

# James Maxton Mourned by World Labor

James Maxton, one of the world's foremost fighters for Socialism, died last week in Scotland at the age of 61. Maxton, fiery leader of the British Independent Labor Party, had an unchallengeable record of speaking up in behalf of labor, and of pulling no punches in his never tiring struggle for industrial democracy.

He was elected as a representative in Parliament from Glasgow in 1922, and served in that body until his death. He was long known as a vigorous fighter against any form of imperialism and war, and went to jail during World War I as a conscientious objector.

Maxton's opposition to imperialism wasn't just for some other country's imperialism, he openly fought the retention of the British Empire as such. At the time of the King Edward-Wallis Simpson affair, he introduced a motion in Commons to proclaim his country a republic, and to divide the Empire into its component parts.

James Maxton was loved by all labor for he was the one representative in Parliament whose position never wavered. James Maxton was the official voice of Tommy Worker in all Great Britain, and his death is an irreplaceable loss to the labor and socialist movement throughout the world.