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Dependent States Lose Self-Government!

Independence for Tasmania Urged

Broadcasting on Sunday last from 7HO Hobart, a well-known social creditor, Mr. James Guthrie, B.Sc., gave some excellent and urgent advice in a talk entitled "Independence for Tasmania." Of course, his talk was addressed to Tasmanians, and contained some special references to Tasmania and circumstances in that State; but in general, Mr. Guthrie's advice applies equally to other Australian States, and we fervently hope that our readers on the mainland, as well as those in Tasmania, will take it to heart—and ACT accordingly. Hereunder we publish the full text of Mr. Guthrie's talk:

Since tomorrow has been officially designated Peace Day, some remarks seem called for. Considering the very unsettled state, not to say the very dangerous state, of the world, talk about peace seems a trifle fatuous. Let us honour those who bore the brunt of the fighting in this war, and let us do everything in our power to see that the returned men get a fair deal; but the celebration of peace seems a trifle out of place.

The whole situation was neatly summed up by an English paper, which said: "Since the idea of celebrating peace is not very popular in this country, we suggest that the victory parade take place in the land of the victors (that is, in America); after all, we only did the fighting and the paying." Here we shall let that matter lie for the time being.

There is, however, a big job waiting to be done, a job, which will require some hard thinking and some hard fighting.

The question we have to ask ourselves is: What can we do in this tight little island of Tasmania to build up a stronghold which will help to arrest the march towards the Totalitarian State, and which may, when the time comes, join with other States to build up a strong Australia; and in building up a strong Australia, help to build up a strong British Commonwealth as a bulwark against world tyranny?

We in Tasmania have got to build up a strong and compact State out of sheer self-protection; we cannot afford to be dependent on people in Sydney for the essentials of existence. No groups of people on the

mainland should be given the power or the opportunity to hold this State up to ransom, either politically or economically.

The English people per person contributed vastly more than any others in the dour fighting, and in contributions to the great inventions of this war. But the English people, who could not be beaten by war, have been beaten to their knees by gangs who have held up England's food supplies since the fighting was over. This should be a lesson to all of us.

Again, the crowds in the big cities have had a very much worse time during the various shortages than have the people in the country.

It is gross stupidity not to realise that one should not rely on others for more than is necessary, and, when he does, one should rely on people one can trust. That is sheer common sense. It is more; it is the instinct of mere survival. Consider the position Tasmania would have been in if she had had to rely on coal supplies from the mainland to give her electrical power.

South Africa had her supplies of artificial manures cut off during the war. What did she do? She used the refuse of the cities and put it back into the soil. Never again will she be dependent on outsiders for the right to cultivate her own soil—and, incidentally, her soil will be vastly superior to what it has been for many years.

The free exchange of goods from one country to another is a useful and beneficial practice, but the export of wealth can be overdone. England lost thousands of millions of pounds in that game, and she would have been very much better off now if she

had used those resources to build up her own country. This is now freely recognised.

When the Premier, Mr. Cosgrove, and Senator McKenna sold Tasmania to the Canberra Bureaucracy, they struck a deadly blow at Tasmania, the State they were supposed to represent. If Tasmanians had been alive to what happened when the Premiers agreed to operate the Uniform Taxation Scheme these two men would never have seen political life again.

These two men owe political allegiance to a political Party on the mainland; they have two loyalties, and so the loyalty to the people whom they pretended to represent went by the board. This should never be permitted to happen again. The political parties are dominated by mainland gangs. We don't know what these gangs are up to, and they won't tell us; but if they do anything for the good of Tasmania, or for the good of Australia, it will only be by a very strange accident.

We have got to face the fact squarely that we are being run by gangsters, and we have got to take some elementary precautions to protect ourselves from continually being held up by gangsters. That is the political position today. What, then, do we do about it?

I have said sufficient for men to devise means to protect themselves at least more than they have done. There is a great deal of talent in Tasmania, which could be used—a great deal more than is being used now. We have to get rid of the stupid Socialist idea that nothing can be done except on a vast scale. There is no truth in this idea, but much money behind it.

Politically, we have got to take the position in our own hands and break with the domination of the mainland political parties. We have got to see that INDEPENDENT

men and women are encouraged to stand for the next State elections, and when they stand they must be given strong and vigorous support. The ancient habit of tossing our vote to one or other of two Yes men has been played out; it has made a farce of democratic government everywhere. There is a revolt against it in Tasmania, also in other States. Now is the time to prepare for the next elections.

The Australian Federation was designed to be a federation of strong independent States who joined together for certain purposes such as defence, free trade, post and telegraphs, and a common coinage. It was never designed to be a collection of conquered provinces, controlled by an army of occupation, and run by a central bureaucracy who treated the natives as an inferior people. But that is what has happened.

If a few of the Australian States had kept themselves more independent, the Canberra Bureaucracy would never have become so arrogant and so contemptuous of the rights of the States; they would never have dared to do it. But the Canberra Bureaucracy has been able, through the Party organisations, to force the State politicians to sell out without a fight. This must stop.

Either a man represents the people of Tasmania, or he doesn't. If he doesn't, he is taking money under false pretences, and the people will have to establish a law in this State whereby any politician is criminally liable if he is found guilty of handing powers over this State to any men outside this State.

The position has become so serious that if something is not done quickly the political position of this State will be so helpless that we won't be able to help ourselves, or anybody else.

The scheme to centralise municipal power in the Melbourne City Council was furthered at a conference between Labor members of the Fitzroy and City Councils, held in the Melbourne Town Hall on June 4. This little clique approved the principle of amalgamation; but they evidently feel that their complete scheme of a Greater Melbourne will not be acceptable, and so they propose to achieve their end by degrees. — that is, one victim at a time.

Fitzroy citizens should get busy and mobilise pressure on their local Councillors if they wish to escape being engulfed in the City Council debt trap, which would, of course, mean higher rates. They should tell their Councillors that they can manage Fitzroy affairs without the aid of City Councillors, who have not been able to manage City affairs without a huge debt.

The Melbourne "Herald," which some innocent people think supports genuine private enterprise, published in its issue of May 18 a special article on the editorial page, entitled "Free Medical Scheme Not Revolutionary."

The article started thus: "Australia is going to have a National Medical Service, free to every citizen who needs medical attention, whether it wants it or not."

The arrogance of the local Hitlers becomes more pronounced every day. They have decided what is good for the people, irrespective of whether the people think it good or not.

The proposed National Medical "Service will NOT be free; it will be paid for by the people themselves through taxation.

The bureaucracy will regiment both the people and the doctors and chemists. This State serfdom is insidiously encouraged by such articles as the one in the Melbourne "Herald" mentioned above.

The worldwide campaign to destroy the British Empire continues, with the local "Capitalist" press lending a hand.

The Sydney "Sunday Telegraph" of May 26 published the following headline on page 2: "British Empire's 'Quiet Dissolution'."

This was the heading of an article by Godfrey Blunden, in which it is suggested, "Australia may become a dependency of U.S.A."

It is to be hoped that an increasing number of people are starting to notice how the Monopoly Press is placed at the disposal of the Socialists to conduct their anti-British campaigns.

Many people uncritically accept the superficial argument that, because there are now more Russians who can read and write than there were before the Revolution, there must be considerable "progress" in Soviet Russia.

In order to test the accuracy of this argument it is necessary to know (among other things) whether the Russians have freedom to read and write as they desire.

The Russian writer, Kuzmichev, in his "Problems of Journalism," says: "All dissertations on 'objective and complete information' are liberal hypocrisy. The aim of information does not consist in commercialising news, but in educating the great masses of workers in organising them, under the exclusive direction of the Party

for clearly-defined tasks. This objective will not be attained by objective reporting of events. Liberty and objectivity of the press—these are fictions. Information is the means of the class struggle, not a mirror to reflect events objectively."

Professor Portus, of the Adelaide University, is the latest open advocate of the idea that we can only avoid another world war by creating world serfdom.

He recently said in Adelaide (vide Adelaide "Advertiser" of May 17), that the sovereign State idea must be abolished.

Hitler and his backers also had that idea. Professor Portus said: "We cannot dismiss this idea of controlling the sovereign State, as being merely Utopian. The choice may well be one between the sovereign State and the extinction of civilisation."

A sovereign State is one in which the people can have effective control over their own policies. Because Hitler wanted to impose his policies on the entire world, we had a long and devastating war to maintain the right to frame our own policies. But now men such as Professor Portus tell us that our fight to preserve our sovereignty was a waste of time.

The powerful international groups who used Hitler and a highly centralised Germany to start a Second World War are now exploiting the natural reaction against war.

They are suggesting that, in order to avoid further war, we should hand over control of our affairs to an international organisation over which we will have, and can have, no control.

Both World Wars were merely incidents in a much bigger war, a war to destroy the British Empire as a prelude to the establishment of a World Tyranny. New readers of the "New Times" can make no greater mistake than to dismiss this statement as nonsense; there is overwhelming first-hand evidence to support it. This paper is de- (Continued on page 4.)

BENITO BARRY: Aping Benito the Sawdust Caesar, Victorian housing dictator Barry, commenting on objections to the "Beaufort" building bungle, said the Government would have to see "that no little tin-God of a municipality was allowed to hold-up the erection of new types of homes." Presumably a very little "tin-God" (Barry) is to prevent local councillors from maintaining a reasonable standard of housing, and to compel them to accept Housing Commission hovels and tin-pot houses. Local councillors and citizens have themselves to blame for allowing their State Members to arm the Housing Commission with such Gestapo powers. It's not too late to demand amendment of the Act from which the Housing Bureaucrats derive their powers. This course of action is more likely to succeed than Court actions.

PRODUCERS' PLIGHT: A message to Victorian egg producers, published in the "Age" of May 25, warns against the move of the Egg Board to dispense with its agents and to take over the handling of eggs completely. Many agents and producers fell into the Egg Board trap, believing they would be beneficiaries. They were used to entice others into the trap, but now the Board is intensifying the centralisation, and has no further use for these dupes—and so they are to be liquidated, so to speak. However, these cast-offs and others are now organising a campaign to combat this move; they are sponsoring a petition as a protest, but it was not reported to whom the petition is directed. The sponsors of this move are H. Barnes of Blackburn, John S. Muir of Ringwood, Styles Bros. of Wallan, and Duggan Bros. of Broadmeadows. Maybe Electoral Campaigners in these districts could be of service to them.

DISASTER DESIGNS: U.S. finance experts say that the cost-of-living for millions has risen 100% or more, and predict that America is nearing disaster; the Government's estimate of 50% living-cost increase is regarded as hokey, which does not take into account the disappearance from

stores of hundreds of low-cost materials or the terrific deterioration in quality—any American housewife could tell a story which would make a mockery of the official cost-of-living index. The same conditions exist in nearly all countries, especially since price-fixing became the vogue. As a matter of plain fact, big monopolies and semi-monopolies are using the price-fixing machinery to prevent small competitors from under-selling them. We have already seen this illustrated in such cases as that of bread baking in Melbourne. More similar rackets will doubtless soon appear.

POLES' PERIL: General Komorowski, known as General Bor, who led the unsuccessful uprising of Polish patriots against the Germans when they thought the Russians were going to support them, only to be left to their fate by Russia, is reported thus: "Every aspect of Polish life is now controlled by a small group representing a very small proportion of Poles and maintained in power by Soviet bayonets . . . Russian secret police control the country." He also appeals to America and Britain to make Russia get out of Poland. Once more the shame of the betrayal of Poland must be remembered, and it is clear there will be no worthwhile peace in Europe while Poland remains enslaved by Russia (that also goes for all other one-time free nations which have been surrendered to the successors of Hitlerism).

WARD'S WILY WORDS: Word-spinner Eddy Ward has featured in yet another outburst against the High Court and its Judges; he accuses the Court of impeding "Labor's" objectives. This abuse looks like tactics designed to divert attention from the Labor Party's failure to improve the lot of the workers; in other words, it is simply a Red Herring. The High Court does not prevent Ward and Co. from removing the vicious direct taxation which robs workers of so much of their hard-won wages, and their incentive, and the High Court does not prevent "Labor" from removing (Continued on page 3)

WHAT SOCIAL CREDITERS ARE ABOUT

An Explanation Especially for New Readers

By ERIC D. BUTLER

One is often asked to "put Social Credit in a nut-shell." Those who ask for this nutshell explanation of Social Credit apparently believe that Social Crediters have a set of rigid blueprints for a society in which every detail of the individual's existence has been prescribed. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Social Credit has been defined as the belief by individuals that in association they can get the results they desire.

Now, what results can be obtained in association?

When man worked separately as an individual, he was a slave to his economic circumstances; his entire waking time was taken up in getting food, clothing and shelter for himself and his family. But, as he learnt to associate with his fellows, and pool the knowledge of how to make and grow things much more efficiently, he found that he became less of a slave to economic circumstances; and today it is an irrefutable fact that knowledge has made it physically possible for a decreasing number of people, working very short hours, to supply an abundance of the requirements of a civilised life for the entire population. **Economic slavery could be abolished.**

Some idea of our productive capacity in Australia may be gained from the fact that, although 800,000 of the most physically able persons were out of the production system for the duration of the war, the total volume of production was actually greatly increased. There is surely no argument that, with most of the 800,000 persons back in the production system, and with people free to associate to produce the results THEY desire, they should soon be enjoying an increasing standard of living with increasing leisure.

NOT MERE MONEY REFORMERS

And this, broadly, is what Social Crediters desire: that the individual shall have liberty and security, the right to pursue his own individual policies so long as he does not interfere with other individuals.

Social Credit has nothing to do with prescribing what the individual shall do with his leisure and security. Social Credit is based firmly on the Christian philosophy that the individual should have freedom to exercise the power of self-development.

In spite of the fact that it has been proved physically possible for the individual, in association, to increase both security and leisure, it is becoming obvious that he is at present being restricted or discouraged from associating to get those results.

Those who regard Social Credit as merely a monetary reform scheme will at this stage say: "But it is no use social crediters telling us that a shortage of money is responsible for the present conditions; the people have more money than ever before." And the Social Creditor will not deny this statement. Today he is pointing out that a system of centralised Bureaucratic Socialism, operating the Taxation Monopoly and innumerable other methods of controlling the individual, is being used to cause chaos in the community. He goes further. He is proving that the controllers of the international financial system have introduced Bureaucratic Socialism under cover of a war, which they arranged. They had a reason for doing this, and we must briefly examine some recent history in order to understand this reason.

CREDIT AND DEPRESSIONS

Just prior to the end of the 1914-1918 war, an outstanding British engineer, Major C. H. Douglas, made certain discoveries concerning the financial system and its relationship to the production system. There is no need in this article to go into the details of Douglas's technical discoveries, as there is available literature, which deals with the subject. But the first important result of Douglas's work was the publicity given to the facts that the functioning of industry and distribution depends upon the money

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by such institutions as the Bank "of England." In 1938 the official journal of P.E.P. made a most illuminating statement.

It said that it was only in war or under the threat of war that the British people would submit to large-scale planning as in Soviet Russia.

This statement was a clear admission that the Great Depression had not produced the complete regimented State in British countries; that in fact it produced a growing revolt against financial domination which, if unchecked, would result in financial reforms which would remove the crises necessary for the growth of Socialism or Communism; and that a war was necessary to bring the British Empire under effective control. To have a war there must be an aggressor. The aggressor was at hand in the form of Hitler and the centralised German State.

An enormous amount of first-hand evidence has been produced to show that international financiers brought Hitler to power and financed his rearmament programme.

THE NEW CONTROLLERS

As soon as the military war started, it became obvious that the Plotters had their specially trained key men all ready to take charge of the enormous bureaucracies that were quickly established in British countries. Most of these specially trained key men came from an institution known as the London School of Economics, established by the German-inspired Fabian Socialists in England and heavily endowed by at least one powerful international financier, a German-Jew named Cassel. This London School of Economics has been staffed largely by alien Communists and Socialists.

It is interesting to note that a Federal "Labor" Government in Australia, advised by a London School of Economics product, Dr. Coombs, is imposing on Australians the same bureaucratic socialism that a Federal "Liberal" Government in Canada, advised by another London School of Economics product, Dr. Marsh, is imposing on Canadians.

It is becoming more and more obvious every day that the centralised bureaucracies established during the war are going to be continued permanently—unless vigorous action is taken to defeat them. Before the war the major instrument of control was the money system. Money was a licence to live. The international controllers of the money system therefore controlled the licences. But, as already seen, this control wasn't sufficient. The number of licences necessary to live had to be extended. And the war has allowed this to be accomplished. Poverty amidst plenty has been "solved" by destroying the plenty, creating shortages and making it necessary for people not only to have a money licence, but also coupons and other licences. By maintaining high taxation and destructive regulations, it is no doubt expected that permanent shortages necessitating permanent rationing, with an increasing staff of controllers, can be maintained.

Bearing in mind our original definition of Social Credit—that people in association can get the results they desire—it now becomes apparent why Social Crediters are at present devoting more attention to mobilising public opinion against centralised bureaucratic control and the Taxation Monopoly than to talking about the financial system.

"... In my opinion, it is a very superficial definition of Social Credit that it is merely a scheme of monetary reform..."—(C. H. Douglas.)

It is true of course, that the banking system is still one of the major instruments of control, but it is now strongly buttressed with other instruments, if not being replaced by them.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Broadly speaking, it appears that the international groups who seek complete domination of the entire world hope to use their present systems of control to intensify the crisis in British countries to the stage where the revolutionary elements can break down all opposition to complete serfdom. The two World Wars and the Great Depression were all designed to eliminate the British Empire, because it is in this Empire that the greatest progress has been made towards a society in which the individual has learnt to control his institutions for his own benefit.

If the present crisis, which must continue to be intensified while the policies which caused the crisis continue to be pursued, is to be resolved in a victory for individual security AND liberty, it is urgently essential that there be a complete exposure of the nature of the plot against civilisation.

If British publicists such as Mr. Douglas Reed had been allowed to tell the British public the truth about Germany's preparation for war as a result of the policies of Adolf Hitler and his backers, the Second World War might have been averted. But the powerful interests who expected to further their aims as a result of war made certain that the British people knew little of what was happening.

Social Crediters are endeavouring to remove the secrecy, which surrounds the policies and identity of these interests. It is foolish for people to say that the policy of exposure being conscientiously pursued in the "New Times" is merely a policy of "destructive criticism." It is only by making public the real objectives and methods of the Plotters that sufficient opposition can be mobilised to take correct action to defeat them.

Major Douglas once defined war as any attempt by one person or groups of persons to impose a policy on another person or groups of persons. War can be waged by military methods or by economic me-

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CURRENT COMMENT

By JOHN WELLER

A glance through the latest balance-sheets of the main Australian companies reveals the important fact that stocks-in-hand at the end of the financial year are in most cases far in excess of previous years.

That is to say that many companies are deliberately refraining from selling more than a restricted quantity, because any increase in sales is penalised by an excessive increase in taxation rates, which automatically puts their business on an un-economic basis.

Now this restriction of effort is not confined to companies. The practice is universal. The coal-miner who only works four days a week is operating on the same principle. And so is the dairy farmer who is only milking forty cows instead of a possible sixty. All extra effort, instead of being rewarded, is being heavily penalised, with disastrous consequences.

It seems obvious and beyond dispute that TAXATION IS CRIPPLING and reducing the people of this country (not to mention the rest of the world) to a state of complete chaos. This is no accident.

In 1936 an eminent American lawyer, Malcolm McDermott, spent a considerable time in Germany endeavouring to discover the progressive steps by which German Nazism was introduced. As he afterwards pointed out, one of the principal mechanisms used to coerce the German people was heavy taxation. In the course of describing what the power-lusters have to do to introduce National Socialism, he said:

"Economically the people must be kept down by high taxes which under one pretext or another they are called upon to pay. Thus they are brought to a common level, and all income above a meagre level is taken from them.

"In this manner economic independence is kept to a minimum, and the citizen is forced to rely more and more upon the Government that controls him..."

And the high taxation policy, which is being imposed upon the Australian people, is simply part of a deliberate policy, which aims at Australian Nazism as a step to World Nazism. The immediate answer is for the Australian people to demand a reduction in taxation of at least 50% in order that the production system can operate to full capacity.

"Anyone who is unable to see that 'Socialism' is merely Will-to-Power, and that it becomes State Capitalism inevitably (BECAUSE UNIVERSALISED INDIVIDUAL CAPITALISM IS THE COMPLETE AND THE ONLY ANSWER TO THE WILL-TO-POWER) has not, I think, anything of consequence to contribute to an understanding of the present situation."

—C. H. DOUGLAS.

The British Government Debt of £23,250,000,000 is equivalent to £500 per head for every man, woman and child in the country.

Mr. L. A. Stride of the Industrial & General Trust (England) when making the above statement also expressed his considered opinion that British industry, which had been built up by individual effort, was in jeopardy, because of the increasing "tendency" for a small group of men to take over other people's business and run it by issuing statutory declarations WITHOUT EITHER KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRADE OR THE SPECIFIC SANCTION OF PARLIAMENT.

But what Mr. Stride did not make clear is that both the fantastic debt and this fantastic method of running industry, which will ensure its inefficiency for a long time to come, are part and parcel of the same deliberate policy of concentrating economic power in fewer and fewer hands until world enslavement is complete. That is the ultimate objective, and the time left to defeat it is short.

FOOD SHORTAGE: According to Leslie Randall, a two-miles' relay race took place around Alster Lake, Germany. None of the dozens of young German athletes who took part appeared to be on the verge of starvation. (Quoted by F. E. Baume in "Truth.")

There are some very curious aspects of this "famine" problem, which have not been satisfactorily explained. Meanwhile the British people are facing continued shortages. Mr. John Strachey, who has taken over their Ministry of Food, can be counted upon to continue the policy of starving them into absolute submission. The Monopoly Press kindly refers to Mr. Strachey as an "ex-Red."

HOUSING SHORTAGE: In order to convert Melbourne's Bourke-street-Northcote motorbus route to an electric tramway, a project which seems to have no immediate

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