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Speech on the Trade Unions.

The purpose to to say what we all think, that the Unions have oncreasingly been a factor impoverishing Britain and eroding freedoms. This is not their intention , but was the predictable result. They do not carry the sole blame, since politicians and pundits helped preach unreality.

Their offences are compound :

- \* Total compulsive unrealism.
- \* Class struggle and destructive obstructive resentful attitude towards society.
- \* Personal and corporate egotism.

They are preaching and practising a one-sided civil war which is wrecking the economy. This in turn is now adversely ~~and~~ affecting their own members. ~~what are the effects~~

They adduce every ill-effect of their actions as justification for further inroads into what is left of economic realism. We must place the opposite construction.

(1)

spell out a process of  
 property a wealth creation:  
 productivity: value added:  
 innovation: new - mostly int  
 all - output mixed  
 company  
 profits: shared for more  
 investment - distributive share  
 wealth

(2)  
 It may be, for ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~closed~~ <sup>closed</sup> ~~shop~~ <sup>shop</sup> warned us. But ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~do~~ <sup>do</sup> not ~~realize~~ <sup>realize</sup> ~~how~~ <sup>how</sup> much ~~freedom~~ <sup>freedom</sup> which ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~enjoy~~ <sup>enjoy</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~present~~ <sup>present</sup>. But ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~fact~~ <sup>fact</sup> is ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~closed~~ <sup>closed</sup> ~~shop~~ <sup>shop</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~part~~ <sup>part</sup> of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~drive~~ <sup>drive</sup> towards the closed society. It extends their power over the individual; they can force him to strike against his will, conscience or interests, for economic reasons, anti-economic reasons, political causes, or to erode the remaining islands of economic freedom, e.g. the small business and the self-employed.

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It is backed up by intimidation, legal, illegal and semi-legal.

The arguments for a closed shop are easily dispelled. ( I have given several notes on this.)

first a Government  
 The/question is not what/Conservatives would do about it , governments cannot cure all evils, and certainly not at once. The question is whether we call evil by its name, whether we can help those who intend to fight it. Clearly, unless large numbers of working citizens rebel against the closed shop, it will triumph, as evil always triumphs when good men do ~~nothing~~ nothing. But if there is a revolt, we must facilitate and encourage it.

We can do all this ~~only~~ <sup>only</sup> insofar as we gain wide understanding for the elementary truths of economics. But why should this be considered impractical ?

← The part of the economic system on which the freedom rests is p. 2.

(3)

\* Our approach is historical , not ideological.

We recognise the motives which impelled workers to create unions in the first place. But the unions have failed to develop with the times. Their thinking is still ~~defensive~~ defensive, restrictive, anti-managerial, phillistine, and compulsive disregard for economic realities, thanks to the mixture of Romantic marxism with natural narrow-mindedness.

~~Examine~~ They juggle with the labour theory of value, not only ignoring the problem of capital accumulation and replacement but also the concept of "socially necessary labour", thereby removing the basis of labour ~~rights~~ rights. So in practice, by elevating the rights of producers above consumers, they end up by destroying the ~~basis of~~ ~~consumption.~~ consumption.

(4) and the fact that they neglect supply and demand of cost

Very bad on whole industrial unit - (5)

The idea that we solve problems by putting salt on their tails has visibly not worked. Since their own members are now ~~citizens~~ victims, we must talk to their own members.

The fact that the union structure has become increasingly professionalised and alienated from the mass membership should help. We are a party of the people, and should not fear talking to the people.

(6) No - stop. It would hold the power far more than a few overbelieved union think.