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Now, when our land to ruin's brink is verging, In God's name, let us speak while there is time! Now, when the padlocks for our lips are forging, Silence is crime. Whittier (1807-1892).

## Threat To "Bolshevize" Dairying industry!

## **Dairy Farmers Must Act Now**

By ERIC D. BUTLER.

Curtin and his fellow-planners continue to impose their half baked schemes upon the Australian people; and the fact that their socialistic planning has produced considerable confusion and destruction of private enterprise does not deter them from pushing on with their programme.

It is a curious thing that the socialist mind seems to think that industry can be made to function better by the passing of laws. It would be just as sensible to expect a fault in a motor car to be rectified by the passing of a regulation.

Having taken control of practically every other primary industry, and having brought the country to the brink of a real food shortage, the planners at Canberra are turning their attention to the dairying industry. Poor dairy farmers! The Melbourne "Age's" Special Representative at Canberra writes at length about this proposed new tyranny in the "Age" of September 16. He

"The Commonwealth Government is examining the possibility of taking control of the dairying industry to rescue it from its present uncertain position, and to "energise" it to meet post-war demands.'

Before quoting any further I would like to point out that the "Commonwealth Government" is comprised of individual members. Are all members of this Government considering the above proposal? If not, who are the members who advocate this application of "socialism" to the dairying industry? The people in a democratic country are entitled to know the names of individual members who propose certain actions, in order that someone can be held responsible. Individual responsibility

democratic the of basis government. Dairy farmers would be well advised to write immediately to their Federal Members and ascertain if possible, the names of the individuals who propose to "bolshevize" the dairying industry. They know what happened to the apple and pear growers. But who knows the name of the individual who first sponsored the Apple and Pear Acquisition Scheme?

#### The Cause of the "Uncertain Position"

No one will deny that the dairying industry is in an "uncertain position." When a motor car breaks down engineers first ascertain the of the breakdown in order that they can effect the necessary repairs. But the planners are not concerned about the cause of the position of the dairying The cause of the dairymen's troubles is the low price he obtains for his produce. That price is dependent upon the amount of money possessed by consumers. The amount of money possessed by the consumers is de pendent upon the

#### the manufacture of practically all in this country—THE BANKERS. And they are dependent upon no one, granted the credulity and apathy of the people. Let us now examine the main

actions of the individuals controlling

propositions put forward: The proposal to license the dairying industry is part of the international bankers' plot to control production and make it fit an artificial money system tied down to an international gold standard. We have been warned that one of their objects in this war is to restore the international gold system. The control of the dairying industry should be in the hands of the consumers, not in the hands of a centralised Government authority bowing to the will of the bankers. Money is a voting system, and, if the people have adequate money they will vote for and thus control, the production of those things they desire. The sole purpose of production is consumption.

The suggestion that Federal Government control will lead to "efficient production" is not born out by practical experience. Ask almost any apple grower, manufacturer or busi-

The "man-power position" is used as a strong argument. The "Age" report says:

"In the man-power question on dairy farms the Government has considered the employment of greater numbers of Land Army women, but this emergency measure has not been very warmly welcomed by farmers. In hundreds canvassed, only one farmer applied for female labour. Under Commonwealth control, it is stated" (by whom?) "that the living standard on farms would be immeasurably improved, and greater employment of female labour then would be feasible."

It is utter rot to talk about living standards improving under Government control. "Where is the evidence? It is proposed to pay women £3/17/6 a week. I know of no dairy farmer who can afford to pay MEN that wage now. Where is the Government going to obtain the money? It can order an increase in the price of dairy products, but the consumer will have to pay it. And he cannot afford it. Supposing the Government pays it direct out of revenue? This will have to come from taxation. Anyhow, whatever the Government proposes to do, there is no need for Government control of dairy farms to do it. Which indicates quite clearly that the socialists are more concerned with such control than anything else. These facts are un-

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#### TESTIMONY OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS' GOVERNOR

Congress recently:

Congressman Frederick Smith brought, up the subject of money by suggesting to Mr. Eccles that the country is getting near to fiat money that the war cost, even if it gets up only 200 billion dollars the question of gold reserves becomes important.

Said Mr. Eccles: "No; there was a feeling that by increasing the price of gold that the increase would be immediately reflected in increasing the price of goods. Well, of course, that we all know, didn't work; so I say the question of the gold reserve doesn't have any relationship to the stability or value of the currency.

Mr. Smith; "Either bank currency or circulating currency?" Eccles: "No I don't think so."

Smith: "What then is the fundamental principle of the Federal Reserve Banking Act?" Eccles: "Well, it isn't that."

Smith "I don't believe you want to go on record as saying that. I don't

believe you want to do that.' Eccles: "That is right; yes, I do. I do deny that the amount of the gold reserve or the requirements, have anything to do with the price level, which means they have nothing to do with the value of currency

Smith: "Aren't you, in effect, savins there is no relation whatever of gold in this country to our cur-

Eccles: "That is right."

"There is no relation whatever?"

Eccles: "'That is right."

Smith: "You then take the attitude we are completely off the gold standard." Eccles: "Yes, completely."

Smith: "I am rather astonished.

It makes no difference then whether we have an ounce of gold or whether we have 700 million ounces?"
Eccles: "It has made no difference

to Russia for twenty years, no difference to Germany for a long while. Most of the countries of Europe had to give up the idea of the gold reserve. Their currencies have gone into managed currencies. The Russians have mined gold as a commodity to sell to the democracies and get food that they wanted to get, and they haven't looked upon gold as a necessary item to support their currency.

-"Money." New York, August, 1942.

## NOTES ON THE NEWS

An obscure report in the Melbourne "Herald" of August 27 for once boosts Britain's war effort: "Captain Lyttleton revealed that when U.S. was threatened with air bombardment, Britain rushed to their aid 'planes, antiaircraft guns, balloons and submarine chasers.

Despite anti-British propaganda to the contrary, when the truth leaks out, it will be found also that Britain has contributed enormously to Russia's gallant resistance.

**SHIPPING WASTE**: The "Herald's" special representative, in their issue of August 29. says "that shipments of vital U.S. steel to Britain were only half the agreed amount is now confirmed in Washington, where it is further alleged that these shortages exist despite the fact that some ships bound for England were not fully loaded." This is just another illustration of how Britain is carrying the war burden and nursing her Allies whilst they gain experience from which comes efficiency.

RETURNED SOLDIERS: The Chairman of the Canberra Advisory Council. Dr. L. W. Nott, is reported in the evening press of September 14 thus: Unfit soldiers were being discharged without their pensions being assessed, and some did not know where their next meal was coming from. One man had meningitis and was unable to work; although he had a wife and three children, he was receiving no income whatever. Others had to enter civil hospitals after leaving the Army." How does this square with those early promises to look after our heroes?

WAR GUILT: Quoting what is described as an "uncut version" of the Riom "war-guilt trial," the press of September 14 says that "Blum was accused of having failed in his duty by refusing to repress by force the French strikes of 1936, and of having crippled the military power of France by his social reforms." This recalls Blum's words: "the Bankers beat me, when he was dismissed from office, presumably because he dared to attempt to carry out social reforms. It

also illustrates that the Bankers control France, and the Riom trial, which means that no evidence relative to war guilt will be forthcoming.

POTATOFAMINE: Although potatoes are rotting in the ground, the Australian Potato Committee is apparently unable to manage the distribution. Notwithstanding this admitted failure, this Committee (not Board) is to be entrusted with encouraging production by compensating growers if they are directed not to harvest part of their crop! Side by side with this situation we find the following report in the Melbourne "Herald" of September 16 "Half the Burwood (Sydney) coal miners stopped work to-day because they cannot get enough potatoes to eat." It is beyond doubt that, intentionally or otherwise, those individuals responsible, whether they be called a Board or a Committee, are guilty of sabotage, and that they should be arraigned on this charge.

**SELLING A FLEET**: Swiss newspapers quoted in the "Herald" of September 1, report a Balkan source as saying: "Russia intends selling her Black Sea Fleet to Turkey, and that Britain and America are willing to finance the deal." It will be remembered that Turkey's action in closing the Dardenelles to all shipping immobilises this section of the Russian Fleet, therefore transferring the fleet through a nominal sale would strengthen Turkey, and thus possibly precipitate matters by accentuating the wooing of Turkey by the Allies

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#### THE CONFLICT OF IDEAS

(A Talk Broadcast from 7HO Hobart, at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, by JAMES GUTHRIE, B.Sc.)

Those of us who have been able to protect ourselves against the furious barrage of propaganda, and who have had the time and the money to seek out and buy our own literature, are beginning to see that out of this war is going to develop a war between two conflicting ideas.

It will be a fight between those of us who wish to live our lives in our own way and those who wish to plan and regimentate our lives for us. This conflict has always been with us, but never has it been fraught with such important consequences as it is to-

This conflict of ideas is no respecter of persons or institutions or parties; the conflict runs right through parties, through families and churches: names do not matter except to de-

The fight that is developing, as you will all recognise probably too late, may be described as a fight between Individual Freedom and the "Planners"—the 'Planners" being those who would plan your life in every detail: plan and organise it so that there is nothing left for you to do but to obey the instructions of an army of Government officials.

The real Planners, as opposed to the amateur planners, are in a very small minority, but they are a powerful minority in so far as they occupy most of the strategic positions in this world.

When confronted with the tales of poverty and destitution and frustration in America, England, Russia and China, the main thought of many observers has been that our first post-war duty will be to provide food, clothes and shelter for everyone; no matter how it is done, it has to be done.

When anyone suggests that it doesn't matter how we obtain our food, clothes and shelter as long as we get them, he is suggesting that we human beings are animals purely and simply, and nothing else matters as long as we obtain an animal existence. It matters not what we destroy in the process of obtaining this animal existence.

And when you suggest to these people there are such things as spiritual and cultural values you are greeted with howls of laughter and ridicule, and they throw at you this gibe: "What do culture and spiritual values mean to a man with an empty stomach: what do they mean to a family living in the slums; what do they mean to men in the city struggling for existence in a speculative market?

Well, what is the answer to this? Is there an answer?

#### **ENDS AND MEANS**

It was American business men who first supplied me with the answer. I met these American business men mostly when they were touring the world; they were retired men, fairly young retired men with plenty of cash; they had set themselves the task early in life to earn security for themselves and their families, then to retire and enjoy life. Well, they had obtained their security and were now enjoying life—or were trying to. Were they disappointed? These poor men—and they were very poorhad sacrificed everything to obtain their ends; they had sacrificed the companionship of their wives, their families and their friends; they had tural inheritance of the past, hoping that when they retired they would have time to enjoy and appreciate the treasure-stores of music, literature and the famous beauty spots of the world.

But these poor men—and they were very poor men-found out, too late, that the faculty to enjoy and appreciate the huge treasure store that lay at their feet had died and could not be brought to life again.

I had long chats with these men, and never have I met men who felt more cheated with life. They were men who had used a first-class brain on a third-class job: they had turned their mind and body and soul into a machine—a very efficient machine, a splendid machine—hoping at the appropriate moment they would be

able to change this machine back into a human being.

But they found out, too late, that the end does not justify the means; that the means we use to obtain our ends may be more important than the end itself. Sometimes the journey is more important than the journey's end. The means we use to obtain our ends must in the long run determine the end itself.

I have spent many hours with shepherds on the Scottish moors: with fishermen in their small smacks; with Arabs in their tents and with bushmen in the forest, and I have found amongst these men a knowledge of the world, a breadth of outlook and an intimacy with their cultural inheritance that would put to shame some of our so-called successful men.

The so-called standard of living in America and Australia may be high and our houses jammed full with the latest gadgets; but does the possession of gadgets constitute

The provision, of food, clothes and

shelter is a very important thing, but all these things can be had in gaol. Why must we commit crimes against our neighbours to obtain these things? Must we surrender our bodies, souls and minds to earn the mere means of existence-we, who have built bombers, tanks and submarines, cannot we perform the simple task of feeding, clothing and building houses for ourselves without handing over our right to live our lives in our own way and become mere puppets in a totalitarian State. The leading Socialists and Communists say "No, it can't be done" and they are backed in their opinion by the great international financial monopoly of this world. Our opposition is impressive; almost as impressive as the Nazi blitzkrieg on England.

means of publicity and all education, do not, I believe, realise exactly what this means.

What does this thing called the "State" mean? It means, in practice, the ruling Party caucus.

tain permission to criticise this ruling possesion of the facts, or who have never clique "over the air" or in the press we have to get permission from the ruling clique-and the chance of getting that permission, isn't a matter for discussion. I have tried, so I know; which is much better than reading about it in books written by

And what happens if you do criticise a Government that controls all the means of production, and therefore all the jobs, and therefore all the Incomes? Again, this is not a

#### THE SOCIALIST STATE

The Socialist planners who, like the Dean of Canterbury, demand the right of the State to control all the means of production and all the

And when you and I wish to ob-Socialists.

### **INFLATIONTIS**

(A letter to the Editor from Bruce H. Brown.)

(Continued from last issue.)

Sir—Parliament last week provided the opportunity for many of its members to give utterance to statements on the subject of Finance which would be laughable were the implications not so tragic. The opportunity was the "Budget" debate, and the Opposition members showed alarm because the people at large are getting better incomes than they have been accustomed to get.

Indeed, the conditions in this respect are so good comparatively that it would be a blow to millions of people if the war were to stop. To the hundreds of thousands who were previously without incomes the war is a real boon, but there is a danger, from the point of view of "sound finance," in allowing the people to build up a supply of money of their own. They must be kept in debt, not in credit, and this is what is behind the agitation for more taxes on the workers and compulsory loans. The fathers, mothers, wives and sisters of the gallant men on active service must not be trusted with money. They can handle anything else, but not ŤHAT!

An attitude of this kind is more or less to be expected from men like Mr. Fadden, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Spooner because they openly stand for the financial institutions, but it comes rather unexpectedly from Mr. Curtin and Mr. Chifley, who claim to stand for the common people. On financial questions the members of he Opposition are either ignorant or dishonest, and as they are apparently merely repeating what the professional economists and bankers say, it may be charitable to accept the explanation as ignorance. But what of Mr. Curtin? In December 1939 he signed his name to this:

The cost of the war can be met without piling up huge debts and without interest payments sucking our national life blood. The Commonwealth Bank must, with a Labour Government, work out a freer and fuller life for our people,"

This public statement indicates that he KNOWS. Therefore the question of ignorance does arise in his case. and those of us who trusted him are led, naturally to compare his public actions with his public words.

Only last week he repeated the "warning" that grave danger would

follow if the war were financed by central bank credit, and in support of that remarkable statement he said that:

1 Expansion of bank credit without a corresponding capacity to expand total production would increase purchasing power without increasing the supply of goods and services:

2 Increasing the volume of money without increasing the supply of goods for civil consumption creates not only the danger of inflation, but sets up serious competition between demands for civil goods and demands for war requirements.

3 Clearly, then, as more physical resources are provided by the nation for war, so must further financial resources be similarly provided from the savings of the people.

Will you kindly look over those declarations again? In regard to 1, there HAS been an expansion of total production for any expansion of funds so far permitted. Total production includes war production as well as civil production, and "purchasing power" is necessary to pay for both. It is therefore clear that even an excess of purchasing power would do no harm to anyone provided PRICES and distribution arrangements were right according to actual cost and quantities available. Goals and serices for war purposes are increasing rapidly. If they are not then we have been misled

In regard to 2, such a declaration does no credit to the man who made it. So far as money is concerned, what is the difference between civil consumption and any other consumption? The same people are concerned in both. Food is required by soldiers as well as by civilians. and the soldier is only a civilian in different clothes, living under different conditions. Transferring men from peacetime pursuits to war requirements and bringing into productivity thousands of

matter for discussion. You either die very suddenly, or, if you don't die suddenly, you die slowly--as all the jobs are controlled by the same small clique, if you lose one job you can't get another. In other words, you become a pariah, wandering about the country side.

Naturally, people don't like wandering about the countryside like a pariah, so don't criticise the Government, The lack of criticism is therefore taken as perfect proof that everybody is perfectly satisfied! The desire of the would-be planners to plan every detail of the lives of other people leads necessarily to the centralised, all-powerful Government, and the need to destroy all opposition and all criticism.

If well-meaning "Socialists" think they can obtain anything but bribery corruption and tyranny on a colossal from a large centralised scale Government which controls, every thing, then they must be very, very ignorant.

A physical, mental and spiritual dictatorship, which is the political reality of the so-called "Socialist" State, is what is openly welcomed by some people I know personally, and no doubt you know some, too. They declare that only by such drastic methods can they break through the huge wall of apathy that prevents all reasonable reform. Such a declaration declaration sounds plausible enough to those not in experimented for themselves. The facts are these:

#### EIGHT VITAL FACTS

- 1. This world is capable of producing anything the people desire; all that is required is the proper incentive. The question\_of production is a minor problem. The Socialist idea of controlling the means of production makes no real contribution to our problems.
- 2 At the present time the quantity and quality production is not in the hands of manufacturers, engineers of farmers; it is in the hands of
- 3 The financiers gain control over industry because of their power to create their own money; they can buy up the largest organisations in the world and control the press.
- 4. It is no solution of the problem to take the control from a powerful financial dictatorship and hand it over to a more powerful political
- 5. No Government has the power to defy the financial dictatorship unless powerful backing from the people.
- 6. This backing cannot be effective unless the people understand exactly what they are up against.
- 7. A new political party is no solution to the difficulty.
- 8. A new order or a new civilisation which is going to be of any value to you or me will have to be under the control of you and me.

If you are willing to play your part in this new civilisation, then why not get into training for the job? It is our job to supply you with the necessary information.

people who were previously idle, cannot be done without increasing the supply of money, and as pointed out last week, that in itself is inflation, because under present conditions the additional money is brought into existence as more DEBT on which interest has to be paid. If the additional money were CREDIT to the community instead of a debt to the bank, it would NOT be inflation. Increasing the volume of money as interest-bearing debt will bring about inflation whether the volume of goods is increased or not, but increasing the volume of money without adding any further interest charges on the community will NOT cause inflation because there will be no increase in industrial costs, and because the Prices Commissioner is paid to see that prices do not rise except in relation to actual costs.

And how can any man honestly talk of serious competition between demands for civil goods and demands for war requirements? Have we not heard of goods being "frozen"? Where did serious competition come in then! Mr. Curtin knows that the

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#### THE "B."B.C. AS PARTISAN

By B. M. PALMER, in the "Social Crediter" (England).

Probably the "B."B.C. has never sunk lower than when following the Prime Ministers speech on May 8 it broadcast The Debate Continues," advertised as a dramatic reminder that the mother of Parliaments is the protector and protagonist of freedom. The programme began with a complete travesty of the causes which led to the Gvil War.

Charles I. was shown as a weak and obstinate tyrant, with no policy at all except the suppression of the House, which was, according to the "B."B.C, said to be representative of the people! In realty it was merely representative of the landed proprietors, who already showed signs of corruption by Whiggism. This broadcast sent me back to "The Policy of a Philosophy"\* and its masterly exposition of the cause of strife between Cavaliers and Roundheads. Every social crediter needs this speech for constant reference, and if a copy cannot be bought he should not rest till he has borrowed it and made the

Now, the net result of the struggle between King and Parliament was that under the plea for so-called "freedom of conscience," the philosophies in the minds of the people of this country became completely chaotic, and in Douglas's words, "left the way open to the dominance of a philosophy which was not any one of them." People thought they were Christian, but from henceforth the actions to which they were forced by the penal and industrial system had no relationship whatever to Christianity.

When we find that a deliberate

#### **INFLATIONTIS**—Continued.

Government has first claim on everything- and when I say everything I EVERYTHING—deemed necessary for war purposes, and to suggest that you or I could "compete" with the Government in such matters is ludicrous. Moreover, have we not heard of rationing? A house full of money is no good in such cases if we lack the necessary coupons, and a plentiful supply of money in the men. Yours faithfully, hands of the people would make no difference whatever and could not compete with the Government's using its own supply of money for war purposes.

In regard to 3, I confess that this declaration has me tricked. What is the difference between the nation and the people? I had thought they were the same. And if the nation provides the resources, then clearly the nation should monetise those resources. Under present conditions people can only have savings by leaving costs unliquidated, and if the savings are transferred to the "nation," they are recorded as more debt on which interest has to be paid. Instead of asking for these savings, the Government should provide its own funds, thus enabling the people to pay their debts, buy what they desire, and provide a constant market for our production activities, particularly in readiness for the time when war production will largely cease. If the Government permits goods to be manufactured, then it should permit the people to buy them, as otherwise the producers will be forced into bankruptcy. If the Government considers that certain items are luxuries and should not be produced in war time, then it should take steps to prevent production instead of trying to prevent buying.

Most of the money spent by the Government on war activities is obtained by borrowing. When borrowed, it increases the nation's debt and calls for higher taxation to meet the interest charges. When spent, it has financed the production of goods which are not for sale in the ordinary way. The "costs" are therefore not recoverable through prices. This leads to the absurd position that because the Government will not provide its own money, the "costs" must remain for ever unliquidated in the form of interest-bearing debt. Not only so, but that portion of the "loan" money spent by the Government which is "saved" by the recipients is then reborrowed by the Government as still interest-bearing Several lots of debt for one lot of money' The Debt Merchants' Paradise! This IS inflation par excellence, and nothing the Government proposes will alter it. And so the insanity goes on, when the Commonwealth Bank could produce and use its own money without cost.

Even if new money were produced for the whole of our war expenditure, the people would still have insufficient money to pay their debts! If the Prices Commissioner does his duty, if rationing is continued for goods in short supply, and if war goods are frozen as required, then the financing of the war entirely by central bank credit will NOT cause inflation, will not cause competition between war demands

gist of it his own.

and civil demands, and will NOT pile up debts sucking the life blood of the nation. In the face of these facts it would seem that in order to obtain the maximum war effort without putting ourselves and our soldier sons into everlasting pawn our first duty is to expose the inflationmongers and demand the replacement of the Government's financial advisers by more competent and more worthy

BRUCE H. BROWN. 189 Hotham Street, East Melbourne. 20th September, 1942.

attempt is being made by the "B."B.C. to misrepresent this important turning point in the history of our country—and it must be deliberate, because, though, of course, they would not agree with "The Policy of a Philosophy," they can scarcely be ignorant of the important contributions to the historical research of that period made by Hilaire Belloc (to name one only of the distinguished scholars who are not Whigs) covering almost the entire Stuart period—facts which cannot be set aside, and the denial of which brands the "B."B.C. as deliberately partisan.

If partisan, then partisan for what? For Whiggism, Abstractionism, Puritanism.

Puritanism is an even stronger force to-day than we realise.

Insofar as it is identifiable with abstractionism and whiggism it stands for negation of religion, and most certainly the negation of Christianity.

"Religion is any sort of doctrine which is based on an attempt to relate action to some conception of reality. It does not necessarily mean, for instance, that your conception of reality is a correct one, but it does mean that you are postulating that there is something to which we refer as real, and you are basing your policy upon that reality."

The attempt made by the press and the "B"B.C. to force people to take a detached interest in "freedom," when, as a matter of fact they are in firmer chains than at any other period of English history, is the purest abstractionism, and has less chance of success than a universal return to the flat earth

"Freedom does not interest people

as soon as they realise that it does not mean being free.

The vast majority of people in this country believe that when the war is over there will be a gradual relaxation of control and a disap-pearance of coupons, rationing, conscription of labour and so forth.

But their Parliament asked for no guarantee that this would be so, to safeguard their electors.

And this is the House extolled as free" in that broadcast!

Let those who remember how impossible it seemed to kill "Dora' after the last armistice ask themselves what purpose the "B."B.C. has in filling the minds of the people with a complete chaos of philosophies, under the pretence that "freedom" "freedom of conscience" are entirely identical and interchangeable.

\*Speech given by Major Douglas on June 26, 1937. (To be reprinted in the "New Times" shortly.)

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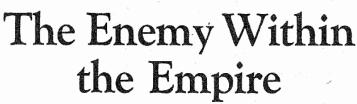
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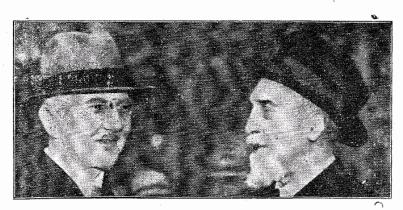
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## Why All This Compulsion?

There are two ways of getting people to do things-inducement and Compulsion.

The first point to be noted is that anything within reason which compulsion will achieve can be achieved by inducement.

Secondly, a great deal can be achieved by inducement that can NOT be achieved by compulsion. For example, sullen conscripts are not as efficient as willing enthusiasts, and the greatest individual achievements, in peace and war, are those of volunteers who not only were somehow induced to strive toward a certain general objective, but chose for themselves the particular way in which they were to strive, thus drawing out their individual genius-which would have been throttled by compulsion, as their natural and acquired aptitudes would have been wasted or misapplied by arbitrary regimentation.

These are elementary truths which could with advantage be applied to Australia's war effort. Indeed, the all-too-frequent assumption by the Federal authorities that Australians need to be driven, like unwilling sheep, to play their part in the war effort is an unwarranted insult which does nothing to boost morale. Unfortunately, this offensive and absurd idea, being so frequently implied by the actions of the Government and the utterances of its spokesmen, seems to be infecting the previously unpolluted minds of some citizens—a fact which, coupled with the Government's grasping of dictatorial powers of compulsion and the temptation to seek their extension into the post-war period, is not the most encouraging omen of the future of the liberties and democratic institutions that we are sacrificing so much to defend from external aggression.

However, Australian citizens still have paid servants who are employed to represent their wishes in Parliament-and we are confident that they will successfully defend that democratic state of affairs from external and internal perils. But it is a set-up which is only a potential Democracy if it is not used. Write to YOUR representative, reminding him of the foregoing facts.

#### FROMANEAVESDROPER'S DIARY

When Charlie Thompson and Joe of the story of an Irishman who Mitchell were returning from tennis went into the market to buy potatoes on Saturday afternoon, they came and received three for sixpence into the hotel for a drink. These "Sure," said the Irishman, "when I two mates are both interested in the was in Ireland I could get a barrow-

two mates are both interested in the political and social problems of the day.

They were greeted by the hotel-keeper—a man of friendliness and humour, whose dress and address, in keeping with his stature, were not subject to the impediment of a "second front." His conversations extended from the vagaries attendant upon devotees of the turf in search upon devotees of the turf in search land and the cop in Copland. of purchasing power to the hospital state of the served the wireless broadcast of the served the wireless broadcast of the terics of a balancing politician who last race caused the hotelkeeper to

"Well, I dunno," remarked Charlie, as he winked and passed over his Charlie wished each other "Good money in payment for the drinks health" and turned to leave the prewhich had been served at increased mises, when a notice on the scoring prices, "there's some secret which board attracted their attention. Joe leads some hotel-keepers to success." read aloud:-The hotelkeeper was on the alert. "Yes, there is," he replied. "One of the most successful hotelkeepers in Melbourne reached success because he was the first to see what the member of Parliament or —prohibipublic wanted. He advertised single bottles at wholesale prices. Thereby hangs the axiom." Joe looked at the hotelkeeper curiously as he enigs at least one knowing publican who quired, "Which axiom?" The hotel-realises that a knowing public can deliberately recited: "By getting what Before the pair left to go to the deliberately recited: "By getting what Before the pair left to go to their the public wants, "Then you, in turn, respective homes they agreed that will get your wants.'

"but what if the public is short of some reason which they themselves

The hotelkeeper' smiled with conare not responsible. fidence. "That reminds me," he said.

"Don't blame US-write to your tion for YOU and us."
"What do you think?" said Charlie.
"I think," Joe replied, "that there

only a few know what to do-and That's fair enough," replied Joe, that the "Doers" are doing it. For seem unable to explain, the "Don'ters'

Just as another drink was being

"Bottles: 1,6½

Pots: 8½d. Glasses: 6½d.

—Terence O' Toole.

### MLA OPPOSES CREATION OF ANOTHER BOARD

Speaking in the Victorian Legislative Assembly on September 8during the debate on the Patent Medicines Bill, the member for Coburg (Mr. Charles Mutton) said:

"I should not have risen had it not been for the remarks of the Minister of Agriculture, who tried to make a comparison between the proposed Board, Boards of the past, and Boards as they operate to-day. There is, in fact, no basis of comparison between, some of the Boards operating to-day and the semi-Government organisations mentioned by him. His argument had no bearing on the Bill. The line of discussion has been identical with that on the Dietitians Registration Bill; it has been almost entirely about the proposed Board. I take exactly the same view about the Board proposed in the Bill as I did about the Dietitians Registration Board, for I am at a loss to know why the Health Department cannot administer the Bill to the satisfaction of the Minister. I wish to inform the Minister of Agriculture that to-morrow evening in the City of Coburg a public meeting will be held to discuss the abolition of some of the Boards that

have been created."

Mr. Hogan: "Will it discuss the abolition of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board or

the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works?"

Mr. Mutton: "The Minister is talking nonsense when he places the Tramways Board and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works in the same category as the other Boards that will be discussed. Coburg will not be the only suburb—meetings have been held already in other

Mr. Dillon: "And they will continue to be held." **Mr. Mutton**: "The electors sent

their representatives to this House in the belief that the Government would be competent to govern without Boards

Mr. Dodgshun: "Who is organising

the meetings you have mentioned?"

Mr. Mutton: "It does not matter who is organising them. The discontent of the people is evident on every hand. It is realised that the various Boards that have been

created are of no use."

Mr. Dodgshun: "There are probably vested interests behind the organising of the public meetings.

Mr. Mitton: "Some of the Boards appointed by the Government may have rendered a little service, but others have been useless. Why are not the Government Departments competent to administer the various Acts under which they operate without the creation of an Egg Board or a Milk Board or a Potato Board? The Government has no right to create a Board for every mortal thing that comes along, and the time has arrived when that practice should be ended.

Mr. Hbgan: "Would you abolish Wages Boards?"
Mr. Mutton: "The Boards that

should be abolished are those ridiculous Boards that the Minister has been largely responsible for creating -not the Boards that have done good. The Minister has been trying to pull the wool over the eyes of honorable members by comparing Marketing Boards with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works. His arguments are ridiculous.

Mr. Tunnecliffe: "He is only bluff

Mr. Hbgan: "Wages Boards are of vital concern to the community; they make final decisions. The Board proposed in the Bill is to be only an advisory body."

Mr. Mutton: "I agree that Wages

Boards determine the wages of the workers, but the various marketing Boards take away the living of the man on the land.

Mr. Hbgan.: "There are one hundred Wages Boards in Victoria.

Mr. Tunnecliffe: "What is wrong with them?

Mr. Hbgan: "Nothing."

Mr. Tunnecliffe: "Then what are you talking about?"

Mr. Mutton: "My remarks on this matter have been prompted by the wrong attitude of the Minister of Agriculture on the subject of Boards.

Mr. Tunnecliffe: "Hear, hear! It was very unparliamentary, too!

 $\boldsymbol{M\!r}$  .  $\boldsymbol{M\!utton:}$  "Part of the policy of the movement I represent is orderly marketing, but that is not achieved by the creation and operation of marketing Boards. Because the Labour Party is not in a position to carry into full effect its policy of orderly marketing, its alternative scheme is that Government Departments should be responsible for Government looking after the interests of the many sections of primary production in

**Mr. Hbgan**: "Marketing Boards were created by the producers them-selves, as you know full well."

Mr. Cain: "And they have been

run by the Government's nominee who is a representative of private interests

Mr. Mutton: "That is so, and a stranglehold has been put on the voters who elect members to the Board. If a Board proves unsatisfactory, a majority of two-thirds of the voters has to be secured, before the Board can be abolished. That is a ridiculous idea. As has been already pointed out with respect to this Bill, the submission, of a long list of amendments by the Minister of Public Health is wrong. Instead of asking the Committee to agree to them, the Minister would be well advised in obtaining postponement of the further discussion of the measure for a week to allow honorable members time to study the Bill and the amendments, and, if necessary, have the Bill remodelled. In my opinion, the Commission of Public Health is the proper body to deal with the registration of patent medi-cines, and not another Board or an advisory committee, as has been proposed.

#### FATE OF SMALL TRADERS IN BRITAIN

#### CONCERN INTHE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The following report taken from the British "Hansard," speaks for

On May 12 Mr. Be la Bere asked the President of the Board of Trade whether, arising out of the Second Interim Report of the Board of Trade Retail Trade Committee, he is now able to make a statement regarding the attitude which is being adopted by the small traders throughout the country as regards the alternative courses of holding on, temporary amalgamation, or closing down?

Mr. Dalton; "The Retail Trade

Committee are preparing their Report with all possible speed, and I hope it will soon be completed. It would not be proper for me to make any statement of policy or comment on the attitude of traders before I have been able to study the Report.

Mr. De la Bere: "Is the right hon. Gentleman aware that the detailed Reports from the Committee lead nowhere: that there must be a plan to deal with the situation; that it must entail protective legislation, otherwise the small shopkeepers will be squeezed out and only the big firms will be left; and that it is very

serious and very urgent?"

Mr. Dalton: "I am anxious that there should not be any undue delay, but it is a very representative Committee, representing all sections who have special knowledge, and it would be wrong after this Committee had been appointed and had been working very hard over a series of months, for me in advance of receiving their Report, to make any statement of policy they are advising me upon."

Mr. De la Bere: "Is not the matter

very urgent?"

Mr. Doland: "Is the right Hon. Gentleman aware that it is over twelve months since Committee was set up and that many small shopkeepers have been, swept away in the meantime?"

Mr. Dalton: "The Committee have already made two Interim Reports

Sir L. Lyle: "Are not the small traders the very backbone of the country?"

Mr. Dalton: The very backbone. Mr. De la Bere: "The Government ought to do something now."

#### ASSIGNMENT IN UTOPIA

Reprinted from the book of that name by Eugene Lyons, formerly the United Press correspondent in Moscow, etc.

(Continued from last issue.)

BOOK 1. TO MOSCOW.

V. Working for the Soviets. Just before the birth of my daughter in November 1922, I returned to New York. I had been yesterday's had been a among What disintegrated into so many sects. The Golden Age of American balanced by panegyrics for the Soviet radicalism was ended.

Unhesitatingly I cast my lot with the Communists. I devoted the next five years largely to Soviet activities. For a year I edited the first popular American magazine about Russia, the "Soviet Russia Pictorial," and for four years thereafter, until the day I sailed for the U.S.S.R., I worked for the official Soviet news agency, Tass.

I did not join. the Communist Party and consequently was never on the inside of its involved and embittered political life. Such closeups of the internal party machinery as I had by reason of my everyday work strengthened my obstinacy in resisting unnecessary solicitations to join up.

In any organisation which rests on absolute discipline there is no intermediate role between leadership and one and a definite distaste for the other war work.

This incapacity for organisation and discipline I counted a defect in my character. My instinct was always to undertake specific tasks and to carry them through as best I could whether it happened to be of a strike leaflet or the contribution of a newspapercolumn.

My entire social environment in those years, however, Communist and Soviet. was In a loyalty to the Russian revolution which outweighed in my mind all considerations of past friendship or present advantage, I broke present advantage, I broke relations with most of my old acquaintances who were still in the Socialist Party. Enthusiastically, I contributed my share to the rancour directed against that Its members Mensheviks. Social-Democrats, and henchmen of Germany's Scheidemanns, Noskes, and Eberts, and therefore, in Bolshevik and near-Bolshevik eyes, more despicable by far than capitalists. They were deserters "renegades."

The legions of the damned grew apace in those years, as radicals of divers denominations failed in the decisive test of their political morals by casting doubt on any phase of the Soviet experiment. It did not occur to me to examine the statements of people who went to Moscow to pray and emerged to scoff, since the process of investigation other deportees from America official quarters, would be: abandoned the Soviet land, preferring (1) Governed and a capitalist exile, was for us a production. commentary on these people rather than on the

We did not content ourselves with impugning their sanity, but tarred them as knaves, liars, self-seeking ployes. betrayers. A lifetime of exemplary (4) Ir devotion to the cause of the revolution did not save an anarchist, socialist or I.W.W. from the hot pitch of our epithets; on the contrary, the more impressive the culprit's

I was among the more temperate in this respect, yet I know the anger that flared in my heart against those who attacked the Soviets. If they were bourgeois journalists, middle-class rourists, even milk-and-water which are should demand the names and interests of the individuals doing the "canvassing." And who are the individuals in the "official quarters"?

For the present Government, with the present Government, with the present Government, with the present Government, with the present Government, which are liberals, their blasphemy could be explained along orthodox class lines and about saving man-power is discounted. But if they were about sa workers, socialists, active hypocrisy. radicals, they must be marked with

the mark of Cain and sent wandering in the wilderness of bourgeois turncoats.

"Soviet Russia Pictorial" was the progenitor of the many illustrated magazines about Russian achieveaway more than two years, in Europe, and then in Boston and was unaware how completely the was unaware how completely the revolutionary milieu in the metropolis Russia and its primary purpose was had changed. I had simply been too had changed. I had simply been too engrossed in the specific job of defending the two Italians—one of the few issues on which all factions agreed—to gauge the depth of the new hatreds among yesterday's

What had been a possible in text and picture to personal to help raise runus for raining reflect. Far from concealing the horrors of the Volga Famine and the incapacity of the young workers' republic to cope with the disaster, we spread the facts on record as gruesomely as comrades. What had been a possible in text and picture to many sided radical movement had stimulate charity from the Left. The leaders and their works.

If the wounds of the civil wars were still raw and painful, the romance and elation likewise were fresh. The mere fact that a Socialist Soviet State was in existence was a miracle to halo each new day.

All the giants of the revolution were still alive and in active control. Lenin, Trotsky, Zinoviev,\* Kamenev,\* Rakovsky† Radek.† Dzherhinsky—flaming names to light new vistas of history. We knew the warmth that only people who possess a private only people who possess a private pantheon can know. The circumstance that infidels regarded our gods as devils merely testified to the awe-some significance of our deities and attested our position as a chosen and anointed people. Trotsky, Zinoviev, and others destined to be expelled from the pantheon, figured so heroically on our pages, in fact, that by 1928 a bound volume of the magazine which I brought into Moscow seemed a counter-revolutionary document.

The volume was borrowed by Olga Kameneva, sister of Trotsky and wife

of Kamenev, and never returned. To the best of my recollection we did not have occasion to use Stalin's picture once while I edited this Soviet publication—an interesting commentary on how grievously American Communists under-rated him as late as 1923.

My associate on the editorial staff, who, if the truth be told, did the major part of the work, was a man encyclopaedic knowledge with whom the accumulation of recondite facts, figures, dates, and anecdotes, was a grand passion, one Max Podolsky.‡ The deep-dyed cynicism of Max's well-stocked mind made him proof against the lush enthusiasms in which those around him wallowed. He had been active in the revolutionary movements of at least half a dozen European nations, had sampled prisons in most European capitals, and had known many of the Bolshevik gods before their apotheosis. He proceeded on the assumption that all heroes have clay feet and that power is a dangerous narcotic even for revolutionaries. His support of the Soviet system was therefore leavened with large mental reservations. He worked loyally enough but with a distinctly counter-revolutionary twinkle in his

(To be continued.) \*Executed in August, 1936. †Imprisoned in 1937.

‡Better known as Max Nomad, author of "Rebels and Renegades" and other significant books.

#### Threat to "Bolshevise" Dairying Industry!

(Continued from page 1.)

(1) Essential food production is to "bolshevize" the dairying industry necessary prosecution of the war.

(2) Farmers the competent experts to produce the food-stuffs required.

(3) The Government's to see that unnecessary restrictions are removed order that farmers can get on with their work.

(4) More men are being wasted in policing Government control of blind obedience. I had not the taste for industry than are being saved for

> (5) Government control of industry is rapidly leading to a shortage of foodstuffs which necessitates further and the wasting of rationing thousands of men to operate the

rationing.
(6) Once financial difficulties are the overcome, practical farmers are the most competent experts to decide just how many women can be used, and for what purposes, on their own particular farms.

The suggestion that the dairving industry will need "energising" after the war to meet demand is nonsense of the worst type. If dairy farmers are paid a reasonable price for their produce they will produce all the butter and milk required without interference from planners who probably cannot even milk a cow. The people will all desire plenty of dairy products after this war (the same as they desire them now). The money supply of the people must be adequate to get the produce from the producers to the consumers. Perhaps the anonymous planners at Canberra might examine that possi-

#### "One Post-War Venture"

Perhaps!

The "Age" report continues: "One post-war venture to be canvassed is the introduction of a licensing system for dairy farms, the declared purpose being to weed out the noncompetent establishments would have implied blasphemous doubts. The fact that Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman, many official quarters would be:—

efficient

(2) Solution of the man-power

(3)Standard wage rates for em-

(4) Improved economic safeguards for owners."

It will be noted that we are not told who is doing the "canvassing" for the above project, I am informed record the more urgent was our compulsion to level him with the dairying industry have "canvassed" for this proposed Government control. Dairyfarmers should demand the names and

> its hordes of bureaucrats, which are about saving man-power

I have no doubt that the proposal

effective will meet with the approval of some of the bigger farmers, who may think that, if all the smaller growers ("non-competent") are eliminated, they will be more secure. ("Divide and rule" is the policy of those who govern from behind the scenes.) But the ultimate result would be tyranny, a similar tyranny to that which we are fighting against.

In my book, "The Enemy Within the Empire" (of which thousands of copies are being rapidly sold in Australia and New Zealand), I have produced indisputable evidence that International Finance has been working for years to bring about complete regimentation of primary producers

But the people have had enough of this folly. That is why thousands of people are signing the Victorian

Housewives' Association's petition to have all Government Boards abolished. These people are real patriots who realise that Government interference with primary producers is a blow against the war effort.

Join the growing demand that all Boards be abolished in order to win the war as quickly as possible. Dairy farmers must act now, before they lose their few remaining liberties. They cannot say that they have not had the bitter experience of their fellow-producers to learn from.

#### ACTION MEETING AT HAWTHORN

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-N.W.R.M. advt.

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## LESSONFROMFRANCE: DEMOCRACY MUST DESTROY THE MONEY POWER

By GORHAM MUNSON, in "Men First," New York.

Anything shedding additional light on why France fell is news. The revelation of the subservience of the French State to the Money Power which Pierre Cot, Minister in several French Cabinets, made in "Free World," March, 1942, is big news of the "invisible struggle" between governments and Money Power the world over.

But if it is big news, why has no one picked it up? The fact that in four months no one has seen fit to comment upon Pierre Cot's charges against the dictatorship of finance in the French Republic is simply repetitious evidence of how "Men First's" contemporaries are fooled by the invisibility of the behind-thescenes political pressure exerted by the great banks into looking in every other direction but finance for explanations of political "mysteries. Alone in the whole American press "Men First" keeps an eye fixed on this hidden battle and strives to report its significance.

M. Cot's statement ranks with Woodrow Wilson's assertions about "the monopoly of big credits" and with Gladstone's famous conclusion when he reviewed the relations of the Bank of England with his Government: "The hinge of the whole situation was this," Gladstone declared, "the Government itself was not to be a substantive power in matters of finance, but was to leave the money power supreme and unquestioned." M. Cot says flatly in words that historians will often re-

"The French State was not independent. At every moment during my government career I had opportunities to see that the Government often had to bow to superior power: the power of money. This observation remains the most decisive of my political life. The same undeniable fact was noticed by all leaders belonging to the republican parties, men like Clemenceau, Poincare, Herriot, for example, and M. Pierre-Etienne Flandin himself when, as President du Conseil, he denounced the tyranny of the Bank of France, dominated by the 'Two Hundred Families,' over French politics. At every moment those democratic governments were subjected to a threat from the banks: a study of the movement of capital and its export whenever a democratic government tried to implement its programme proves that the menace was not wielded in vain. In economic and financial matters, and consequently in the social sphere, we had about as much freedom of action as a man who feels the cold steel of his enemy's pistol pressing his temple. Our only choice lay between compromise and revolution; but as conditions requisite for a revolution were not prepared, the choice was merely between compromise and resigning which would have left our adversaries in control of the field. . My conclusion is that there can be no political democracy without economic and social democracy.

This statement by a French Cabinet member of pre-Vichy days is one that the members of President Roosevelt's Cabinet cannot ponder with too much concern. While Hitler rearmed, the French Republic halfslumbered behind the uncompleted ine (the cost of finishing it was "prohibitive"), quite unprotected against the machination of the Money Power. Ministry after Ministry fell over the question of deflation, taxes, and the Budget; the strength of France's heart was sucked out by the vampires of the Bank of France. And when the Nazi invader came, suddenly France collapsed. Softened up by the dictatorship of finance, she was a push over for the Nazi-type of dictator

The fate of France is a warning to every United Nations Government The home defences have not been completely put in order until the Government has conscripted the Money Power, taught it that the people are its boss, and openly adopted the policy of men first, money second, at home and in foreign

affairs. It is high time that President Roosevelt gave the country a "fireside chat" of assurance that no financial bunk will affect the making of decisions at Washington, no financial dead hand will impede our war effort at any point, and no Money Power threats will be heeded. To win this war we need non-debt money, the visible guaranty that Finance has been yanked out of the driver's seat. The Old Economics rots the people's will. Out with it, debt, taxes and hokum!

#### **MUSTARD**

"Why buy this when you can grow it in your garden? The stuff you buy is half drugs, and is injurious to health.

A yard square of ground, sown with common, mustard, the crop of which you would grind for use in a little mustard-mill, as you wanted it, would save you some money, and probably save your life. Your mustard would look brown instead of yellow: but the former colour is as good as the latter; and as to taste, the real mustard has certainly a much better taste than that of the drugs and flour which go under the name of mustard. Let anyone try it, and I am sure he will never use the drugs again. The drugs, if you take them freely, leave a burning at the pit of the stomach, which the real mustard does not."

—William Cobbett in "Cottage Economy."

#### REDTAPE

This letter from a sergeant in the R.A.F. accounts section should be read by every administrative officer of the Australian and New Zealand Air Forces:—

"Sir,—Here is a letter giving evidence of red tape in the R.A.F. Can you beat it?

"(1) Demand on equipment section, signed by senior N.C.O. (in duplicate)

"(2) Demand on contractor, signed by equipment officer (in duplicate).

"(3) Advice note in duplicate submitted by contractor and signed by equipment officer, entered in stores receipt book, noted on demand form, entered on tally card, posted in stores accounting section, signed by accounts officer, and finally endorsed with bill number.

"(4) New tally card raised for entry of the item.

"(5) New ledger sheet opened for entry of the item.

"(6) Bill submitted by contractor, signed by equipment officer and certified by accounts officer.

"(7) Draft on bank for amount due to contractor.

"All this entered on three registers and forms, ranging in size from 6in. x 4 in. to 14in. x 18in. with signatures ranging from aircraftmen 2nd class to squadron leader.

"Description of item involved—one washer.

"Sum of money involved—one penny!

"Here's to our Second Front!" —
"Truth," Sept. 19.

#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

The Social Credit Movement of N.S.W. invite all fair-minded citizens to hear some truths, in the Douglas Hall, Victoria Street Gladesville on Sunday October 4, at 3 p.m. Notable speakers, including Mrs. Lillie Beirne, who recently returned from Canada and U.S.A.

# THE UNDEMOCRATIC METHODS OF TRADES UNION EXECUTIVES

## CAUCUS SYSTEM OF BUREAUCRATIC CONTROL

Two letters from unionists reprinted hereunder speak for themselves. They appear in the "Tramway Record," Melbourne, of September B Note particularly the explanation, in the second letter, of the caucus or "bureau" system which is also a vicious feature of political parties:—

Branch Executive and A.S.F.L.— It was with, feelings of surprise and concern that I read in your last issue of the "Record" the decision of our branch executive to utilise a portion of association funds to engage a band to lead a tramway employees' group in the procession held by the A.S.F.L. on Sunday. September 6. 1942. In view of the fact that the members of our association have, by ballot, declined affiliation with this organisation, and have thus forbidden the use of association funds to further its projects, the action of the executive ignores the expressed will of the men whose views they are supposed to represent, not to mention the whole fundamental principle of the union—that of rank

The tendency of people appointed to executive positions to overstep their duties, and to use such positions to support their personal interest in matters outside the scope of our association's affairs, is a brand of arrogance to be deplored and resisted. To be a member of any union founded by upright, straightforward Labor men, is ordinary, honest attainment, and it is to be hoped that in the future the executive will confine its activities to the betterment of all members of our association, and leave the formation of a "Second Front" to the INFORMED minds of the leaders-Churchill. Roosevelt, and Stalin. As a financial member, I ask you, Mr. Editor, to print the above protest in the next issue of "Record."—J. GUTHRIE (Camberwell).

Bureaucratic Control,—Recently a young man asked me the meaning of Bureaucratic Control and Bureaucracy, and as of late this form of control has not been confined to Government departments, but has appeared in many workers' unions. I believe that it may be interesting and instructive to set out a simple explanatory illustration of the workings of this antithesis of Democratic Control.

Let us take a union executive of twenty-two members, and let us suppose that it is composed of twelve scarlets and ten blacks, the scarlets having a majority of two in full executive. Let us suppose further that the scarlets meet regularly at what they term their bureau (note the word), where matters are discussed and voted on before they come before the executive. Now let us watch carefully and see Bureaucratic Control functioning.

In bureau an important matter is discussed, a motion, moved, and although, strongly opposed, it is carried by the smallest possible majority — seven votes to five. Now, although five members are definitely opposed in the motion, the bureau vote binds them to voting for instead of against it when the matter reaches executive. Now we will see what happens.

When the motion is moved in executive the ten blacks are solidly opposed to it, but bound by their bureau decision, the five scarlets who should vote with them, vote with the other seven scarlets, and the motion is carried, 12-10. Now, in that body of twenty-two men, fifteen (ten blacks and five starlets) are opposed to the

## THE JONAH OF IRRESPONSIBLE FOWER

Quite recently a research manager in a very large industrial undertaking told the following story:-

"Years ago I knew a fellow whose job it was to step into any department when anything got out of order. After he had been there a week or so, everything would be running smoothly again. He was such a successful trouble-shooter that one day a fellow asked him what he did. "The only thing I do' he said, is to keep everybody away from the boys and give them a chance to get at the job. They know what needs to be done."

The story is true and indicates clearly one of the major factors contributing to the present disorder on a world scale of blood-letting, violence, sacrifice, frustration, and general danger that affects every human being on the planet to-day in one way or another.

We hear of bottlenecks in industry, rackets in commerce, "too little and too late" in war action, unnecessary regimentation, arrogant bureaucracy, clogging—like sand in the wheels—many bearings in personal, local, national and international affairs.

Everywhere there are hordes of "officials" (quite ignorant of the policy of those "up above," whose orders they execute) armed with authority to interfere with the men who "know what needs to be done." No wonder the world has become a cockpit of disorder.

It is plainly evident that the "incapables" have seized power. The failures are in office. The incompetent are in control. But so conceited are they that they cannot imagine themselves as failures, so that whenever disaster occurs they blame circumstances, or somebody, at home or abroad, outside their own circle

This policy of irresponsibility, evasion and authoritative interference operated by impractical abstractionists upon practical realists is the automatic result of elevating money and its dealers into "governor" instead of servants.

The bankers and the Treasury centralise power in their own hands. They give orders instead of receiving them. This usurped authority is misused because misplaced; it ties the hands of those who would produce better results if they were to do so.

The remedy is known—Social Credit — but to get the remedy adopted the pressure of decentralised initiative on the part of people is essential.

G. Hickling, in "Reality". (Eng.)

#### **MONEY FACTORIES**

The modern banking system manufactures money out of nothing. The process is perhaps the most astounding piece of sleight of hand that was ever invented. Banks, in fact, are able to create and cancel modern deposit money. They can, in fact, inflate, mint and unmint the modern ledger-entry currency."

—Major L. L. B. Angas, "Slump Ahead in Bonds."

motion, but through the action of the bureau the other seven men impose their will on the fifteen. There we have Bureaucratic Control--i.e., control of a majority by a minority, in all its naked viciousness. Could anything more outrageous, more damnable, and more opposed to both commonsense and Democratic functioning of any organisation? Under such conditions, it can be understood how recommendations which stink to high heaven can be brought down as recommendations from an executive, with nothing between a minority and success but the good sense and understanding of general members. Such bureaucratic control of the rank and file should be watched for carefully by every member of that rank and file in any union where bureaucracy raises its foul head and at the first opportunity every man who bears the taint of the bureau should be hurled by his electors into political oblivion. EDMOND P. O'ROURKE.

#### NOTES ON THE NEWS

(Continued from page 1.)

**REALISM:** In reporting the Australian Wood Pipe Co. as the showing a loss of £4668, the "Argus" of August 31 quotes the directors as attributing the loss to paucity of turnover, directly caused by lack of finance. It is a healthy sign when even company directors realise that their well-being through sales depends on the people's purchasing-power. The day may soon arrive when they will also realise that the Bankers' action in restricting purchasing-power to maintain the idea of money-scarcity is not in the interest of sellers or buyers.

CHANGE OF HEART? An unsurpassed story of valour is told featuring the "Dead-End-Kid," Private A. H. Wakenshaw, who has been posthumously awarded the V.C. This lad and his family were the victims of the bankers' Tynside depression. He had to peddle daily-newspaper dope, while his mother slaved in a factory to support twelve other children. It is said that the police, who often chased him, gave him his first pair of boots. He leaves a crippled wife and two children, who live in a single room in Newcastle (England). What an object lesson to those sanctimonious, smugfaced species of humanity who bleat about a change of heart.

ABOLISH PLENTY? A hopeful sign that the evils of Marketing Boards are being realised is to be found in the following statements of State Representatives. Mr. Frost (Labour): "The public was charged 15/- a case for apples, and the grower got 1/-. In four Victorian families the kiddies had not had an apple pie for three years." From Mr. Knox (U.A.P.): "Orchardists had  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{N}}$ been encouraged to destroy fruit before it matured." We don't have to go to England to find "Dead-End Kids" in need of the food we restrict and destroy through the agency of socialistic Marketing Boards, and it is surely time these politicians translated words of objection into action for abolition of these un-Christian Boards.

SAYS ROOSEVELT: The Press of September 4, reports Roosevelt as saying: "No soldiers or sailors in any forces would so willingly endure the rigours of battle if they thought that in 20 years their sons would be fighting still another war." This statement brings to mind similar platitudes uttered during the 1914-18 war to end wars: but here we are. and until something is done to eliminate "Bankerism" (the cause of war) Roosevelt's remarks remain relevant.

LIQUOR LOGIC: However much one may get heated over this wet subject, the following dry facts are worth noting: The liquor monopoly is so profitable owing to public demand and freedom from the bankers' debt racket. As it provides very little advertising rake-off, the Press attack is easily understood-likewise the free publicity given by the Press to clergymen and others firing their bullets. There is also the matter of about 4/- per\_gallon\_excise duty, which gives the Federal Government a direct interest in the game, part of which helps to provide State Governments' per capita payments. Then there is the matter of "funds" which find their way indirectly to the political parties. All this simply indicates the conflicting interests in the brawl.

BIRTHRATE: Government action to arrest Australia's declining hirthrate is to ban advertising of contraceptive advice, preparations

and the Axis. The financing of the and drugs, and the distribution of such deal seems to be included just to material through the post. It is to complicate the matter, because the be noted that the sale of such is money will not help Russia; but not banned, nor are army issues of Britain is reported to have supplied such material interfered with. This Turkey with considerable war may indicate that the medicos are material, and if this were transferred not in agreement with the section of to Russia as payment for the fleet, the report might read sensibly. the community whose influence encouraged the Bill. One thing is certainthat the public was not consulted. However it is obvious that neither these small sections, nor the Government, is prepared to face the basic cause-economic insecurity. The position will continue to deteriorate despite palliative measuresand it should be remembered that the Federal Government is directly responsible for the financial insecurity, because it is responsible for controlling finance. Until it attends to this function its action cannot be regarded seriously. When it does so, reproduction of the species can be left to the people concerned.

> **SLAVE STATE:** A London report states that "Vichy" has instituted a new manpower regulation which compels all Frenchmen from 18 to 50 years of age into compulsory labour services, thus bringing about the complete enslavement of the French people. Thus one more stage of the international bankers' socialistic New Order" is implemented under the cloak of war. Needless to say, the bankers remain in the background and simply use their control over Governments to compel legislation to bring the slave state into being. It should be noted that similar action is being enacted on an international basis.

—О. В. H.

### THE CASE OF THE MURDERED VEGETABLE

The accused is the housewife. Her lethal weapon is the kitchen stove.

As they come from the garden, vegetables contain everything needed to support human life in vigorous health. Thousands of people live on vegetables and nothing else. Whatever else you like in your diet, if you are an average person your health will benefit if you eat more vegetables.

Many housewives buy and serve plenty of vegetables—and still have undernourished families! Millions able to afford an abundance of good food are actually on a deficient diet and therefore constantly below par. Some wealthy homes provide a diet less satisfactory in terms of bodily vigour than that of a Chinese coolie.

Scientists say one reason is that in nearly every household the food is prepared and cooked in a way that removes 70 to 80 per cent, of its essential minerals and vitamins.

Take, for example, the sweet potato. The average housewife peels it, cuts it up, covers it with water. boils it, then mashes it. Let us see what this process does. Peeling a below-ground vegetable throws away most of its mineral salts. Boiling removes nearly half of its usable calcium and phosphorus, which are necessary in building sound bones and teeth, and a third of its iron, which is essential in building red blood and warding off anemia. Mashing the potato exposes its pulp to the air, thus oxidising a large part of the vitamins not already lost by peeling and boiling. The family might almost as well be served with a dish of library paste.

Food can be cooked without serious loss of vitamins and minerals.

And rightly cooked food is not only more nourishing but more tasty, because the mineral salts and vegetable sugars are retained. You will have less trouble with the member of your family that "doesn't like vegetables." It may not be possible for

every family always to provide an ideal menu, but it is possible to extract maximum nourishment from whatever you do provide.

Much of our knowledge of how

improper cooking destroys minerals and vitamins is derived from experiments made a few years ago by W. H. Peterson and C. A. Hoppert at the University of Wisconsin. These scientists mixed thirty pounds of each vegetable, to equalise variations in individual plants. Several portions were boiled, some with just enough water to cover their surface, others with twice as much water. Another set of samples was steamed. Still another set was prepared in a pressure cooker. Then the scientists analysed each result for chemical content and compared it with that of the raw vegetable.

The greatest damage to nutritive elements, it was discovered, is caused by boiling. Most minerals useful to the human body are soluble in water; boiling water thus removes them. The longer the boiling, and the more water used, the worse the results. The same is largely true of vitamins; these chemicals are destroyed by heat. No wonder nutrition experts say that if you boil your vegetables you would do better to throw the vegetables away and drink the water they were cooked in!

The experiments proved that on the average about half of the iron, some 45 per cent of the phosphorus and magnesium, and more than 30 per cent, of the calcium are lost in boiling. Some vegetables lose more than that; cabbage, for instance, drops around 70 per cent, of its magnesium and calcium, and 60 per cent, of its phosphorus.

Especially subject to damage are thiamin chloride (Vitamin B1), the appetite and nerve-control vitamin riboflavin (Vitamin B2 or G), essential to growth and bodily vigour; nicotinic acid (now called niacin), the antipellagra vitamin, and ascorbic acid (Vitamin C), which builds bones and teeth and prevents scurvy.

Of the four methods that were tested—stewing, boiling, steaming, and pressure-cooking—the last two are best. They require less water and a lower temperature; and, because they are more rapid processes, they do less damage to the perishable essentials.

Here's how to get the most out of

the food you serve:

1 Use no more heat than is necessary to make the food palatable. Do not cook any food too necessary long. It is better to have food slightly under done than overdone.

2 Use little water, bring it

2 Use little water, bring it quickly to a boil, and turn off the heat as soon as the food is "done."
With a thick-walled pot and a low flame, some vegetables can be cooked without any water at all. The metal absorbs and distributes the heat and the pot never gets hot enough at any one point to scorch the food. If you can't get a thick-walled pot, put a little water in the bottom of a saucepan and cook by the steam generated from it. This requires generated from it. vigilance, to see that the water doesn't boil away and let your vegetables bum, but it is worth the trouble. Wise cooks save the water in which food has been steamed or boiled, and use it for soups

gravies.

3 Whenever possible, avoid peeling fruits and vegetables. If you must peel them, do it after cooking.

4 Oxygen destroys some nutritive ements. Therefore, avoid stirring elements. into air into cooking food; prepare chopped fruit and vegetable salads food; prepare at the last moment, using the chop-ping-knife sparingly; don't leave lettuce long exposed to the air.

5 Don't use soda in cooking green vegetables. It increases the harmful effect of air on some of the

6 Don't let milk stand in the sun; its vitamins deteriorate.

7. When using canned never throw away the foods. liquids, (Continued on page 8.)

#### J.B. PRIESILY SPEAKS CUT

"It must be realised that, unless we use our brains and make proper plans, all the evils that followed the last war will return, immensely enlarged, after this one.

"For this war will increase the tempo of production even more than the last one did, and we have only to allow ourselves to be humbugged again by 'sound orthodox finance' and those 'well-tried Conservative principles' to find ourselves in a nightmare of unemployment, dwindling trade poverty amid plenty.

"Already we are being warned about how poor we are going to be. We were told all that after the last war, when actually the world was richer, in all the essentials—skilled labour, cultivated land, raw materials-and the equipment of production—than it had ever been before.

"Who was it then who insisted that we were all so much poorer? The representatives of the financial system, which, instead of being a kind of book-keeping and claimadjusting process, had turned into the super-industry, dominating all other industries, cramping all men's

'Why has it not been generally realised that money is a servant and not our master? Why wasn't the financial system scraped, like its contemporaries, the wooden warship or the stage-coach?

"Because too many influential persons in a position to sway governments and control public opinion were directly interested in keeping the rotten old thing going.

"And unless this supreme racket is smashed, we shall be plunged again into the same whirlpool of overproduction, under-consumption, crazy employment, revolution and war."

J. B. Priestley, in his most recent book, "Out of the People.'

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#### THEY RERACING in ENGLAND!

Horse-racing, already considerably reduced in Australia, is to be further reduced. Mr. Curtin has said it, in a tone of voice which suggests if it is interfering with the country's war effort to the extent claimed, by all means Mr. Curtin should do it. It should, however, be done without an accompaniment of humbug and an appearance of panic.

Mr. Curtin draws a picture of his table feet deep under applications for the release of men from the army for necessary production work, while on the other hand, unstated numbers are engaged in training, feeding and transporting horses. The number (unstated) must surely be very small. In any case, isn't there a call-up in this country? If the Government wants these men hasn't it the power to take them? Isn't it true that every one of them fit for army service has been taken already? If not, why? Is this a reserved occupation?

this onslaught on racing that they're still racing in bomb-torn and semibeleaguered England. There has long been rationing there compared with which Australians still live in luxury. Men have been called up to the extent required by the Government, and women, too. The Battle of the Atlantic is being fought to the one end of ensuring that sup-

plies of all kinds will continue to reach Britain. But they're still racing.

The King alone has won nine it, in a tone of voice which suggests events this year with horses he owns that Mr. Curtin means to do it. And and races; His Majesty is the leading owner in prize-money. Programmes are long—up to eight races —and fields are big: 32 acceptors for a race is not at all uncommon. In the week June 29 to July 4, inclusive, there were six meetings, one each on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and three on Saturday.

> Yes, they're racing in England! — Sydney "Bulletin."

#### The Case of the Murdered Vegetable

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Quick-frozen foods deteriorate rapidly when thawed; put them into the pot while still frozen.

you can use, and the shorter the cooking time, the better. Rare meat that our present civilisation may is more nourishing than well-done collapse unless it is widely It is an interesting comment on meat. Pork, an exception, should understood and the defects his onslaught on racing that they're always be thoroughly cooked. Be as remedied very soon." sparing as possible in the use of

If every home would follow these simple rules, the health of the nation would be incalculably improved.

(Condensed from the "Parents' Magazine," New York.)

—Bruce Bliven.

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#### THEPACIFICWAR THEENEMY WITHIN

Under this heading in our issue of December 15 appeared an open letter to Federal Members from Eric Butler. Many people believe this to be the clearest, most damning, and hardest-hitting piece of writing ever directed against the Money Monopoly and its political "yes-men." There is a challenge in every sentence. A copy was sent to every Federal Member.

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