

Stamp out the Racialist Menace!

A new and dangerous menace faces the British people. Racialism, the familiar weapon of the fascists, has now been openly taken up by sections of the Tory Party. In Smethwick, Slough and other areas with coloured immigrant populations, they openly whipped up colour prejudice and hatred in order to cover up Tory responsibility for Britain's serious economic and social problems.

The Tory leaders have refused to condemn these disgraceful activities in the hope that this will assist their future electoral chances. The defeats suffered by Labour at Smethwick and Slough are a most serious warning.

Racialism, whoever voices it, only serves reaction. By causing confusion and division, it plays into the hands of the most reactionary circles of the ruling class, injures the Labour movement, brings discredit to the British people, and acts as a barrier to international working class solidarity.

Racialism is thus a deadly threat above all to every worker in Britain. It must be driven out of our country.

TRUTH ABOUT THE IMMIGRANTS

Using the Hitler technique of the 'big lie', the racialists in Britain are spreading a distorted picture of a Britain menaced by a "flood" of coloured immigrants dragging down our standards of living.

This is a blatant untruth. There is no pressure on the population in Britain. On the contrary, official figures show that between 1955 and 1962, a quarter of a million more people went out of Britain (mainly to the Commonwealth countries) than came in.

In the past two years no less than 225,000 emigrated from Britain to Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. But the total of Commonwealth immigrants into Britain between July 1962 (when the Commonwealth Immigrants Act began to operate) and October 1964, was 142,000, of whom 125,000 were from the newer Commonwealth countries. Thus nearly twice as many people are leaving Britain as are coloured immigrants coming in.

AN ASSET -- NOT A DANGER

Nor is there any truth in the allegation that the coloured immigrants are a menace to our economy and living standards.

On the contrary, they are an asset. They play an important role in our economic and social life, working on buses and trains,