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# Labour leader Starmer urges voters to "take another look" at his party

London.—British opposition leader Keir Starmer appealed yesterday to former supporters of his Labour Party to return to the fold with a message that he offers a "new leadership» and shares their patriotic values."

Labour suffered heavy losses at last year's election, when Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservatives won seats in the opposition's heartlands with a promise to "get Brexit done" and by tapping into discontent with leftist then-leader Jeremy Corbyn.

Turning to what he described as his anger against Johnson's "serial incompetence" over the coronavirus crisis and Brexit talks, Starmer also distanced himself from Corbyn, say-

ing Labour was becoming "a competent, credible opposition".

Starmer, elected Labour leader in April, wants to win back many of the so-called 'Red Wall' seats in northern and central England taken by the Conservatives, and also faces a tough struggle to convince voters in Scotland to return to the party.

Addressing the party's virtual conference from the northern English town of Doncaster, Starmer told Labour members: "To those people in Doncaster and Deeside, in Glasgow and Grimsby, in Stoke and in Stevenage to those who have turned away from Labour, I say this: we hear you."

### SPAIN'S HOME WORKING DRAFT BILL TO MAKE EMPLOYERS PAY FOR EXPENSES

he Spanish government has agreed with unions and business leaders to make employers cover home working expenses after the coronavirus pandemic caused millions to work from their living rooms, Deputy Prime Minister Pablo Iglesias said yesterday.

"It was fundamental to regulate remote working to protect the rights of workers," Iglesias said in an interview with state-owned TV channel TVE.

The draft bill would force companies to pay for all expenses employees may have when working from home while allowing working hours flexibility and granting workers disconnection time, Iglesias said. He did not detail the expenses employers will have to assume or what employers may have obtained in the agreement. The draft bill still needs to be approved by the cabinet before being sent to parliament.

During the strict lockdown imposed in



Spain from mid-March to late June, millions of workers had to stay at home with their children and keep on working.

Three months after the official lock-down's end, millions of workers are still working remotely as social distancing rules limit office capacity.



## Freak storm causes havoc: See Inside

### MEASURES TO BE TIGHTED

#### Work from home, says Boris Johnson

• British Prime Minister Boris Johnson told people yesterday to work from home where possible and will curb timings for bars and restaurants to tackle a fast-spreading second coronavirus wave, but the opposition accused him of losing control. Johnson will tighten measures in England while stopping short of another full lockdown.



Scores of immigrants intercepted in Balearic waters: SEE PAGE FOUR