

'SIMPSON CRISIS' MASK FOR REAL CRISIS

BRITISH COMMUNIST LEADER CABLES TRUTH BEHIND KING EDWARD'S CONFLICT WITH THE CABINET

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LONDON, Dec. 3.—We stand for a workers' republic and do not believe in the fairy story that the monarchy takes no place in the political life of the country. We remember the active part played by the late King in signing the decree forming the National Government in 1931.

A crisis has arisen because the King desires to make Mrs. Simpson his wife.

If he wants to choose the Queen, we want to choose the King, and millions would choose neither.

The essence of the crisis is the desire of the Government to strengthen and maintain the monarchy as a bulwark against the anti-fascist forces

and the world trend towards Communism.

The allies of the licentious Nazi rulers of Germany today have no moral feelings to be outraged by the actions of King Edward. They fear the political repercussions of the monarchy as an institution useful to them.

The National Government was not outraged at two million without work.

at the starvation unemployment benefit, or at the plight of the depressed areas.

There is a crisis which they are endeavoring to conceal with this new snare. This is the crisis of peace or war, brought about by the criminal pro-fascist policy of the government, the crisis in Spain, the crisis of hunger.

These are the real issues facing the working class.

The reported refusal of Clement R. Attlee, the Labor leader, to form a Government if requested to do so by the King in the event of the resignation of the Baldwin Cabinet, is to be criticized.

Let Labor boldly take over the Gov-

ernment if given the opportunity. Let it put forward a program for improving the conditions of the people and drawing the Soviet Union and France with Britain into a powerful peace front, and succor Spain, and then the international and domestic position will be cleared.

On such a program, Labor can sweep the country in a general election.