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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 states—

"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

is the basis of democratic 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 cause 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 industry. 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 dependent upon the

actions of the individuals controlling the manufacture of practically all money 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 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 business man.

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 unanswerable:

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NOTES ON THE NEWS

An obscure report in the Melbourne "Herald" of August 27 for once boosts Britain's war effort: "Captain Lytleton revealed that when U.S. was threatened with air bombardment, Britain rushed to their aid 'planes, anti-aircraft 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.

POTATO FAMINE: 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 Dardanelles 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 (Continued on page 7.)

GOLD MYTH DEBUNKED IN U.S.A.

TESTIMONY OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS' GOVERNOR

Testimony before the Banking and Currency Committee of the U.S. 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 to 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 any-

thing to do with the price level, which means they have nothing to do with the value of currency."

Smith: "Aren't you, in effect, saying there is no relation whatever of gold in this country to our currency?"

Eccles: "That is right."

Smith: "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.

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 Civil 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 reality 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 creditor 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

INFLATIONISM.—Continued.

Government has first claim on everything—and when I say everything I mean 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 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 re-borrowed by the Government as still further interest-bearing debt. 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.

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

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 inflation-mongers and demand the replacement of the Government's financial advisers by more competent and more worthy men. Yours faithfully,

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 theory.

"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 disappearance 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" and "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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THE CONSPIRATORS.

Dr. Schacht (of the German Reichsbank) and Mr. Montagu Norman (Governor of the Bank of England) talking things over before the Second World War.

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—Mr. R. Stokes, in the British House of Commons, April 16, 1940.

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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 away more than two years, in Europe, and then in Boston and was unaware how completely the revolutionary milieu in the metropolis 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 comrades. What had been a many sided radical movement had disintegrated into so many sects. The Golden Age of American 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 close-ups of the internal party machinery as I had by reason of my everyday work strengthened my obstinacy in resisting solicitations to join up.

In any organisation which rests on absolute discipline there is no intermediate role between leadership and blind obedience. I had not the taste for one and a definite distaste for the other.

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 newspaper column.

My entire social environment in those years, however, was Communist and Soviet. In a loyalty to the Russian revolution which outweighed in my mind all considerations of past friendship or 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 party. Its members were 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 would have implied blasphemous doubts. The fact that Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman, many other deportees from America abandoned the Soviet land, preferring a capitalist exile, was for us a commentary on these people rather than on the Soviets.

We did not content ourselves with impugning their sanity, but tarred them as knaves, liars, self-seeking betrayers. A lifetime of exemplary 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 record the more urgent was our compulsion to level him with the dust.

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 tourists, even milk-and-water liberals, their blasphemy could be explained along orthodox class lines and discounted. But if they were workers, socialists, active radicals, they must be marked with

the mark of Cain and sent wandering in the wilderness of bourgeois turmoils. "Soviet Russia Pictorial" was the progenitor of the many illustrated magazines about Russian achievements now on the African newsstands. It was at the time the mouthpiece of the Friends of Soviet Russia and its primary purpose was to help raise funds for famine relief. 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 possible in text and picture to stimulate charity from the Left. The horrors, however, were amply balanced by panegyrics for the Soviet leaders and their works.

Threat to "Bolsheive" Dairying Industry!

(Continued from page 1.)

- (1) Essential food production is necessary for the effective prosecution of the war.
- (2) Farmers are the most competent experts to produce the food-stuffs required.
- (3) The Government's only function is to see that all unnecessary restrictions are removed in order that farmers can get on with their work.
- (4) More men are being wasted in policing Government control of industry than are being saved for other war work.
- (5) Government control of industry is rapidly leading to a shortage of foodstuffs which necessitates further rationing and the wasting of thousands of men to operate the rationing.
- (6) Once financial difficulties are 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 dairying 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 possibility.

Perhaps! "One Post-War Venture"

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 non-competent establishments and strengthen the industry. Some effects of Federal control, it is claimed in official quarters, would be:—

- (1) Governed and efficient production.
- (2) Solution of the man-power position.
- (3) Standard wage rates for employees.
- (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 on reliable authority that no representatives of the dairying industry have "canvassed" for this proposed Government control. Dairy-farmers 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 its hordes of bureaucrats, which are increasing in number, to talk about saving man-power is hypocrisy.

I have no doubt that the proposal

to "bolsheive" the dairying industry 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

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 of 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 eyes.

(To be continued.)

*Executed in August, 1936.

†Imprisoned in 1937.

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

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.

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LESSON FROM FRANCE: 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-the-scenes 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 repeat—

"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 reared, the French Republic half-slumbered behind the uncompleted Maginot Line (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 dictatorship.

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."

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 8. 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 and file control.

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 the "Record."—J. GUTHRIE (Camberwell).

RED TAPE

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 JONAH OF IRRESPONSIBLE POWER

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 be 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

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THE CASE OF THE MURDERED VEGETABLE

and the Axis. The financing of the deal seems to be included just to complicate the matter, because the money will not help Russia; but Britain is reported to have supplied Turkey with considerable war material, and if this were transferred to Russia as payment for the fleet, the report might read sensibly.

REALISM In reporting the Australian Wood Pipe Co. as 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, smug-faced 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 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 birthrate is to ban advertising of contraceptive advice, preparations

and drugs, and the distribution of such material through the post. It is to be noted that the sale of such is not banned, nor are army issues of such material interfered with. This may indicate that the medicos are not in agreement with the section of the community whose influence encouraged the Bill. One thing is certain—that 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 measures—and 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.

—O. B. H.

J. B. PRIESTLEY SPEAKS OUT

"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

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. Why?

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.

system, which, instead of being a kind of book-keeping and claim-adjusting process, had turned into the super-industry, dominating all other industries, cramping all men's activities.

"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 over-production, under-consumption, crazy competition, poverty and unemployment, revolution and war."

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

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 anti-pellagra 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 long. It is better to have food slightly under done than overdone.

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 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 or gravies.

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

4 Oxygen destroys some nutritive elements. Therefore, avoid stirring air into cooking food; prepare chopped fruit and vegetable salads at the last moment, using the chopping-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 vitamins.

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

7 When using canned foods, never throw away the liquids,

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