, the Reorganisation of Industry, and Town Planning, are to be discussed, should prove both interesting and stimulating.

It is fitting that Mr. J. P. Lamb, Secretary of the Sheffield Information Committee, should open the series with a talk on "Telling the people." Sheffield was highly commended in national circles on the way in which it assisted the people by the fullest possible information after the 'blitz.' Mr. Lamb will have something to say upon our preparations - should they be needed - for the future.

The trinity of British workers' movements has shown its real unity of purpose by completing the National Council of Labour as an Authoritative body to make pronouncements representing every section of organised Democracy in this country.

For many years the Co-operative Movement seemed somewhat reluctant to join the National Council in a fully representative sense. During the War Co-operative representatives have served on the Council merely in an advisory capacity. Now however, with the full endorsement of Congress, the Co-operative Movement becomes an integral part of the National Council of Labour.

Its first big move is to arrange a series of demonstrations throughout the United Kingdom calling the people to work for victory in this war against Nazism.

It is fitting that this development should coincide with the entry of Russia into the War. Through all the vicissitudes of that great nation since the revolution the Co-operative Movement has consistently supported its epoch-making experiment, maintained trading relations with the Soviet Union, and in the early years was pre-eminent in making substantial loans to facilitate Anglo-Russian trade.

At the meetings where Trade Unionists, Labourites, and Co-operators will rally the support of every worker by hand or brain, the speakers will be strengthened by the knowledge that the U.S.S.R. has not only entered the fight but is backing the great 'Atlantic Charter' and becomes an additional guarantor

PROFESSOR C.E.M. JOAD on "WHAT IS AT STAKE?", at the City (Memorial) Hall, Wednesday 12th November, 5p.m. under auspices of the Ministry of Information. Admission free, tickets obtainable at the Central Library.

HILLSBOROUGH CO-OPERATIVE PARTY  
OPEN FORUM

in the  
Hillsboro' Co-op. Guild Room,  
11 a.m. to 12-15.  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th.

Speaker:  
M R. J. P. LAMB  
(Secy., Information Committee)

Subject:  
"TELLING THE PEOPLE"

Questions and discussion.  
Admission free.



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FOOD OUTLOOK.



Lord Woolton is optimistic about the food position. Food reserves in the country

are ample. That is good news after two years of war. Comparison made by the Ministry of Labour of the food purchases in 1937-8 with the amounts of the various rations is revealing. The jam ration today is only slightly below that purchased in the pre-war year. The new cheese ration of 3 oz. per person makes the amount available today just a little more than that actually purchased by the average household before the war. The present butter ration is, of course, well below the average pre-war purchase. But the Ministry of Food has lately promised to consider an increase in the butter ration, whilst the amount of margarine allowed under the ration exceeds the actual purchases for the pre-war years. The real shortage seems to be in some of the subsidiary foods - cakes, biscuits and chocolates, for instance - which used to eke out the essential foods.

Taking the broad view, there is much to be thankful for. The chairman of the T.U.C. pointed out that we were the only country at war which had not found bread rationing necessary. Even neutral countries have been obliged to adopt rationing, and the position here is far different from that of some of the occupied territories. In Greece and Belgium, for example, the problem is to get cats for meat. Here the problem is to get meat for cats.

**MILK CONTROL.** Co-operative members will have wisely registered with their societies. The Co-operative Movement in England and Wales handles one-quarter of the national trade and in Scotland one-third. A system of priorities has been created and the exact amount of milk that ordinary consumers, apart from mothers and children, will receive is yet unknown.

There is no reason to be unduly pessimistic about the position. The cause of the difficulty is that supplies of feeding stuffs, easily imported in large quantities in time of peace, cannot be imported in wartime.

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**"PERSONAL KNITTER" SCHEME.** Persons wishing to knit for relatives or friends serving in H.M. Forces or in the

Merchant Navy can apply for registration at various women's organisations, including the local branch of the Women's Co-operative Guild. When registered they will each be able to get a total of 24 oz. of wool in the Service shades (Khaki, Navy Blue and Clerical Grey) coupon-free within the year ending August 31st, 1942.

No knitter may register with more than one organisation, and on registration her Clothing Card (or 3rd Edition Food Book) will be endorsed with the name of the organisation with whom she is registered. When registering she must satisfy the organisation that she has a friend or relative in the Services, serving away from home, and give the Regimental Number and Unit.

A voucher will be issued by the branch, entitling the knitter to purchase Service wool from any shop coupon free, up to the quantity stated. The wool must be paid for in the ordinary way. The voucher will be given to the shopkeeper. Any extra wool must be obtained with the knitter's own coupons.

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**"D'ALROY"** - international journalist and women's feature writer - will speak at a Meeting for Women, under the auspices of the Ministry of Information, at the CITY (MEMORIAL) HALL, 3 p.m. WEDNESDAY OCT. 15th. Admission free. Tickets obtainable at Co-op. Party Office, 17 Bank St.

CO-OPERATIVE PARTY NOTES

ATTERCLIFFE Divisional Council appointed Mr. J.E. Mulligan as Secy in place of Council. J.S. Worrall who is on National List. Several meetings have been held and others are to be arranged. with deep regret that we report the passing of Mr. J.W. White who was Tinsley Ward Secretary for many years and always a devoted worker for the Co-operative political cause.

BRIGHTSIDE Divisional Council has heard addresses at its Summer Session from Mr. Ballard on Co-operative reconstruction, Alderman Asbury J.P. on Sheffield and the 'blitz,' and Mr. H. Wilkinson on the international situation. Further meetings will be convened by the Secretary: Mrs. F. Ward, 58 Sicey Avenue.

BURNGREAVE Women's Section suspended meetings during the Summer to hold an inaugural meeting for the Winter session in the near future.

HILLSBOROUGH Party commenced the Winter session on September 12th. Councillor Dinsley spoke on Food Policy during the session. The Committee has decided, that instead of the usual meetings, to establish a 'Forum' for the discussion of present-day problems created by War, and post-War reconstruction. The first of this series will be held in the Guild Room, at 11 a.m. on Sunday October 19th, when Mr. J. Dinsley, Secretary of the Sheffield Information Committee, will speak on "The People." Following upon this the 'Forum' will be held on the second Sunday in the month, from 11 a.m. to 12-15 noon.

THE WOMEN'S SECTION commenced the new session on September 8th with a Social. Meetings held in the Guild Room every Monday at 2-45 p.m.

SOUTHEY & NORWOOD Section reports that a good deal of organising work in connection with the Forces Fund has taken up the time of the Officers and Committee during the Summer. As a result of pressure on the Local Authority a 'bus shelter has been erected at Southey Green. The Section recommences its fortnightly meetings on Sunday October 12th, at 10-45 a.m., in the Guild Room, Southey Avenue. THE WOMEN'S SECTION meets on Wednesdays at 8-10 p.m.

SOUTHEY & NORWOOD FORCES SECTION  
GRAND  
C O N C E  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th  
in the  
RITZ CINEMA, SOUTHEY GREEN  
ROYAL AIR FORCE VARIETY SHOW  
and several WELL-KNOWN ARTISTS  
Commence 3 p.m. Doors open 2.30  
Tickets 1/-, 2/-, & 2/6  
had from the Secretary:  
Mr. G.A. Holder, 84 Southey Avenue

SHEFFIELD & ECCLESALL Section opened the new session on September 12th with a successful Whist Drive. On October 1st to be held fortnightly, at 3 p.m. on Saturdays, in the S. & E. Napier Street. On October 18th it is to be hoped that Mr. G.A. Holder will be able to give his lecture on "Russia in the Limelight." THE WOMEN'S SECTION reopened on September 4th with a special Social. On the 18th Mr. A. Ballard spoke on "Drama and Democracy," and on the 25th Councillor Slack dealt with "Town Planning." Speakers for the Whist Drive is to be held on the 16th (proceeds for members' insurance and boys serving with H.M. Forces); and on the 23rd a Film Show on the auspices of the Ministry of Information. Meetings held Thursdays 2-30 p.m. in the Napier Street Institute.

ATLANTIC PACT FULFILLS DEMOCRACY'S HOPES.

Close resemblance to Co-operative Party Policy

It will be remembered that in this BULLETIN just a year ago we stressed the necessity for an early statement by the Government on its Peace Aims, thus: "It would be well if..... we stated in more definite terms our real War Aims not only for the British people but for the ordinary decent-minded folk in every country in the world."

The Atlantic Pact issued by President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill after their meeting in August last will be welcomed as a positive statement of the Government's broader Peace Aims. In many aspects the statement bears a close resemblance to the Peace Aims of the Co-operative Movement and the Co-operative Party (published in a Previous BULLETIN): freedom of trade; freedom of the subject; undertakings that there will be no territorial aggrandisement; guarantees for the rights of small nations; better social conditions for the people; destruction of Nazi tyranny; disarmament.

The President of the United States and the British Prime Minister agreed on the following terms which have since been accepted by the Soviet Republic:-

- (i) Their countries seek no aggrandisement, territorial or other.
- (ii) They desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned.
- (iii) They respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live, and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them.
- (iv) They will endeavour, with due respect for their existing obligations, to further the enjoyment by all States, great or small, victor or vanquished, of access on equal terms to the trade and to the raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity.
- (v) They desire to bring about the fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field with the object of securing for all improved labour standards, economic advancement, and social security.
- (vi) After final destruction of Nazi tyranny they hope to see established a peace which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries and which will afford assurance that all the men in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want.
- (vii) Such a peace should enable all men to traverse the high seas and oceans without hindrance.
- (viii) They believe all the nations of the world, for realistic as well as spiritual reasons, must come to the abandonment of the use of force. Since no future peace can be maintained if land, sea, or air armaments continue to be employed by nations which threaten or may threaten aggression outside their frontier, they believe that, pending the establishment of a wider and permanent system of general security, the disarmament of such nations is essential. They would likewise aid and encourage all other practicable measures which will lighten for peace-loving peoples the crushing burden of armaments.

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GREAT  
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under the auspices  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF

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C I T Y H A L L

SUNDAY, 12th OCTOBER

Commence 3 p.m.

Doors open 2-30 p.m.

Speakers:

R. T. HON. HERBERT MORRISON.

MISS FLORENCE HANCOCK and MR. ALBERT

Chairman: ALD. F. THRAVES, J.P.

Community singing.

Counc. S. H. Marshall, J.P. at the

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