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#### We must expect a revival of the theme that social democrats are the ‘lacqueys of capitalism’ and the ‘allies of imperialist warmongers’. I do not think this will have any impact in this country. The attitude of the opposition in Parliament answers the first slogan. Our withdrawal from India, Palestine and Greece, taken in conjunction with the coming cuts in expenditure. On the Defence Forces answers the second. We ought further to emphasise that it is we who have always stood for one Europe and one world; it is the Russians who have decided upon non-cooperation with us in a persistent effort to attain them. Our line, that is, should be that, as always, we stand for continuance of the war-time cooperation for the same great ends. It is we who took the post-war initiative in this when we sent our delegation to Moscow in friendly greeting. It is the Russians who have decided to reject our offer of friendship.

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1. Belgrade Comintern – it should read Cominform (Communist Information Bureau), established in 1947, four years after the dissolution of Comintern. Cominform’s headquarters were located in Belgrade before Yugoslavia was excommunicated from the organization in 1948. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)