

DOCK STRIKE - 'COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY' - ISAACS

For the second time in ten months, a strike ties up shipping in the Port of London. Forty vessels are idle; 8,000 men out. Cause of the stoppage is the expulsion of three men - from their union! Ted Dickens here is one of them. Leading the strikers is Albert Timothy - nicknamed the 'Napoleon' of dockland and one of the leaders in last year's trouble. Coinciding with the dockers' dispute is a spot of bother in the 'stevedores' camp - big enough to make 3,000 of them down tools. Already, their action has lost the nation vital export orders. Minister of Labour, George Isaacs has branded the strike as 'Communist-inspired' and an attack on a Union's democratic rules.