



May 1945. Britain celebrates victory and cheers Winston Churchill.

The people who fought the war want a better, fairer world, and only Labour is offering it.

But the Labour Party is led by a nonentity – “a modest little man with plenty to be modest about.” He says almost nothing. He sits in his grey suit and puffs his pipe.

One wit remarked: “An empty taxi drew up and Clement Attlee got out.”

How can the insignificant, passionless little Labour leader Clem Attlee possibly compete with Churchill, and bring in a social revolution?

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