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## Margarine and Money Mesmerism

### IS RUIN FACING THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY?

"The question of margarine competition is the most vital matter facing our industry at the present time. It is so vital, in fact, that your Executive consider it necessary to place the whole facts of the position before you by direct contact without delay."

The above statement is made by Mr. Angus McKenzie in a circular addressed to members of the Victorian Dairymen's Association and distributed to dairymen at various meetings being held throughout the State.

That the situation is serious, from the dairymen's point of view, there is no cause to doubt; but the remedy proposed by the executive of the V.D.A., while appearing logical to men who deal only with effects, and seem to be unable to grasp the fundamental cause of collapse in the market for all primary produce, is somewhat fantastic, of which, more anon.

#### PAST PRACTICES

Let us first look into the situation that has arisen.

In this country today dairy produce is sold in the following manner: On the home market, through what is known as the Equalisation and Quota Scheme, it is sold at a fixed price to the Australian consumer. Prior to the war, produce sold on the home market was accounted at the price fixed and produce exported was accounted at the price obtained by the exporters. Under a quota-agreement, factories getting above a certain percentage of the home market were required to pay into a fund, while factories selling less than the percentage on the home market were credited with an amount in respect of the difference in price obtained from the export market.

Owing to the fact that marketing legislation, which gave legal status to the above Equalisation and Quota Scheme, was invalidated by the Privy Council, and a referendum vetoed an amendment to Section 92 of the Constitution, whereby the matter was to be adjusted, at the moment the Quota Scheme is in reality but a gentleman's agreement between dairy produce factories and the Equalisation Committee.

#### WARTIME POSITION

At the outbreak of war, the surplus produce was acquired (commandeered would seem a better term) by the British Government, the price being agreed upon by the British Government and "leaders" of the industry. It is worthy of note that the individual farmer was not taken into consideration in regard to the price—he merely had to take what he was given.

Since the outbreak of war, things have gone from bad to worse. In a letter dated 30th January 1940, Mr. H. A. Tuohy, London manager of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, reveals an alarming situation. He says: "We consider that the margarine

question is a matter requiring serious thought.

"The pre-war butter consumption in the United Kingdom, approximately ½lb. per head per week, was reached because some millions of the population, eating *double or treble that amount*, counterbalanced the millions who *could never afford butter on the table unless at under 1/- per lb.* (Our emphasis.)

"Now, under rationing, when nobody can buy more than the statutory four ounces, and the purses of a considerable proportion of the people who normally ate butter *cannot manage 1/7 per lb.*, butter consumption is probably less than three ounces per head per week. (Our emphasis again.)

"The point we wish to make clear is that this lost consumption will have to be won back after the war, if the dairying industry is to survive."

#### BLEAK PROSPECT

Perusing the circular, we find that butter consumption on the United Kingdom market has fallen from 9000 tons per week to below 3750 tons per week. A further factor, so far as the Australian dairy farmer is concerned, arises in regard to the contract with the British Government relative to the purchase of the export surplus. This contract is due for revision in June of this year. (Continued on page 8.)

### THE FIGHT AGAINST THE APPLE AND PEAR BOARD GOES ON

Since last week information received from all over Australia has clearly indicated that the fight against the Apple and Pear Board is gaining strength, much to the discomfort of the Federal Government.

The strongest lead has been given by the fruit growers in New South Wales, who have taken a very firm stand, and will refuse to pick their fruit unless an alteration is made. They point out that they will only go bankrupt if they accept the Board, and will, therefore, fight.

Apparently some members of the State Parliament in New South Wales are not very comfortable about the whole matter and are withdrawing their support from the whole scheme. In the Melbourne *Sun* on Monday, March 18, a report appeared to the effect that the Federal Ministry might abolish the Board or effect a radical revision of the scheme.

The most pleasing thing we have to report is the fact that just as we go to press we have received infor-

### THE VICTORIAN STATE ELECTIONS

#### Severe Jolt to Party Politics in Hawthorn

Once again we have gone through the rather pathetic farce of a State election. Apart from rare exceptions, the electors took their choice between the least of the offering party evils.

As was indicated at the Corio election, the electors are swinging to Labor as far as party alignments are concerned. However, until the initiative comes from the electors, very little in the nature of real reform is likely to take place.

The one bright feature of the election was the winning of the Hawthorn electorate from the U.A.P. by the Independent, Mr. L. H. Hollins. Mr. Hollins is well known to many readers of

However, it was his new approach to the entire question of political democracy, which gained him considerable support.

#### THE FAILURE OF PARTY GOVERNMENT

The following extract from the manifesto issued by Mr. Hollins prior to the election speaks for itself: "The failure of party politics to 'deliver the goods' proves my contention. The only alternative, then, is a non-party Government, elected by an enlightened people. A Government consisting of persons pledged to obey the will of the electors and not the will of this 'controlling group.' Shunning the 'party spirit,' let us go forward in a spirit of brotherhood and co-operation, determined that men everywhere shall have justice . . . There is need for a new approach to political problems. Had I merely wanted a job, the party way would have been less difficult."

Eric Butler, who spoke on behalf of Mr. Hollins on the Friday night before the elections, said that he was very impressed with the reception given to Mr. Hollins and his different approach. "What impressed me more than anything else," he said, "was the manner in which Mr. Hollins clearly indicated that he would be the servant of the people, and could do very little unless fully armed with their sovereign power." The electors apparently appreciated this line of democratic approach.

Apart from the fact that Mr. Hollins has given an undertaking to support or introduce a motion in the Victorian State House to bring pressure upon the Federal Government in connection with a drastic alteration to the present national debt policy, he says he is also going to organise electoral committees throughout Hawthorn in order that he will be able to receive regular instructions from his electors.

This is the sort of thing, which will provide the financial dictators with a headache. Here is a man who realises that it is the people, and the people alone, who wield sovereign power.

#### WHAT THE MELBOURNE "HERALD" SAID

Dealing with the results of the election in its editorial on Monday, March 18, the Melbourne

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MR. L. H. HOLLINS.

this paper as a man of ability and determination, with an understanding of economic and political democracy. His book, "Democracy At the Crossroads," revealed a deep insight into economic problems, and received several fine reviews in overseas journals.

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

By "THE WALRUS."

**I don't want anyone to think that I am about to offer a theory on the immediate causes of the war. That would be grossest presumption on my part, considering that leading politicians are still clearing their throats, preparatory to making another statement on our war aims. But, since everyone nowadays is permitted to lecture the public on international affairs provided he has not arrived at the truth, I feel it almost a duty to add my small quota to the general misunderstanding.**

I probably would never have thought of this but for the almost electric pilgrimage of Mr. Sumner Welles, which looks so very much like Wall Street in a hurry. If anybody knows what Mr. S. Welles is after, the knowledgeable one has kept his secret well. It was officially announced that Mr. Welles was concerned with post-war reconstruction, so we may take it, I think, that whatever his mission is it is probably not reconstruction. Mussolini didn't seem to think it was; in fact, he didn't hesitate to say that the financial proposals of S.W. were unacceptable.

Now that was thoughtless of him. He shouldn't have mentioned financial proposals. We were almost in the mood to think that Uncle Sam was thinking of common humanity for once—having repented, at long last, of shooting in the back the one great man, except possibly T. A. Edison, that his country has ever produced. I refer to Abraham Lincoln, naturally. It may have been a slip of the tongue on the part of Benito, of course, due to subconscious association of ideas, like British—Constitution, French—Poodle, German—Sausage, American—Dollar. It is quite evident, at any rate, that the representatives of the various countries have been somewhat distraught in their remarks—to the press, that is. There has been such an overwhelming acquiescence in the post-war proposals that you can't help thinking that the representatives had something else on their minds, just, as for instance, when the policeman brings a summons for you and me, we say, "Not today, thank you!", while we are really thinking unprintable things about the way we are allowed to get into debt; and it would be surprising if a lot of them weren't wondering if, after all, they had ever understood the Monroe Doctrine, with its sublime disdain of the affairs of others.

I notice that the irrepressible Hitler, according to my newspaper, wants a Monroe Doctrine. I don't know what his chances are, or even what he thinks the Doctrine is, but if he wants to get it, all he has to do is to reduce America to impotence, and make terms with the Jews, and Finance will be there to give him everything he wants. Meanwhile, the address of Finance is Wall Street, N.Y., U.S.A., with sub-offices in Threadneedle Street, Geneva, and Basle—to say nothing of the new travelling agency in the care of Mr. Sumner Welles.

### COUNTING THE CHICKENS . . .

Some of the Governments apparently formed the distinct idea that the American envoy was talking about peace, in spite of the fact that he was, by his own pronouncement, only concerned with the disposal of the ultimate peace which he—optimistically—felt must come. Well, at any rate, they won't be able to blame Mr. Welles if they don't get peace as the result of his visit, for he was but doing on a grand scale what you and I are always doing in our small way—i.e., spending the first prize in the golden casket before we've bought the ticket. I do feel, however, that I should like to see peace tried just once before I die.

Responsibility for all political matter in this paper is accepted by H. F. Allsop, 5th Floor, McEwan House, Melbourne, C.I.

There is one thing I always feel very thankful for, and that is that I am not really an international commentator. In a moment of self-helpfulness, however, I once set out to codify, as it were, the international items, which appeared to be in the nature of knowledge, confident that I could come to some useful results

### A.B.C. OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Here are some of my findings. They will help to justify you should you wish to be a soldier in the German, British, French, or Russian Army, or should you wish to hold aloof from armaments or nationality:

- (1) Finance sponsored the League of Nations.
- (2) Finance sabotaged the League of Nations.
- (3) Finance backed the Russian Royal Family.
- (4) Finance sponsored the Russian Revolution and Five-Year Plans.
- (5) Finance raised Hitler to the Chancellorship.
- (6) Finance raised Cain about (5).

As against this catalogue are certain items which are not knowledge, but which come under the heading of hypotheses, workable and unworkable:

- (1) Japan is using a sort of National, but unsocial, credit.
- (2) Germany and Russia and Italy are doing the same.

There is, however, no evidence of the benevolent social revolution we have been longing for. The first fruits of their national credit (if it is, indeed, national credit) is Imperialist design, purges, executions, and hari-kari.

None of these things happen to appeal to me. In fact, it would be difficult to convince me that Santa Claus could inhabit any of the countries which practise them: and if I could be so convinced I know I could not be persuaded to accept gifts at his hands.

### ENLIGHTENED OBJECTIVE.

I suppose that one of the most enlightened objectives of modern times is that of delivering ourselves from the monstrous mumbo-jumbo of the black-hearted wretches who have persuaded the credulous that we must buy our figures before we can use them—and that they own the figures. But there is just a chance we may lose sight of the idea most of us started with.

The form of that idea in my own case is that there are only two really great things which life here can offer us—viz., domestic happiness and freedom of mind, body, and spirit; and, although, theoretically, the ideally-minded would prefer to starve in the gutter rather than to wax fat in prison, we do not, as a rule, hesitate to pawn our freedom to retain our domestic happiness; and that, of course, is our undoing.

I can't think we have anything

## AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. MENZIES

Dear Mr. Menzies, —

I find it interesting and instructive to note your reaction to the crushing motion of censure, which has been passed upon you by your masters, the electors of Corio.

If, Sir, you had a true sense of your position, you would have had the grace to be chastened by the severe rebuke, which has been administered to you by Corio.

But, Sir, your humiliation appears to have filled you only with insolent insubordination. I would remind you, Sir, that the subsequent history of servants who have been guilty of insolent insubordination is generally not a happy one.

You state that: "I think it is a function of democratic government to give leadership." This statement does not inspire confidence in your capacity rightly to understand the principles on which REPRESENTATIVE democratic government has been founded.

It is obvious that you are confused between "government by leadership" and "democratic government." "Government by leader-

ship" is simply a euphonious description of government by dictatorship.

Democratic government is defined in the dictionary as government by the WILL of the PEOPLE. It would appear that you have no conception of the PEOPLE having, a WILL and a POLICY.

Apparently you have the cart placed before the horse, and regard the PEOPLE simply as an instrument to implement YOUR will and YOUR policy.

You express the opinion that your Government is ahead of public opinion. Here again you have the cart before the horse in your undemocratic mind.

The correct and natural position of a Government in relation to its masters, the PEOPLE, is not ahead of the people, but behind them, supporting them, and striving to achieve their policy.

However, Sir, it is obvious that your failure to understand the fundamentals of democratic government is heading you and your Government direct for the shades of oblivion. There, it is hoped, you would have the opportunity for uninterrupted meditation, and perhaps you would (?) generate an understanding of democracy—i.e., rule by the will of the people. — Yours, etc..

(Sgd.) C. CHAMBERS.  
Sydney, N.S.W.

We are informed that the above open letter was first submitted to the Sydney *Daily News*, but was not published. —Ed., N.T.J

to hope for from the liberty-haters, and I am equally certain that the pseudo-peace which has ever been our portion could hold out against us for generations.

For the idealist, the prospect is so bleak that it doesn't seem to matter whether in this war he fights or not, or even on which side. When the shouting and the tumult die, the battle will still be there.

## THE WAR ON THE HOME FRONT!

**"I have two great enemies; the Southern Army in front of me and the financial institution in the rear. Of the two, the one in my rear is my greatest foe."—Abraham Lincoln, to Congress.**

**There are two conflicts taking place today. A military conflict and a financial conflict. Under the cover of war, finance is ruthlessly attacking us on the home front. We are engaged in a desperate struggle against the rising tide of bureaucracy and financial dictatorship. We have a dangerous enemy within the gates. Let us, therefore, arm ourselves—with facts. In the "New Times," week-by-week, appear articles exposing the nature of the forces attacking society and defining the action to be taken to overcome them.**

**The "New Times" is our heavy artillery in the war on the home front. But, it urgently requires more ammunition. Will you supply a little? Without it we cannot win.**

### £100 WANTED—NOW.

**No matter how large or how small your contribution, no matter in what part of Australia you may live, you can help. Those in the front line of the home front appeal to you not to let them down.**

# THE WORLD-GOVERNMENT PLOT EXPOSED

(5)

By ERIC D. BUTLER.

**One of the most significant statements on record concerning the Hitler regime in Germany was made by Dr. Schacht, the American-trained banker. When Hitler came to power he said: "For three months we shall do what Hitler tells us. After that he will have to do what we tell him." Things did not quite go that way.**

From all the evidence available, there seems not the slightest doubt that Hitler was helped to power by the Wall Street group. The French magazine, "Cyrano," has dealt with the memoirs of Sidney Warburg, connected with the Jewish Banking House of Kuhn, Loeb and Co., who was responsible for the negotiations which led up to making finance available to the Nazi Party. As far as can be gathered, Hitler was put in touch with Thyssen and other powerful industrialists and financed by or through them.

Apart from this, there can be no disputing the evidence that International Finance has played a major part in building up Germany to her present strength. Good care was taken, of course, to see that, although she obtained war materials, she was unable to obtain sufficient raw materials for consumable purposes.

Hitler was a product of the conditions created by International Finance after the last war. The process leading up to the present conflict seems to have been as follows: Create the conditions, which will produce a Hitler. Help him to power. Then have a war to crush Hitlerism; and, in the process, build a system of "World-Hitlerism"; which is exactly where we are all heading at the moment.

The one thing of advantage obtained by the German people from the wreckage of the last war was a democratic constitution. But this did not alleviate their economic conditions, which became progressively worse. No wonder that Hitler and all he stood for seemed like a possible solution to the German people. They surrendered their freedom for the possibility of better material conditions. The other democratic countries are rapidly following the same path to tyranny.

## THE BANK OF ENGLAND AND GERMANY

Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England and Wall Street's bailiff in Britain, has been openly in favour of building up Germany since 1931, when British bankers borrowed money in America at low rates of interest and lent it to Germany at 7 and 8 per cent, interest. By 1935 the City of London (the Bank of England) was openly pro-Nazi, and was actively engaged in re-arming Germany, as revealed even in the *Financial News* of May 15 of that year.

In 1937 the *Banker* said "we regret to have to admit that from a small but influential circle in the City of London there flows a constant stream of propaganda in favour of credits for Germany."

Mr. Paul Einzig, one of the best-informed writers on finance today, says, in "World Finance, 1918-36," that "there can be no doubt that practically the whole of the free exchange available to Germany for the purchase of raw materials was supplied, directly or indirectly, by Great Britain. War material, which will eventually be used against this country, could never have been

produced but for the generosity with which Great Britain is giving her enemy free exchange for the purpose of raw materials. If the day of reckoning ever comes, the liberal attitude of the British Government in this matter may well be responsible for the lives of British soldiers and civilians."

Unfortunately, there has been no Government in Britain willing or able to challenge the financiers, who carry on arming and financing where they see fit. This was particularly noticeable when, after the Czechoslovakian crisis, the British Government was forced to admit that it had no power to restrain the Bank of England from allowing millions of pounds worth of gold to be sent from Czechoslovakia to Germany.

Apart from direct credits, the supplying of Germany with raw materials for war has depended upon International Finance, which controls, directly or indirectly, the main mineral supplies of the world. The following figures may prove an eye-opener to those parents who have sons going overseas to fight Hitlerism, and who never even concerned themselves in years gone by with the financial swindle that paved the way for the present conflict. During 1938 Britain and France supplied Germany with 94 per cent, of nickel requirements, 26 per cent, of iron ore, 33 per cent, of lead, 62 per cent, of copper, 61 per cent, of manganese, 60 per cent of zinc, and 52 per cent, of rubber.

The German Trade Returns show the following figures for imports of pig iron into Germany from Britain and France during the twelve months ending February 1939:

BEFORE MUNICH	
Six months	
Mar. to Aug.,	
From.	1938.
France .....	23,757 tons
Great Britain..	2,332 tons

AFTER MUNICH	
	Sept., 1938,
	to
From.	Feb., 1939.
France.....	204,506 tons
Great Britain..	39,203 tons

Right up to the very eve of war, the papers were admitting that Britain was seriously depleting her own rubber and copper stocks in order to supply German orders. Well, of course, it would be a terrible thing if the war started without both sides being, well armed. But it is not a very nice thought to think of British young men being shot with munitions supplied by so-called British interests.

## SINCE THE START OF THE WAR

As soon as the war started, International Finance brought

pressure to bear, through its tools in the American Government, to have the arms embargo removed in order that munitions could be supplied to the Allies. The war, if it goes on long enough, will mean that all Britain's assets will have to be pawned to the American financiers, in order to carry on the war. Apart from this factor, even the daily press has indicated that America is also supplying Germany with materials.

In the Melbourne *Sun* of February 10, the following report appeared: "The German liner, Koenigsberg, sailed from Belem (Brazil) yesterday with 2000 tons of copper and an unusually heavy supply of fuel oil. The Soviet steamer, Mayakovsky, loaded 200 tons of molybdenite at San Pedro, consigned to Leningrad, but believed to be destined for Germany." Taken in conjunction with this report, the following report, which appeared in the stop press of the Melbourne *Sun* on Friday, December 1, 1939, makes very interesting reading. (Significantly enough, this report did not appear, as far as I know, in any other paper in Australia.) It read: "Nazis Plan to Raise Loan in United States. London. —A Berlin report states that Dr. Schacht, Hitler's financial adviser, is planning to raise a loan in the United States from bankers of German descent. He expects to obtain enough foreign currency to pay for imported war materials."

Most of the Wall Street groups are, or have been, controlled by German Jews, such as the Warburgs, Schiff, Brietung and Kuhn. Unless Britain can throw off the enemy within before very long, I am afraid that I, for one, must confess that her position looks little short of hopeless. If the war starts in earnest it will mean that Britain, France, and Germany will be exhausted in a devastating struggle, leaving Russia and America completely controlling, in one way or another, what is left.

The more I study the question the more I am convinced that the main object of this war is to smash the British Commonwealth of Nations and bring the whole world under a system of domination and regimentation such as that operating in Russia. If Britain is going to win this war, in the military sense, something drastic will need to be done internally. The home front is the most important, and already Britain is suffering major losses on that front. It recalls to mind that famous statement made by Abraham Lincoln, when he said: "I have two great enemies: the Southern Army in front of me, and the financial institution in the rear. Of the two, the one in my rear is the greater foe."

Since the outbreak of war, individual enterprise has been progressively smashed in Britain; cherished liberties are being lost, while "sovietisation" is proceeding rapidly. Mr. Sieff and his planner; have been having a great time and the following statement, made in the *PE.P. Journal* of October 4 1938, now takes on a terrible significance: "We have started from the position that only in war or under the threat of war, will a British Government embark on large-scale planning."

In the *Daily Telegraph* of December 5, 1939, the following appeared: "Industrial power will win the war. Overwhelming output of armaments would shorten it, with its incalculable loss of life and misery"; and yet at that time there were at least 172,000 more unemployed in Britain than when the war began. This was in spite of the fact that there were 1,250,000 men under arms and 1,700,000 public or private A.R.P. officials apart from the vast army of bureaucrats.

This is a result of planning and debt-finance. No wonder that the

following, appearing in a syndicated article recently published in Britain, seems to sum up the tragic policy now being followed: "Behind it all is a suspicion in some people's minds that the Treasury, working in concert with a few big interests, is bent on trustification of industry, such as Sidney Webb and Philip Snowden foretold would prelude Socialism, and that the profits, or most of them, will go into the national coffers as a form of indirect taxation."

Thus, International Finance, through the Bank of England, is attacking Britain on the home front. The debt structure continues to mount higher and higher, with taxation pressing heavier and heavier. Here in Australia, as we will see later, we are also fighting a desperate battle on the home front.

## THIS WORLD-GOVERNMENT.

As I have pointed out previously, since the present conflict broke out we have been subjected to a flood of ideas concerning International Government. The manner in which this propaganda is being broadcast, with the aid of both the press and radio, is little short of astounding, and clearly indicates that it is being pushed by powerful groups. We will see later that this idea is an American and Russian idea. The League of Nations was a similar attempt by International Finance at the conclusion of the last war. That attempt failed. However, we will find it of interest to make ourselves familiar with that attempt, because it, like the second attempt, was espoused by American leaders, under the domination of the International Financiers in Wall Street.

Before going on to deal with this, I quote the following extract from a broadcast, early this year, by Clifford M. Utley, Director of Chicago Council of Foreign Relations: "Some may think it ridiculously early to talk about the next peace; or you may think it none of our affair. We shall have a great influence on the next peace, if the Allies win. If the war goes on for long we shall have all the money in the world. Post-war Europe will be bankrupt, and will look to us for financial aid to start things going again; and, much as we condemn the reckless loans that we made to Europe after 1920 we shall probably make some new loans. . . . We will be in a position to demand a price. That price may be the handing over to the United States of new-world possessions of European nations, if we decide we want such possessions."

(To be continued.)

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## Sinister Tactics to Abolish State Parliaments

We have constantly warned readers of the dangers of abolishing our State Parliaments. This policy of centralisation is being energetically pushed by financial interests as an essential prelude to super world centralisation as visualised by Mr. Streit in his book, "Union Now." No less a person than Mr. Justice Evatt, of the High Court of Australia, recently said that the League of Nations had been recently referred to as a corpse, and Federal Union was merely the corpse warmed up. After vigorously attacking "Union Now," Mr. Evatt made the following pregnant statement: "The further you get away from the source of power—the people—the greater the danger to democracy." This is exactly what the abolition of State Parliaments will mean.

Now, there is one aspect of the move to abolish State Parliaments, which has been rather puzzling. During the Victorian State election several Labor candidates were heard to express general approval of the idea, although it would naturally be supposed that the State members would be opposed to abolishing their own positions.

However, from what we can learn, it appears that the idea at the moment is to merely delegate the powers of the State Government to the Federal sphere. The State members are to be retained, although, under such an arrangement the people would have very little **real** say in controlling policy.

The subtlety of this proposed move is apparent. It overcomes the possible opposition of State members and paves the way for the complete abolition of State Parliaments when the time is suitable.

The immediate task before the people is to vigorously oppose the delegation of power to bureaucrats by our paid representatives. Government must be brought closer to the people. Our State Governments must be made, to function. Responsibility must not be shelved. There is no more important issue before the people today.

## Little State, What Now?

Finland has been at last added to the growing list of victims at the hands of powerful aggressor nations. If the present procedure continues unchecked, there will soon be a world of big centralised nations, with no small States whatever. Which will, of course, suit International Finance very nicely.

One of the most amazing aspects of the Finnish tragedy is the manner in which people who almost become, incoherent with rage when discussing the murderous tactics of Hitler, can condone the brutal rape of a nation such as Finland.

One of the most illogical and stupid arguments put forward by the Russian sympathisers—and it must be realised that twenty years of propaganda has done its deadly work—is the viewpoint that Finland was run by the bankers. Whether the financial gangsters of Finland could be any more bloodthirsty than the political gangsters of Russia is a very moot point.

Taking the above argument to its logical conclusion, we might also point out that Britain, Canada, Australia and other countries are also run by the bankers. We sincerely hope that the Communists do not consider this sufficient excuse to allow Russia to overrun Australian territory and bomb Australian cities as she did those of Finland.

There is one important thing, which the British people still possess: the parliamentary system of democracy. When the people exert sufficient pressure through their parliamentary representatives they will force the bankers to do as demanded. We certainly don't need the assistance of the Red Army to help us in the process.

In the meantime, we notice that the Russian "liberators" are now turning their attention southwards. The question appears to be: Who is the next victim?

"Tis a mad world, my masters."

## THE POSITION OF AUSTRALIAN CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

### THE LAW IN AUSTRALIA

Conscientious objectors, if the genuineness of their convictions is established, can obtain exemption from combatant military work, but must perform non-combatant duties under military control. Although the penalty for refusing such duties is imprisonment for not more than six months, most conscientious objectors feel that acceptance of the present exemption would set others free for combatant work.

From June 30, 1911, to June 30, 1914, when compulsory training was in force, 27,479 prosecutions were necessary to obtain 123,497 compulsory trainees; 5732 lads who refused training were imprisoned in military fortresses. (These figures were supplied to the Australian Freedom League by the then Secretary of the Defence Dept., Mr. S. A. Pethebridge). It is difficult to estimate the percentage of those prosecuted and/or in prison, who were proceeded against on account of their conscientious beliefs.

### THE BRITISH LAW

Under the British Military Training Act, objectors who satisfy tribunals of the genuineness of their convictions obtain:—

1. Exemption conditional on undertaking noncombatant military work; or
2. Exemption conditional on undertaking non-military work under civilian control; or
3. Exemption from military service and from any work provided as an alternative to it.

Similar provision was made for objectors during 1914-18. There has been no serious criticism of this legislation, though during the Great War the verdicts of the tribunals were most unfair. The hard sentences imposed, however, failed completely to cause objectors to violate their principles. The persecution to which they were subjected aroused widespread criticism. More questions were asked in the House of Commons about them than about all other army matters.

### THE POSITION TODAY

The number of conscientious objectors who have applied for the limited exemption granted in the Australian Defence Act is ninety-one (91), according to figures supplied to the Peace Pledge Union by the Department of the Army. Many of these objectors will not accept the present restricted exemption, and have only applied in the hope that the law will be amended.

Though the number of citizens

liable for training who have refused to register is not yet known, it is anticipated that this figure will be relatively large, and that it will include many objectors to compulsory training on conscientious grounds.

### PUBLIC OPINION

Resolutions calling for the amendment of the Defence Act conscience clauses have been carried by numerous Church bodies, The Australian Student Christian Movement, the National Union of University Students, and other non-pacifist organisations. There has been considerable press correspondence on the matter, including a particularly interesting letter, which appeared in the Melbourne "Sun" on January 1 of this year:

"As a member of the 2nd A.I.F. and a firm believer in compulsory training, might I urge that the conscientious objector be tolerated? The present position, by which exemption is granted only on condition that non-combatant work be undertaken, is unsatisfactory to the average pacifist, who objects to setting others free to carry out more distasteful and dangerous work. Those of us who have joined the Colours to fight for liberty resent any attack on essential civil rights."

"L.V.A. (Puckapunyal)."

Perhaps the most important statement as yet made on the subject was signed by thirteen prominent Victorian citizens, including Bishop Donald Baker, Sir Herbert Gepp, Sir David Rivett, Prof. W. E. Agar, and Mr. E. C. Dyason. The concluding paragraph of this was as follows:—

"We believe it hardly necessary to point out that acceptance of this statement in no way implies sympathy with pacifist views or opposition to compulsory training. We recognise, however, that as Mr. Chamberlain has said regarding the conscientious objectors of 1914-1918, it is both a useless and an exasperating waste of time to attempt to force such people to act in a manner contrary to their principles. Experience has shown that the alternative to recognition of the objector's attitude is the imprisonment and persecution of loyal citizens because of their religious or political beliefs. Such persecutions, we believe, will be valueless from the military standpoint, will antagonise neutral opinion, and will discredit the objectives for which the present war is being fought."

—Compiled by the Australian Peace Pledge Union (Victorian Section), 418 Little Collins-street, Melbourne, C.I.

## CALLING GIPPSLAND SUPPORTERS! Have YOU Got in Touch Yet?

If not, please do so immediately. Eric Butler and Norman Rolls will commence their Gippsland tour during the second week in April. Some arrangements have already been made. There are many, no doubt, who have meant to write in but have put it off. Don't delay. This tour must be a big success.

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**PROFESSOR PSHAW ON  
"THE STATISTICAL FRONT"**

In former times it was quite a simple matter for almost any fool to decide who was winning a war. If the enemy kept sacking your towns, putting you and your friends to the sword, levying tribute, and so on, you reckoned he was winning, while, if your troops were doing that, you were. Nowadays, of course, it is much more complicated, like everything else, and ordinary people cannot be expected to know who is winning a war. It is a matter for expert statisticians.

Take, for instance, the following extract from an article by the *Daily Telegraph* naval correspondent (Jan. 1):

"Taken as percentages of the total number in each case, the Royal Oak represents a loss of 6.66 per cent, of British capital ship strength, while the Graf Spee deprives Germany of 20 per cent."

The first figure should, of course, be 6.66 recurring, or, say, 6.66667 to 5 decimal figures, which gives a net British Victory Index of 20/6.66667 equalling 3. This would never have been suspected, without the help of statistics, as the Royal Oak was several times the tonnage of the Graf Spee.

"The Courageous," the article continues, "represented about 14 per cent, of British aircraft-carrier strength, but Germany possesses no ships at all in this category. The three destroyers amount to 1.3 per cent, of the total number in service; while the Oxley is equal to a little under 2 per cent, of the submarine total."

The entire absence of German aircraft carriers raises a knotty statistical problem about which the experts are not completely agreed. Some hold that the extent of the British advantage gamed by the sinking of the Courageous, calculated as for Capital ships, by the ratio of the percentage losses, is equal to 0/14—i.e., nil. Others claim that this is unfair, since, as the German number of aircraft-carriers is 0, and they have lost that number, the percentage loss is, therefore, 100, which gives a victory Index of 100/14, equalling approximately 7, thus demonstrating the power of the British Navy in a

way quite impossible without statistics. This latter result is, of course, the correct one, as the former is what would be obtained without statistics by any uneducated nitwit, and is, therefore, useless.

Another valuable use for statistics is the consoling of relatives by showing up losses in their true light, as mere insignificant details. Thus, I am sure that the relatives of the men lost in the three destroyers and the Oxley were immensely relieved when they learnt that these losses did not really matter, being a negligible proportion, of our total strength. It will be necessary, I fully expect, to apply this method to the home front, in order to maintain civilian morale. Thus, relatives of persons killed in air raids may look forward to receiving a letter of the following type, which should cheer and strengthen them in the continued prosecution of the war:

"Dear Sir or Madam, —

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"(Signed) Algernon Numbskull, "(Deputy Regional Controller)." Enough has been said, I think, to show that we shall never lose the war on the Statistical Front.

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**IS CHAMBERLAIN OPPOSED  
TO "FEDERAL UNION?"**

We have previously suggested that the present Prime Minister of Britain is not altogether stepping in line with the aims of International Finance. He gave the financiers rather a nasty jolt in 1938 at Munich, when he refused to plunge Europe into the maelstrom. Since then he has maintained some semblance of a situation where sanity may yet prevail. Undoubtedly, his biggest "crime"—apart from sacking Hore-Belisha, and, according to the financially controlled press, thus making Britain almost certain to lose the war—has been his failure to advocate the World-Government idea, which is being vigorously pushed from many quarters.

One of the foremost commentators on the international situation has recently written as follows: "After seeing the treatment of Austria, the fine flower of European culture, by the League of Nations; the disallowance of Social Credit legislation in Alberta (which had probably more popular support behind it than any legislation proposed in the past hundred years) by the Federal Government at Ottawa, and the results in Great Britain, of taking our instruction, and/or rules, hereditary or otherwise, from Wall Street, I don't think that merely changing the pup's name from "Bank of International Settlements" to "Federal

Union" is quite enough; and (what is more important) I don't think that Mr. Chamberlain thinks it is either."

This seems to explain why we have recently been seeing remarkable reports in the daily press of credits and war materials from America to Britain being held up. This is no doubt, a very impressive and calculated form of pressure on the British Government to try and make it officially adopt Federal Union as an official war aim. However, things seem to be coming to a head in Britain, and the International Financiers may find that the British character will stand just so much—and no more.

**FIGHTING HITLER IN  
U.S.A.**

Mr. Duff Cooper, former Secretary of State for War, remarked in an interview before he sailed to the United States for his recent lecturing tour, of his immediate purpose: "I think there is only one thing now."

On his tour he advocated a Federated Europe, and early in January he spoke at the United Palestine Appeal Conference in Washington, receiving a tremendous ovation. One of his audience said: "There spoke the heart of England. Israel stands with England in this war, as in the last." God help England!

**DID YOU READ THIS  
GEM?**

The following report appeared in the Melbourne *Sun* on Monday, March 18: "Canada will impose quotas on nickel exports to the United States soon to ensure that supplies do not reach Germany and Russia."

It can only be presumed from this that nickel sent from Canada to U.S.A. has been going to Germany and Russia. Of course, there is nothing surprising in that.

**REALISM NOT  
WANTED?**

The Commonwealth Film Censor (Mr. Cresswell O'Reilly) has banned another picture, "The Fighting 69th."

"The Fighting 69th," which has an all-male cast, tells the story of the 69th New York Regiment during the world war.

*The Motion Picture Herald* describes the film as "a preachment for patriotism, which makes a plea for tolerance."

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Even on Government farms we find numerous instances of the debts having accumulated through interest charges to such an extent that there is now more owing to the Crown than when the farms were first selected. In what is known as the South-West Wheat Area of New South Wales, we have the spectacle of farmers being paid up to £300 by the Government to vacate their holdings.

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What has been the experience in certain other parts of the world where the guides of destiny have been audacious enough to introduce a little "unsound finance?"

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"I visited some of the farms, and found the settlers contented, although the change from picturesque Italy to Lybian wastes was a wrench.

"Everything is dependent on irrigation. Chemically, the water is satisfactory, and it also is abundant, but admittedly the scheme is an experiment, which could be successfully applied in Australia's superior natural conditions.

"One of the principal officials of the Colonisation Board, who knows Australia, said to me:

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## SCIENCE MARCHES ON!

The recently arrived ship in an Australian port, fitted with the new "degaussing" anti-magnetic girdle, which has helped British ships to overcome the magnetic mine menace, provides a further graphic demonstration of the ingenuity of man. What a pity that the mind of man is not devoted to a much higher pursuit than that of mass destruction!

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I have just come across the following quotation from *Helen Keller's Journal*, and reproduce it for the benefit of readers who may be concerned with this subject of radio propaganda:

"... It seems to me a teacher or professor should aim at impartiality in presenting a controversial subject to his students. That is the only way he can lead them to mental independence. . . . My quarrel is not with the right of our professors to form their own opinions, BUT WITH THEIR FAILURE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT THAT IS DIGNIFIED AND AS TRUTHFUL AS MAY BE OF OPPOSITE VIEWS, WHICH ARE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO HAVE ADVOCATES." (Capitals mine.)

Unless there is insistence that the A.B.C. observe these rules, there will be increasing encroachment on the liberty of minorities and more broadcasts of a partisan nature. —Yours, etc.,

"THE WATCHWOMAN."  
Kew, Victoria.

PURPOSE OF THE WAR

Sir, —An urgent appeal was made to all Australians in 1914-18 to play their part in the war to end wars. The German horde, and those in league with it, must be suppressed, and the Kaiser shorn of power to harm.

Some 400,000 Australians responded, and became the shock troops of the Allies, gaining fame on all battlefronts.

68,000 died in the effort, and most of the rest were wounded two or three times.

The Diggers came back to Australia in 1918, convinced that a good job had been done. Then why, we ask, have their sons to go in 1940 to do the same job all over again?

There are those who aver that once the Germans were on the run they should have been thrashed all the way to Berlin. What purpose would that have served? The whole German community could have been annihilated with no avail. The *real* enemy of the people of the world, the enemy that instigates and organises depressions and war—the power behind international finance—survived unmolested, while the nations of the world, through colossal war debts became more in its grip.

This unscrupulous power, centred at Wall-street, America, and having agents installed in high administrative positions in all lands, continued its planning. Not for welfare, progress, prosperity. Oh, no! It planned for mass murder, destitution, subjugation.

The League of Nations was created under the guise of peace. Its purpose, revealed in practice, has been (1) To exalt the international system by establishing the Bank of International Settlements at Basle, and thus make complete the financial stranglehold. (2) To reduce the British Empire below the one power standard in defence. (3) To engender a babble of voices to stifle initiative and blind the vision of peace-loving countries, while dictatorships were set up and organisation for war occurred in many spheres.

The war debts of Germany, Italy and France were wiped off, while the whole burden of war debts remained upon the backs of the British.

Russia was completely sovietised, and emissaries of Communism sent to all parts of the globe.

Nazi rule became rife in Germany, financed by credits liberated by the system. Fascism was grafted on to Italy, and a mighty war organisation matured in each.

Japan was drawn in war right into the bowels of China, to be stretched in the economic rack.

Great Britain was reduced below the one power standard in defence, and her people enslaved through taxation, and caused to supply the materials for war organisations elsewhere.

Not only that, but the population of Great Britain was so starved that 50 per cent, of her manhood declined in physical fitness below the "C" Class standard.

It was thus designed that when the zero hour struck for the renewal of the world war, the British Commonwealth of Nations

would be as helpless as was Ethiopia.

The great plan of world control, designed and financed by the international money monopoly, went somewhat astray.

The part Italy was to play in the Mediterranean miscarried, Then Herr Hitler, obsessed as he became with tremendous power, defied the system, commandeered the Reichbank, dealt drastically with the Jews, and run amok.

That is the reason Great Britain is now armed. Hitler out of control, his regime must be crushed. £1,500,000,000 of credit was advanced to Great Britain to organise for war to check the Nazi.

The designing purpose of all this war effort is "Financial Dictatorship." The democracies—other than America, which will come in at the last—can spill their blood, consume their resources, exhaust their strength, and wallow in debt. Then eventually they are to surrender their sovereignty and join the "Federal Union."

World peace will be kept by an "International Police Force," controlled by the "World Dictator," and any attempt made to alter the rule will be met by a purge, such as is demonstrated at intervals in Russia.

Will the British Commonwealth of Nations and the Allies fall for it? Will Italy, Spain, the people of America, and the people of Germany, when purged of Nazi rule, fall for it?

When the unscrupulous "Enemy of man," and its counterfeit credit, is challenged and annihilated there may evolve a "New World Order," guaranteeing freedom in security and self-determination to both the individual, and each community of individuals, throughout the earth.

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Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM AGER.  
Yamba, Clarence River, N.S.W.

THE VICTORIAN STATE ELECTIONS

(Continued from page 1.)

*Herald* made the following observations: "To a greater extent than the other parties in the State House the U.A.P. has been led into the rut of party politics." Also, "It would seem that, in Victoria at least, the days are past when a State political party can hope to flourish on a policy of opposition for opposition's sake."

Apparently, even the Melbourne *Herald* is having some doubts in connection with the party ramp.

However, the gem in this leader was as follows: "The defeat of the sitting U.A.P. member for Hawthorn in a straight out contest with an Independent candidate, whose unorthodox political creed could have had as little to do with the case as the flowers that bloom in the spring, should enlighten the U.A.P. upon how far it has fallen in the grace of its own once faithful friends."

The *Herald* will find that such unorthodoxy will make certain interests do some hard thinking before many months have passed.

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## AMERICAN SENATOR HITS OUT International Planners Attacked in Congress

Although the American Government appears to be well under the control of the New York financiers, there are several representatives in the U.S. Congress who are not afraid to denounce these individuals and their various friends in other parts of the world. The following is portion of an address delivered by the Hon. J. Thorkelson on July 10, 1939, and is reprinted from the "Congressional Record":

"If the international gangsters want to fight, why should they not do a little fighting of their own? They are instrumental in starting wars, and they use public money to defray the cost. Let them now be crusaders in their own cause of destruction. It would, indeed, be interesting to observe A Sieff, Melchett, Lindsay, Belisha, Elmhurst, Demitroff, Stakhanoff, Kaganovich, Litvinoff, Rosenberg, Blum, Daladier, Chautemps, Herriot, and their six American cohorts shoulder guns to fight for the invisible government and the glory of their own "red" cause. It is these internationalists that our boys would be fighting for, should they fight on the side of England, Russia, and France. The World War was fought for the invisible government; and please do not forget that.

"Another world conflagration will be fought to restore the same "red" Government in the United States that was recently conquered in Spain. This is a picture that some of our Christian representatives, educators, and other dupes of the invisible government should visualise when they beat the tomtoms for the moneychangers. These pseudo-educators and reformers should remember that a fight for the moneychangers is a fight, which destroys all good things in life. Where are we going? Communism is rampant in the Government, colleges, churches, and society. It is publicised and recognised, and condoned, if you please, by even the First Lady herself, as shown at the meeting of the American Youth Congress the other day in New York.

"Communism is the order of the day, and in hearings before Congressional committees officers of the Army and Navy further testified that Communists enlisted in our own armed forces have said that they would not fight for the

United States of America. Further evidence appears in the hearings that alien Communists assert that they have a right to murder, in order to advance their cause.

"With all this evidence before Congressional investigational committees, which have full knowledge of Communistic activities, even in vital places, nothing is done by the Federal Government to stop it. Evidence and proof of Communistic activities and of the vicious Communist himself are in the *Congressional Record*; and, remember, if you please, it is Communism of the Stalin brand, and not Fascism. It is the "red" destroyer in the raw. It is well done for those who read this to bear in mind that these statements are not idle wanderings to be stated in the *Record*, but they are actual facts, which may be read in the hearings, page by page.

"What is the reaction of the kept press? Nothing. It is passed over quietly, and the controlled press advocates greater tolerance and free immigration of the same tribe that is now destroying the Government of the United States. I say, what in the name of heaven is wrong with the Government, and what has happened to our people? If there is any courage left—and I believe there is—let us unite in common effort and demand that Congress stop this deliberate destruction, and turn the Government back to the people, and upon sound constitutional principles, where it should be.

"Five nations in the world are paralysed by international planners, a most vindictive and inhumane group, with no consideration for anyone but themselves. Their slogan seems to be to rule and destroy. Why should nations not be run by sound, constitutional government, instead of such planning board as these: Gosplan, Russia; P.E.P., England; Economic

Dergee, France; and the New Deal in the United States of America? This set-up that is now planning another war, in which our own young men will be used to provide greater power for these international planners. What does this mean? It can mean nothing but enslavement to us.

"... It is difficult to believe that six men in Russia, six in the United States, five in England, and five in France, can rule and enforce their will on the whole world. Such power is incomprehensible to us. I do not believe that they can entice our people into another war, so that they may revenge themselves on such nations as will not submit to their dictatorial rule. It is this type of individual who is connected with the League of Nations, League of Nations' Bank for International Settlements, International Agricultural Mortgage Credit Co., and our own Import and Export Bank. It is interesting to see this international interlocking hook-up, for it has wielded a tremendous influence for a long time."

### U.E.A. LECTURES

The regular lectures being conducted by the United Electors every Tuesday night are proving a great success. Last Tuesday night Mr. Norman Worrall gave a very instructive and enlightening address on the issue and cancellation of credit.

The attendance was splendid, and quite a few new faces were seen. The Movement also had the pleasure of having present Mrs. Hull, former secretary of the United Democrats in Adelaide. She gave a very interesting talk on the good work being done in South Australia. After the meeting quite a lot of informal discussion took place. These meetings provide an opportunity for supporters to meet and discuss their various activities.

Next Tuesday night the lecture will be on exchange, and should be very interesting. All invited. The United Electors of Australia, 5th Floor, McEwan House, Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

### HOW BRITAIN IS BEING "BOLSHEVISED"

"That a Government department is turning out cottagers in North Wales, at a few days' notice, to facilitate its schemes, but without regard to alternative accommodation, was alleged at a meeting of the local authority concerned today.

"Altogether, more than 100 families, including farmers, are affected. Last Saturday, it was stated, 23 cottagers received registered letters telling them that they must turn out in three or four days, in spite of the fact that there was not a single empty house in the neighbourhood. Even if lodgings were found by these dispossessed families, it was pointed out they would have nowhere to store their furniture.

"The chairman of the local council said he was amazed to hear that people were being evicted by a Government department that did not appear to concern itself whether these people would have a roof to go under elsewhere . . .

"The council resolved to send a telegram to the Government, protesting strongly against the eviction of householders at such short notice, without provision being made for alternative accommodation."

—*Liverpool Echo*, Jan. 8, 1940.

And we are told that this is a war to remove "Hitlerism"!

### Margarine and Money Mesmerism

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and the question arises: . Will Britain purchase butter at even the present price if consumers are not prepared, or not in a position, to purchase at the contract price? It is rather doubtful.

The prospect facing the industry, then, is a bleak one.

#### SUGGESTED "REMEDY"

And what is the remedy proposed by the leaders of the dairymen?

So far as Victoria is concerned, the industry is being organised to demand legislation fixing a quota for the manufacture of margarine, limiting its production to so many tons per week. A clause in the proposed legislation debars any new company from operating for its manufacture.

Strange, yet not so strange, the present manufacturers of margarine have given this latest move their blessing. Why? The answer lies in the fact that the Australian public, through the clause mentioned, will be saddled with another monopoly making handsome profits at the public expense.

The objective, then, of the dairymen's leaders is to restrict the manufacture of margarine. Putting aside the ethics of this move, let us consider its practical value to the dairyman as a remedy for the situation. It is hoped that restricting margarine will increase sales of butter. But will it? That is, to an extent sufficient to place the industry on a sound basis. Will those who, as Mr. Tuohy says, "cannot purchase butter unless at under 1/- per lb.," be in a better position to buy than formerly? Of course not! To even suggest such a remedy as proposed by the executive of the Dairymen's Association shows a poverty of mind that is appalling.

#### VITAL FACTOR OVERLOOKED

The writer of this article is a member of the Association, and for three or four years has been endeavouring to convince members of the association that such a position would arise, and, for the same number of years, that the problem was one of finance—a monetary problem. All the restrictive legislation in Christendom will not put money into the pockets of the consumer. It is time dairymen woke up to the fact.

The proposed legislation is no remedy. It will not stop the utter collapse that will take place when the Federal Government - - hell bent upon levying further murderous taxation, despite the fact that the Commonwealth Bank can make money available "free of any charge" further reduces the spending-power of the citizens of this country.

The solution to the problem, shorn of its technical details, which are a matter for experts, is that the dairymen should join with other primary producers in demanding that the Federal Government make the necessary money available through the Commonwealth Bank, as demanded by the State Parliaments of S.A., Tasmania and W.A., to place their industry on a sound basis.

Something, in any case, will have to be done shortly or the gross mismanagement of the Federal Cabinet will have this country in a state bordering upon complete chaos. And not all the shuffling and back-stage maneuvering of a Composite Ministry will avert it.

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