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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 padlock, for our lips are forging,
Silence is crime.
—Whittier (1807-1892).

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The Mock Battles of Party-Politics Again!

Policy of Secret Govt. Prevails

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

Sir, —On the eve of the recent British elections, the Australian newspapers reported that the campaigns had reverted to all the old discreditable party tactics, and that the election propaganda avoided the realistic matters of food, clothing, shelter, etc., for the people.

That position is worthy of serious thought. How comes it that in the very midst of war devastation, war weariness, and war regimentation, the supposed "leaders," in seeking the support of the "people," could be well-received without dealing with the practical and essential things concerned with the everyday well-being of the populace?

It seems to me to present further evidence of the success of the POLICY being imposed on the people by persons whose identity has not yet been sufficiently established.

When we look beneath the surface, we find that those who themselves have never fought a bloody war but always won it have again come out victorious. Their POLICY was not interfered with during the war and is to be continued.

Prime Ministers and others may come and go, but the POLICY is continued.

Important questions are discussed behind closed doors by specially selected "representatives," always with the certainty that the conclusions will not run contrary to the POLICY referred to. That policy provides for the minds of the people to be diverted from the thing which controls not only amenities but the everyday necessities, such as food, clothing, and shelter; and apparently in this respect the politicians of the United Kingdom have again faithfully served their masters, even though some of the politicians may not yet be aware of the actual identity of those masters.

The position is no different in Australia. Platiudes are poured out on the radio, in the press, and on public platforms, but the artificially intense struggle to obtain food, clothes, shelter, etc., gets no easier for the people.

A few years ago we had Mr. Bruce as

Prime Minister, and the things he did were done "for the good of the people." Debts increased and living standards decreased. He was described as "Australia's Greatest Son" and demanded "sacrifices."

He was followed by Mr. Scullin, who IMPOSED the sacrifices through the infamous Premiers' Plan, even though he appeared to be burning with zeal as the workers' champion.

Next came Mr. Lyons, a man who apparently lived only to lighten the burden which oppressed the worker, but who saw the worker put more securely than ever in the chains of debt and taxation. Indeed, he was a party to the dismissal of the Lang Government in New South Wales because that Government had the courage to challenge the financiers.

Then came Sir Earle Page and Mr. Menzies, both fervidly assuring us that the welfare of the people was their only concern—but the debts were increased and the taxes raised.

Mr. Curtin was the next, and, according to general report, he sacrificed himself for the people. The only comment I make is that despite this personal sacrifice, the RESULTS which came to the people were still more debt and still higher taxes.

Now we have Mr. Chifley, who says: "I shall follow in the footsteps of the late John Curtin, and will carry out the policies and ideals for which he stood. . . . I ask everybody to work for a better way of life for all men and women, and to do away with unemployment, misery, and hardship." (Melbourne "Argus," 14/7/45.)

Mr. Chifley also "warned" us that more SACRIFICES will be required.

At this particular juncture I would prefer to remain silent regarding the work of our late Prime Minister; but as Mr. Chif-

ley says he intends to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor in office it is important that we appreciate the direction of those footsteps.

After the commencement of the war and before he became Prime Minister, the late Mr. Curtin publicly declared that the war COULD and SHOULD be financed without piling up huge debts against the nation and sucking the life-blood of the people through heavy taxes to meet interest demands on the debt. In that he spoke the truth, and nothing he said since becoming Prime Minister even suggested that he had been mistaken in that conviction. But actually the sucking of the people's life-blood went on just as it had done before. Why was this?

Labor's financial policy has been little different from that of their political "opponents." Perhaps that was excusable up to the end of June 1944, as they did not have a majority in the Senate. And so, up to June 1944, the debt was rising, taxation increasing, and effective incomes falling, just as would have been the case had there been no change of Government.

But since July 1944, the Labor Government has had an overwhelming majority in both houses of the Federal Parliament. Yet the same old financial policy has been maintained.

Confiscatory taxation has been made even more confiscatory and the national debt is hundreds of millions higher. Our money obligations are getting further and further beyond our ability to meet them, and we have been forced deeper and deeper into economic serfdom. The fact that sickness

and unemployment "benefits," as well as a small "increase" in pensions, have since been brought into operation, makes no difference to the overall position of the people as a whole, because those "benefits" are coming from taxes taken from the people, who are themselves short of money.

This is not peculiar to Australia. Similar conditions are being IMPOSED elsewhere. It has been officially announced that "liberated" Italy may have funds only if they are obtained from taxes or loans. Although the population is on the verge of starvation and millions of men are idle, the Jewish system of usury is to remain, and everything is to continue to be subservient to money. The claim to goods is to be more important and more valuable than the goods themselves! What a tragedy that in a world whose chief leaders talk so much of Christian principles we thus have the position that Christians who wish to serve God are forced to serve Mammon.

So we see again that whether it be Mr. Churchill or Mr. Attlee, Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Truman, Mr. Menzies or Mr. Curtin or Mr. Chifley, the financial principles for which they stand are the same, and these principles are imposed upon us on the "advice" of men specially "selected" for the purpose.

In fundamentals, therefore, the same POLICY is to be seen regardless of governmental personnel, and that explains why the RESULTS are invariably the same. Like causes produce like results.

—Yours faithfully, BRUCE H. BROWN,
189 Hotham Street, East Melbourne, C.2.
15th July 1945.

NOTES on the NEWS

'FRISCO FRAME-UP: The extent and gravity of the World Government plot to deprive all countries of control of their own affairs was further indicated by the following, in the Melbourne "Herald" of July 6: "It is now generally agreed that there is no clear line of demarcation possible between international commitments and domestic sovereignty, and that to the extent that individual States participate in international plans they will LOSE THEIR DOMESTIC AUTONOMY." That's plain and brutal enough to stir the most timid Britishers to action to retain their freedom. **Insist on a Referendum on the "World Charter." Get busy on this and bombard your Federal Member. Urge fellow-electors to do likewise. But, for heaven's sake, do it NOW**

RELIEF REALISM: Now that U.N.R.R.A. is under way, we are being submitted to a barrage of costly press propaganda featuring pictures of ill-clad and under-nourished inhabitants of "starving Europe." At the same time, but in an unobtrusive manner, the same daily press informs us that many Australian families need more blankets! There is the story of the widow who needs blankets for her nine-year-old son; there are other stories of children sleeping in one bed with only one blanket—and so on. Thus, while U.N.R.R.A. usurps or duplicates International Red Cross activities, and spends our money on costly advertisements for the succour of aliens, needy Australian children are overlooked. Surely common sense demands that our first consideration should be for our own nationals.

GREEK TAX GRAB: As a reward for their gallant war effort and the terrible sufferings they endured in the cause of freedom, the Greeks are now attacked with heavy V.2. taxes. But these freedom-loving people are still prepared to fight on. The Greek Confederation of Trades people called upon shopkeepers to close their shops as a protest. They were threatened by the authorities with the loss of moratorium privileges and a fine of five times the normal tax. However, since the shopkeeper's action may benefit their customers, who are also to be plagued by the oppressive taxation, consumers have supported the action. The Greeks once led the world in democratic experiments, and now they have suggested how shopkeepers might help to give political servants a lesson in humility and obedience.

LEOPOLD'S LEAD: King Leopold of Belgium caused consternation among the power-lusters seeking to depose him, by offering to accept the result of a Referendum as to whether or not he would abdicate. Naturally, the "left-wingers" behind the trouble objected to this democratic course of action. Who but the people should decide such a question? British subjects will remember the ousting of King Edward VIII by a handful of schemers—and there have been other cases of determined attempts to overthrow monarchies which constituted an obstacle to would-be dictators. Those who have read the "Protocols" will recall that part which deals with "the establishing of Presidents" and may not be unrelated to the determined efforts to undermine our own Monarchy as well as others. Presidents, of course, are much easier to deal with in order to implement the "Big Idea."

RED RIDDLE: Osmar White, Melbourne "Herald" war correspondent in Germany, writing in the "Herald" of July 9 asks:

"What is the riddle of the Red Army, which forced the Germans 1400 miles back to Germany, and which, as seen today, is by Anglo-American standards a poorly equipped, ragged army . . . with dirty, threadbare uniforms and a hotchpotch, antiquated looking lot of trucks and horse-drawn wagons for transport?" Dealing with the reports of Russian soldiers' orgies of drunkenness and rape, which spared hardly any part of the population, he says: "It is my honest belief that German women were terrorised and treated with brutality by the Soviet soldiers in the flush of victory." These are certainly items, which had not previously leaked past the news controllers. **BUILDING BAN:** Recent prosecutions in the Adelaide Court serve to illustrate how determined the bureaucrats are to prevent people from building their own homes. In one case a carpenter was charged and fined for starting to build a house for himself without a permit. He had made his own cement bricks, purchased second-hand building material, and was building his home during weekends. He had applied for permission to build eight months previously. How's that for Bureaucracy? Remember that this sort of thing will continue unless we can demobilise the bureaucrats. Have YOU written to ask your Federal Member where he stands in this matter?

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Canadian Elections

A grim comment on d'markazi as worked is afforded by Mr. Mackenzie King's tactics in regard to the Federal Election in Canada. The date, June 11, was timed to coincide with a tremendous Victory Loan Campaign, the end of the European War, the later stages of the San Francisco Conference (featured as a triumph for Mr. King) and—perhaps most important—seeding time for farmers. Meetings were useless; no one has time in June to attend meetings; so the campaign was fought by radio, with Mr. King in control of the radio. The "C.B.C." allotted 5¾ hours per week to the Liberals (Mackenzie King), 4 hours to the Conservatives, 3½ hours to the C.C.F. (Socialists) and one hour each to the Social Crediters and the Communists. As the Communists were openly supporting Mackenzie King, and the C.C.F. had a working arrangement with him, he got ten hours of radio time to one of his only real opposition, the Social Crediters.

—"The Social Creditor."

Significant Political Pointers

It has been alleged time and time again that the new World Organisation is primarily for the purpose of preventing any nation from going to war. If a nation does go to war and is considered an aggressor by the World Security Council, members of the World Organisation are to place their armed forces at the disposal of the World Organisation in order that action can be taken against the aggressor.

Japan is an aggressor. Russia is a prominent member of the World Organisation. When is Russia going to show us how the new "Security" organisation will work?

There is no need to wait for a hypothetical war of the future; the test is here NOW.

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"Evatt likes Americans, has married an American wife, collects American books, loves American baseball, and seldom goes to bed without seeing how the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees are batting."—American writer, Drew Pearson, in the Melbourne "Argus" of June 30.

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No effort should be spared in attacking the idea that majorities have an unlimited right to dictate to minorities. So far from being democracy, it is the very antithesis of the democratic and Christian idea. One of the great tragedies of modern times is the manner in which the political voting system has been used to break down individual security, particularly in countries in which the Government has been highly centralised.

C. H. Douglas writes as follows in "The Big Idea":

"It really does not require much intelligence to realise that the idea of a permanent majority involves the permanent disfranchisement of everyone concerned. If I have £500, and go to a builder and give him my plans for a house and 'vote' my

Soviet "Diplomacy"

"When the Truman - Churchill - Stalin meeting occurs . . . U.S. will want a clearer undertaking of just what it is that Russia is seeking in Europe and the Far East; will be wiser to the way of 'trading' methods. **Russian technique, officials say, is this: Demand everything, concede not a thing, appear adamant. Then, when a crisis develops, give way on unimportant issues, expecting that others will be so pleased by any concession that they will give the vital things sought. It's a highly successful 'trading' method—to date.**"

—"United States News." (Quoted in Sydney "Bulletin," July 4, 1945.)

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THE PERVERSION OF PARLIAMENTS

By JAMES GUTHRIE, B.Sc.

When our Parliaments were first set up they were not intended to be mass-production factories to be used by the Executive for producing a constant stream of laws and regulations for the victimisation and mortification of the taxpayers.

Parliaments were created for exactly the opposite purpose. The main function was to curb the power of the ruling oligarchy, and to devise means for protecting the people against sudden acts of stupidity and spoliation.

Whatever dignity or sanctity stands behind the Law today was given to it by those fundamental British laws, which protected the ordinary citizen from the arbitrary actions of a temporary government. Today, so-called democratic governments have more power than had the kings of old, and the laws which protected citizens against their king have been, and are being, wiped away with astonishing speed. And the most pressing need for people in all countries is to build up within their own State some kind of protection for the ordinary man and woman.

The people will have to present Parliament with a new Bill of Rights, and those so-called representatives of the people who refuse to sign on the dotted line will have to be shown the real meaning of democratic rule.

As things are today, democratic government has been reduced to a farce, or, shall I say, a tragedy. In theory, the people, through their representatives in Parliament, are supposed to control the Government, or the executive. In practice, we find, in this case, as we find in so many other walks of life, exactly the opposite taking place. Instead of the people controlling their representatives, and the representatives controlling the Government, the Government selects the representatives, parades them in front of the people merely as a matter of legal routine, and then proceeds to tell the people what to do.

The people, of course, have the honour and privilege of paying the salaries of their so-called representatives, also of the vast army of bureaucrats who push us around. The Government of the day, after having made its position legally secure by this mock display of democratic procedure, proceeds to rule by the "divine right of the majority," and it considers it has the legal right to do whatever it likes.

But no Government has been given the right, by the majority or the minority, to do just what it likes, because as soon as a Government is given that power then nobody else has the power to do anything except take orders and pay taxes; and as the people usually object to taking orders from strangers, and to paying taxes for other people to spend, a vast army of bureaucrats, pimps and spies has to be recruited to compel obedience to the edicts of the central Government.

It is due to this that the Governments of every Socialist country have developed into ruthless dictatorships; it also explains the reason why Socialists so easily become Fascists.

The menace of the "planners" in Canberra, Whitehall and Washington is that they get very angry if anybody upsets their plan; they are keenly convinced that their plan is the only possible plan, and that nobody else has plans worthy of attention. And as they con over their plan and paint it in beautiful colours, all of it carefully indexed, their plan gradually becomes a god worshipped with religious fervour. And anybody who objects is merely somebody to be "liquidated" as quickly as possible.

"STRANGEST STORY OF WAR"

(From the "Social Creditor," 19/5/45.)

Among the hopeful signs, which are multiplying, as our war prisoners return and the tension of an unfinished struggle relaxes is the following from the pages of "Reveille," London, for March 26, headed, "The Strangest Story of the War":—

"Why were the facts given below almost buried in a War Correspondent's report? Why did only one national newspaper dare to publish even a discreet reference? We think the men who bombed Cologne should have a chance to protest.

"One of the major scandals of the war has been revealed in a 'News Chronicle' report from Stanley Baron.

"Writing of the Cologne bombing, Baron said it was 'miraculously accurate.' He drove for four and a half miles into the city centre without seeing a roof on a building. Few houses had one wall intact.

"Allied pattern bombing had flattened the homes of the working people. But, said Baron, two omissions from the devastation stood out—the enormous Ford and Courtauld plants.

"Baron did his best to point his hint. He explained how easily these targets, standing in an open space in a bend of the river, could have been identified. He said: 'A RED brick wall surrounds the Courtauld factory, which has five lofty RED chimneys.' (My emphasis.) The factories had not even been camouflaged, and they were considered so immune that workers lived in them during the raids.

"What Baron did not say was that the Ford and the Courtauld factories, although working for Hitler under German occupation, originated from American and British financial interests.

"During the last war French financial interests protected heavy industries in the Briey district from attack. Aviators were forbidden to bomb them; and when one pilot, a M. Boussotot, bombed German occupied works from the air he was court-martialed and punished."

Here we come to a vital problem of modern politics, one that makes it so difficult for young people to understand. The Socialists, Communists, Trade Union Bosses, and the great army of would-be Planners, who shriek so shrilly about democracy and security, are the very people who have the most contempt for democracy, and who intend to use it merely to introduce a type of government, which would make any democratic rule impossible in the future.

Herein lies the danger and the factor which separates these Planners from the ordinary citizen, who just wishes to be left alone to mind his own business.

After this war we have got to reduce the vast army of bureaucrats at least to pre-war level. If we don't, then we shall have to be prepared to pay heavier and heavier taxes, and to be pushed around like children in a kindergarten school. "Please, teacher, can I have an egg for lunch?" "Most certainly not, child." "Please, teacher, can I have a glass of fresh milk?" "Certainly not, child; Dr. Atkins says you must have mesmerised—I mean, pasteurised—milk."

The crisis in our civilisation is a very fundamental one: Either co-operation in our post-war society is to be on a voluntary basis, or, it is to be directed from the top, and obedience obtained by brute force. It should be remembered, too, that when

SUPPRESSION OF REPORT ON RUSSIA

(From Sydney "Century," July 6)

Refusal of Acting External Affairs Minister Makin to table in Parliament the reports by Minister to Moscow Jim Maloney was camouflaged in a typical evasive statement. No real grounds were disclosed for refusing to table the document.

To say that the reports of a diplomat to his Government must remain secret is the lamest of all alibis.

When American Ambassador Davies returned from Moscow, he told the world of his experiences in "Mission to Moscow." It was even made into a motion picture.

Even British Ambassadors have been allowed to write their memoirs and impressions.

So why has Maloney's report to be kept so secret?

"Century" stands by its allegations. It states unequivocally that:

1. Maloney addressed members of Caucus at a special meeting.

2. His narrations startled members by their brutal frankness regarding conditions operating in Russia.

3. While it is true, as Makin says, that he paid tribute to the Red Army, it is also equally true that he condemned Russian bureaucracy and the introduction of a vicious new class system based on a new aristocracy of Party members.

4. He deplored living conditions of the Russian masses, and protested against the conditions under which friendly foreign diplomats and observers had to work in Russia.

Why was it possible for Maloney to report to members of Caucus, while it is impossible for his reports to be tabled in Parliament?

Australians demand to know the truth about Russia.

They have been shocked at the revelations made by returned prisoners of war regarding their experiences behind the Russian lines. These have now been censored.

Surely the Australian Minister in Moscow is the impartial observer to whom Australia must look for an unbiased account of what has happened there.

SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL POINTERS

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THEY want, not what the manipulators of the votes think they should have.

Those naive people who believe that the political voting system can never be used to introduce complete totalitarianism, might consider the number of votes obtained by the late Adolf Hitler and his gang at the last free German elections.

The significance of the various moves to centralise all electricity supplies has been dealt with on several occasions in these notes.

The New South Wales Government now proposes to set up a "central authority for electricity."

But don't be concerned, ladies and gentlemen, it's just a mere "coincidence" that this centralising is going on everywhere.

As a result of the breakdown in centralised fuel supplies, New South Wales electricity consumers were recently threatened with drastic rationing of power. Well, every good "advanced thinker" knows that there is only one way to deal with that sort of thing: centralise control a little further!

It was recently stated in the English "Social Creditor," that while the "Conservatives" in Great Britain are prepared to criticise infringements of liberties in

respectable and conscientious citizens are compelled "by law" to do what they very much resent doing, then they are being compelled to do so by threat of overwhelming force. Such a society cannot be stable for long.

The great trouble with a voluntary society is that it is a diversified and changing society, and dictators and planners don't like that; they want to fix society for ever according to a plan.

Some planners have their place in this world; but their job is to be on tap, NOT on top. When experts, however sincere, wish to use force to make us comply with their plans, they are very dangerous people, and they have to be put in their place. Our society is not a plan made in concrete; it is not made from a blueprint designed by one man or by one section of men.

Our society is a group of men and women living together, having different ideas and different desires. Centuries of experience have developed methods by which each can develop his own personality, and, at the same time, help to develop that of others. To try to control this complexity of aims and ambitions and purposes through one central office is the idea of madmen, and of very evil madmen.

Society is like an organic growth, not a machine. Even treated as a growth, artificial "fertilisers" and patent "disease-killers" are not going to eradicate the many diseases of society. A little understanding of the nature of this growth seems called for, and perhaps some wholesome "food" and "fresh air" might work wonders.

I have a nasty suspicion that most of our worst problems are produced by planners. Hitler, for example. He didn't arrive by accident. The "Great Depression" didn't come by accident either; there was a master planner called Otto Niemever mixed up with it, and another called Prof. Copland.

Notes On The News

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MAORILAND MEDICINE: Writing in the daily press recently, a correspondent just arrived from New Zealand said that, "the suggestion that the N.Z. medical scheme is popular is debatable, as there is a deep-seated conviction among those who have needed attention that what they receive falls far short of the attention they got before the doctors were regimented into the scheme." It is only natural that doctors or others would resent being coerced, and the inevitable result of forced "co-operation" is deep discontent, which is disastrous for all concerned. If the scheme were really beneficial, no compulsion would be needed. Furthermore, if people had sufficient incomes to pay for medical attention, there would be no "need" for these schemes. Needless to say, the scheme merely endeavours to rob Peter, to pay Paul, and—of course—to provide administrative jobs for more bureaucrats.

AIR-FORCE ARROGANCE: Wing-Commander L. J. Holton is reported in "Smith's Weekly" for June 30 as having issued in Brisbane a routine order (12A.217) which states: "It is a direct contravention of an Air Force Order for a member of the R.A.A.F. to approach his parliamentary representative with a view to obtaining preferences or a redress of grievance, and such conduct will be treated as a punishable offence." Who said Hitler was dead? This Hitleristic decree, which must surely be most improper and illegal from a constitutional viewpoint, will certainly incense our gallant airmen. It is a deliberate attempt to prevent them from exercising the democratic prerogatives for which they are fighting. The decree should be immediately referred to Federal Members by democratic citizens, so that Fuehrer Holton may be promptly disciplined.

—O. B. H.

THE RED-TAPE HOME

The following letter was published in the "Daily Telegraph," Sydney, May 29, 1945:

Sir,—In keeping with modern trends in this country my wife and I have introduced a complete red-tape system in our home. From top to bottom the whole joint now runs on red tape.

Under our simple and obsolete methods of running things, our home seemed plenty big enough for the two of us. Under the new method it was quickly evident that more accommodation would be needed to house the red tape. So we took over the two houses on either side of us, knocked down the intervening fences, and built sheds all over the backyard. Then I turned our bedroom and lounge into offices, hired a public servant and a typist, and set about putting our affairs on a proper red-tape basis.

After a couple of months, by desperate and frenzied disorganisation, we had the whole homestead pretty well red-taped.

Our household staff then consisted of the following: Director-General of Domestic Affairs (me), Deputy Director-General of Domestic Affairs (my wife), Comptroller of Kitchen, Supply Commissioner, Finance Administrator, Domestic Caterer, Garbage Supervisor, one Maid.

We also had a Domestic Board of Control, with an Advisory Committee, as well as a couple of Expert Advisers to advise the Advisory Committee. This was quite apart from the Sub-Committees, who could be found huddled in every corner.

We call tenders now for all the jobs around the house, such as cooking, washing up, cleaning, and maintenance. We've got a specially constituted Board, which takes care of this section—not on its own, mind you. It receives advice from Sub-Committees, which draw up long and amazingly useless reports, which nobody takes any notice of anyway.

Nobody ever gets the sack, nor do we blame anyone for errors, or mistakes, because we have installed a system of "passing the buck."

—M. H. Stevens, Penshurst-street, Roseville.

THE BRITONS-LAST BRIGADE

From the "Social Creditor," 26/5/45:—No, Clarence, not a moment is being lost. The "Sunday Express" says the Prime Minister says he is well aware that unemployment was caused last time by taking reparations; "everyone" agrees that there must be no dumping (on you) of valuable war surplus which you have already paid for; it must be dumped in the sea first; we mustn't allow prisoners of war to do work which could provide our war heroes with work at their own expense; for a long, long, time, Dr. Hugh Dalton insists, charity begins abroad; and, generally speaking, and in a few short, well-chosen words, the same old London School of Economics Socialist economists, with the same old policy, will repeat the same old racket with the same old results, ably supported by the "Socialist-Monopolist" Parties. And, having between them, after better men had defeated Germany in 1918, sponsored deflation, fraternised with German bankers and Socialists, disarmed this country to a greater extent than Germany was disarmed, connived at the evasion of every item of the Treaty of Versailles, opposed the fortification of Singapore while supporting the abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, organised a General Strike, opposed re-armament when war was certain, and screamed for war when it would have been suicide, they are now claiming to have demonstrated their outstanding qualifications to reconstruct "Britain" on the Socialist principles which we have been fighting for six years to destroy.

