JOINT LABOUR DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE

(Labour Party —— Trades Council —— Co-operative Party)

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MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION

Sunday, 3rd May, 1959

PROCESSION LEAVES VICTORIA SQUARE at 3 p.m.

followed by MEETING at

TOWN HALL, BIRMINGHAM

Speakers:

Mr. JACK BAILEY

(General Secretary, Co-operative Party)

Mr. DENIS HOWELL, M.P.

(M.P. for All Saints)

Personal appearance of PAUL ROBESON

Chairman:

Alderman Mrs. E. V. SMITH, J.P.

We welcome the renewed prospect of Summit Talks for which the Labour Movement has campaigned for so long. The Seven Point Declaration of the Labour Party and Trades Union Congress still stands as a firm foundation for a settlement of the immediate world issues. We earnestly hope that, in what may be an election year in Britain, consideration of electoral advantage will not influence these vital discussions. We declare again that the first contribution to disarmament should be a decision to suspend British nuclear tests as a lead to other nuclear powers. We welcome the growing acceptance throughout the world of our demand for an agreed scheme of military disengagement to relieve the danger of a sudden and spontaneous conflict. A step in this direction would be the establishment of a nuclear-free Zone in Central Europe.

At home we have seen, this winter and spring, unemployment figures running at the highest level for over ten years. In the recent Budget there has been a desperate attempt to retrieve the situation precipitated by the Government's policy of industrial stagnation, though it does nothing to provide social justice for the Old Age Pensioners, and the unemployed in particular. At best this financial " shot in the arm " can be but short-lived unless Labour's practical policy of expansion is adopted. The prospect of European nations combining to outbid us in the markets of the world demands bold and decisive action. Expansion means regular work, increasing wealth, happy homes and a fair chance for our children. Stagnation, in the end, can only bring bad times for us all.

This year the nation may be called upon to pass judgment on the Government's record. Let us be ready. Let us all, trade unionists, co-operators and Labour Party members, stand shoulder to shoulder to win once more a strong and resolute Labour Government. Let us re-dedicate ourselves on this May Day to our traditional ideals of democratic Socialism and international brotherhood and go forward united to a Labour victory at the polls.

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