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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).

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## Stop Sabotage of the Production System

### Bureaucrats Must Be Demobilised and Taxes Cut in Half

While the war was on, the people put up with the stupidities of the bureaucracy, high taxation and rationing, confident in the belief that as soon as the war finished the much publicised "New Order" would arrive. The war has been over for nearly twelve months now, but there is no evidence to suggest that we are likely to enter an era of individual liberty and security while we meekly accept the policies being imposed upon us from Canberra.

The Canberra bureaucracy has become the real Government of this country. Its leading members, such as Dr. Coombs, have made it very clear that they believe that "The State" — that is, themselves — should take over more and more of the direction of the economic policies of the entire community.

The fact that this bureaucratic control has produced and is producing chaos, restrictions, and shortages, doesn't worry Dr. Coombs and his friends at all. They have a vested interest in chaos, restrictions and shortages. For example, while there are shortages, they have an excuse to continue the rationing system.

Now, apart from direct restrictions, the most effective way to bring about shortages is to maintain a taxation policy, which kills the incentive to produce plentifully. And this is being done with deadly effect.

A basic industry in Australia is the coal-mining industry. A shortage of coal affects the housing programme, and nearly every other economic activity in the community. Mr. Justice Davidson, in his recently released report on the coal-mining industry, said that it was beyond dispute that the greatest loss of coal production by absenteeism was the direct result of increased taxation on increased earnings by the miners; for every extra ton of coal they dig, the miners are penalised, not rewarded. What hypocrisy for Ministers to say that they are doing all in their power to overcome coal shortages when they support a policy, which penalises extra effort by the miners!

You will note, of course, that the Communists are not agitating for the abolition of punitive taxation on miners' full-time earnings in order that the miners will have the incentive to work full time. The Communists use the shortage of coal, brought about by taxation, to urge that the mines be nationalised.

Strangely enough, many people who are violently anti-Communist advocate a similar policy. They argue that "The State" should step in and compel the miners to work full time. But they don't seem to realise that, if "The State" is to compel the miners to work full time, the idea of "The State" compelling every other section of the community is thereby established.

Not only is taxation penalising increased effort by the miners; it is penalising increased effort by every section of the community. It is sabotaging the entire produc-

tion system. And this is exactly what the bureaucracy desires; it gives it an excuse to demand greater powers.

Let us examine some figures relating to primary production. In spite of Food Minister Scully's recent assertion that "the general food position is all that could be desired," and the publicity of the food bureaucrats—at the taxpayer's expense, of course—the official figures compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician tell a very disturbing story. We will first take the staple goods, wheat, butter and meat.

The average wheat production for the five years ended 1938-39 was 154,000,000 bushels. In 1939-40 growers produced 210,487,000 bushels. By 1943-44 production had slumped to 109,720,000 bushels—largely because of the bureaucracy's wonderful wheat restriction scheme. This coming season's estimate is 144,000,000 bushels, which is less than a fair pre-war average and 60,000,000 bushels less than the wheat production in 1939-40.

Promises are being made that a much higher production level will be reached next year. But listen to what the Commonwealth Statistician has to say: "Owing to difficulties regarding fertilisers, machinery, and labour, wheat growers may be unable to reach the production goal for 1946-47."

All these difficulties can be traced back to taxation and controls.

In 1940-41 we exported 24,000,000 bushels of wheat to Great Britain. In 1944-45 we didn't export one grain to Great Britain; but staggering though it may be, during that same period we exported 2,288,000 bushels to Peru. Peru is comparatively close to Argentina, where it is reported that wheat is being burned as fuel.

Electors should write to their Federal Members of Parliament complaining about this fantastic bureaucratic food control.

Now let us examine butter production. The latest summary of the dairying industry in Australia, issued by the Commonwealth Bureau of Statistics, begins thus: "Total output of butter for 1944-45 was approximately 142,000 tons—a decrease of 14,000 tons or 9 per cent, on the production of the previous year. Production in 1944-45 was 30 per cent, less than the average production in the three years ended June, 1941." The latest figures published by the Commonwealth Statistician certainly don't indicate a great increase in butter production.

And it is not surprising, because we hear

of numbers of dairymen who are not prepared to make any increased effort because of taxation, while many others are selling their herds.

Coming now to meat, we discover that actual meat production has not slumped as much as wheat and butter production. This being the case, it would be instructive if the food bureaucrats would tell us why we still have meat rationing, imposed on us when meat exports to Great Britain are declining. In 1940-41 over 7,000,000 carcasses of lamb and mutton were sent to Great Britain, but only half this number was sent in 1944-45. This season shows a further reduction.

Australians suffer sugar rationing, believing that it is helping their kith and kin in Great Britain. But the official figures show that no sugar at all was sent to Great Britain in 1945.

Controls and taxation have reduced sugar production from 810,000 tons in 1937-38 to 646,000 tons in 1945.

Many more figures could be given, but it is not necessary.

Mr. Chifley has said that there can be no substantial reduction in taxation. Mr. Menzies has said the same thing. If this is so, the end is inevitable: More controls, more regimentation—more Socialism.

We are being told that high taxation must be maintained in order to rehabilitate the ex-servicemen. But the production system cannot absorb all the employable ex-servicemen into worthwhile jobs because of the hampering effects of taxation.

Statistics show that during January of this year Australian production of bricks, tiles, paints, building fittings, general metal work and electrical equipment was lower than in January 1945. It is no secret that many businesses are deliberately keeping some of their existing stocks off the market in order to keep their taxation down. Girls put in a few days work in the factories and then take a holiday . . . And so one could go on and on.

If we are to avoid the state of serfdom into which we are moving fast at present, we have to mobilise public opinion, on a non-Party basis, to demand from all Federal Members of Parliament that all impediments to full production be removed immediately.

Rather than penalise the coal-miner for increased effort, it would be saner to give (Continued on page 2.)

### Significant Political Pointers

No matter how much Dr. Evatt and his backers may deny it, "Orderly Marketing of Primary Production," as operated in Australia today, must lead inevitably to direct Government control of primary production — i.e., Socialism.

During the Canberra debates on the Constitution Alteration (Organised Marketing of Primary Products) Bill, Country Party Members were in a dilemma because, although they want "Orderly Marketing," they are at the same time afraid that it will lead to socialisation. Mr. G. Bowden (Country Party) said on April 10. "It is held by many authorities that marketing cannot be successfully organised without control of production."

While supporting Dr. Evatt's pleas for centralised control of all marketing of primary products, Country Party Member Corser sought an amendment to Dr. Evatt's Bill, to the effect that there be no socialisation of the means of primary production. Naturally enough, Dr. Evatt refused this amendment. He knows that Commonwealth control of all marketing of primary production would also mean direct "Government" instructions (from Board Bureaucrats) as to what shall be grown, where it shall be grown, and the acreage, etc.

Country Party Members all voted for Evatt's Bill, in spite of the absence of even a formal assurance that it wouldn't mean socialisation of production. Thus do the so-called representatives of private ownership pave the way for its destruction.

An example of how the taxpayers' money is spent:

"There is a scarcity today of books by Australian authors, most printing presses being busy with other work. The answer to a question, asked by the honourable Member for Moreton recently, disclosed the fact that the Government has spent £52,000 on the publication of certain departmental advertising matter. I have two of the publications here. One is entitled 'Industrial Lighting,' which cost £5000, and the other is 'Factory Planning,' which cost £6000. They were issued by the Department of Labour and National Service, and were printed by private publishers."

—Mr. T. White, M.H.R., at Canberra on April 10.

"... I believe that a really serious injustice is being inflicted on all country people. There can be no justification for the levying of a sales tax as a super tax on freight. If a retailer in a country town ran a motor lorry to the city to pick up goods instead of transporting them on an organised transport system requiring the payment of freight, he would not have to pay a penny of sales tax on freight, but, if he uses the railways, or any other form of public transport, he has to pay sales tax ranging from 7½ per cent, to 16 per cent.,

according to the classification of the goods, as a super charge on every penny of freight paid. That is indefensible. I therefore intend to move my amendment . . ."

—Mr. Anthony, M.H.R., at Canberra on April 10.

Mr. Anthony's amendment was ruled out of order.

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Speaking in support of greater powers for Canberra, Labor Member Fuller (vide Federal "Hansard," April 4) quoted the Monopoly Press to support his arguments:

"In reply to the claim that State Governments should be permitted to deal with many matters of national character, I cannot do better than cite an argument advanced by the Melbourne 'Herald' some years ago in a leading article, which pointed out that there was little logic in the contention that powers which are regarded as safe in the hands of one Government must be regarded as dangerous in the hands of another."

Would Mr. Fuller and his Melbourne "Herald" friends agree that powers regarded as safe in the hands of an Australian Government would be just as safe in the hands of an International Government? Democrats are not complaining greatly about the Canberra Government looking after national matters, such as Defence; but they are urging that the electors of any one State should have the sovereign right to look after public matters, which concern them locally. Local Governments are a necessary safeguard against Monopoly Government, just as genuine private enterprise is necessary as a safeguard against Economic Monopoly.

It is most instructive to see the Monopolists in Politics and Press agreeing on basic principles. No doubt Labor supporters will be enthused by Mr. Fuller's eulogy of the Melbourne "Herald"—the terrible "capitalist" press!

A hint of things to come?: "Dr. Evatt, traditionally regarded as an aspirant for the post [of Australian Governor-General] is ruled out. He is too engrossed in world affairs to agree at present to retire to the dignified seclusion of Yarralumla."

—E. Cox, in Capital Talk, - Melbourne "Herald," June 6.

Commenting on the Italian election results, "The Times" correspondent says that the fact "that the Communists' best results were not gained in the industrial areas or the provinces where the landless peasantry is numerous, but in Tuscany and Emilia Romagna, which had succumbed most easily

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### The Brisbane "Courier-Mail" on May 27 and June 1 contained some scathing criticisms, by Mr. C. Abbott and Mr. Blain, M.H.R. (NT.), of the disorder and stagnation in the Northern Territory.

Mr. Abbott described the position as hopeless "while it is anchored to a Government Department which is completely absorbed in Canberra affairs." Mr. Blain pointed out that: "Centralisation is planned chaos and stagnation. The pity is that the people, who planned it are sincere in their ignorance and arrogance."

Here is further evidence of the dangers inherent in handing over more powers to Canberra. Unless an emphatic "NO" is registered at the coming Referendum, we will all be in the same sad plight as the people of the NT, who are fighting hard for self-government. Let us make sure that we do not fall deeper into the clutches of the Canberra octopus.

**WHEAT WORRIES:** One of the largest meetings of wheat growers was recently held at Wangaratta (Vic.) to protest at the new wheat stabilisation price of 5/2d, F.O.B., for five years. They were told that the Canadian Government guarantees growers 11/2 a bushel, and 7/2 are guaranteed in New Zealand. Many growers are only now realising that these so-called stabilised prices and orderly marketing schemes are confidence tricks and practised by Governments, and they are realising that all Parties victimise them in the same way. They should soon realise that they could manage their own common affairs through State growers' associations without any Federal or State Government interference; they should also know that once they accept any Government interference they start to lose all control of their own affairs.

**PRESTON PIRACY:** Mr. Hollway, M.L.A., who in the past played his part in granting the powers to the Victorian Housing Commission, now seeks a Commission of Enquiry into the latest piece of piracy at Preston; but Premier Cain, like his Biblical namesake, shuns investigations. However, the game of fooling John Citizen goes merrily on. Messrs. Cain and Barry conjure up a story about a railway line in this connection, which Councillor Gray of Northcote suggests is a mythical background for the "speculator" bogey waiting to grab the land. Of course, there were no railway lines involved in other Government

land-grabs, but that is by the way; in any case it has yet to be explained how speculators will force up land prices which are "fixed." However, the wily Cain will doubtless think up another story in an able manner.

**FEMALE FANCIES:** Mrs. Margaret Allen has been appointed women's representative on the British "Council for Industrial Designs." She said she found men planners willing and appreciative of ideas, but uncooperative on such matters as millinery and corsets. Well, fancy theoretical planners even wasting time on such personal matters, which belong to practical production technicians. This female also has strong fancies about pots, pans, furniture and house appointments, to impress on the planners. One would think that this genius would be wise enough to take her bright ideas to manufacturers who are ever ready to receive ideas which will give them a break on their competitors, and, what's more, are willing to pay handsomely for such ideas. Mrs. Allen evidently has yet to learn that Government Planners do not produce commodities. It's a shame to see such a genius being led astray in this manner.

**ECONOMIC "EXPERTS":** Financial experts' theories are now in conflict, as to whether or not our price level should be permitted (?) to rise in proportion to that of other countries with which we trade.

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## FALLACIES IN SOCIALIST DOCTRINES

(A Broadcast by JAMES GUTHRIE, B.Sc, from 7HO, on June 16.)

**During this last week an argument, between myself and the leaders of the local Socialists, has been featured in the "Mercury." Today, I intend to discuss briefly a few of the Socialist slogans.**

In the ordinary way, these Socialist slogans would not merit much attention, or much discussion, among intelligent people, except for the fact that they are mass-produced, and then injected into our young men in regular doses in our universities, in the W.E.A. and in the League of Nations Union, by the regular speakers of the A.B.C., and by the Ministry of Reconstruction.

**Such organisations are paid for by you, with money taken from taxes, so you may as well know how it is used.**

The first mistake Karl Marx made, and which the great mass of his followers have kept on making, is found in the belief that those who control industry and production are the owners of industry. Actually, the share owned by one man or one family in any large organisation is, on the average, quite small.

In a large industrial organisation the shareholders exercise very little say. In fact, they cannot exercise any say at all unless they vote for a director, and they cannot vote for a director unless someone first stands him up to vote for.

Ownership has not been, and is not, essential to the control of industry. A few men like Carnegie and Henry Ford owned a large part of their factories; but Carnegie sold out to a combine, and Ford is dead and the family share in the Ford Corporation will soon be liquidated.

Today, you have directors of large organisations controlling hundreds of millions of pounds; all the directors together may not own one per cent, of the stock, but they certainly have power, greater power than all the shareholders.

It was this confusion between power and ownership, which made the Socialists so useless as political leaders, and so dangerous. And it was very obvious, too, that the Socialists were playing right into the hands of those who already had most power, and who were greedy for more.

As the Socialists object to private people owning factories, etc. (the means of production, as they call it), they have demanded that everything should be "publicly owned."

### "PUBLIC OWNERSHIP"

Just as the inability of the Socialists to see the difference between ownership and control led their followers straight into Hitler's arms, so their inability to see the impossibility of public ownership must lead to needless bloodshed.

The simple fact is that the public cannot own anything. A toothbrush doesn't become more useful because it is "publicly owned"; it becomes useless. The Tasmanian railways are said to be publicly owned, but you try to carry off a part of a railway engine, or to take a trip without paying your fare, and see what happens to you.

Public ownership has no meaning, and public control has very little more. The people of Tasmania have been able to exercise very little control over their State Government, and practically no control over their Federal Government.

It seems, therefore, that all these high-sounding phrases used so glibly by Leftist orators are merely traps for inexperienced young men and women.

### THE PROFIT BOGEY

"Profit" is another word belaboured by the Socialist. Profit to the Socialist means something evil, something sinister; to him it means exploitation. But this is a horrible misuse of a very useful word. The misuse of words,

however, is the chief weapon in the armoury of the Socialist propagandist; take that away and he is finished.

Profit is a natural process; it represents gain from successful effort. You plant six seeds and collect ten seeds; that shows a profit. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

Profit may mean different things to different people; producers have to seek part of their profit in money because we no longer barter goods. Excess profits can only be made when there is a monopoly, or when there is a scarcity. Both these are usually caused by Government action, and their remedy is a problem for community action.

As for that ancient cliché, "Production for use, not for profit," I thought that one dead long ago. Can anyone tell me how a producer in a competitive market can make a profit unless he produces goods somebody wants? If no one wants the goods he must make a loss. The only factory, which can produce goods and services nobody wants without going bankrupt, is the Government factory.

Production for profit means competition for use. The advantage of competition for the consumers' money, or custom, is that it takes control of industry away from the arbitrary will of those in control of monopoly, private or governmental.

### CRUX OF THE ARGUMENT

And this brings us to the crux of the whole argument: Who is to tell what is the right price for anything; who is to tell who is to have this job, and who is to have that; who is to say what is justice, and what is not? In Russia, the men behind the machine-guns decide all that.

We do not know what the future society of this world will be like, but that is no reason why we should be ignorant of everything. There are some things we are quite sure about. We know, for example, that the only protection the workingman has is competition; if the workingman doesn't know this, his wife does! Without competition the ordinary man can be exploited by whoever captures the governmental or private monopolies.

Men always get drunk with power; all we can do is keep them from getting too much power. Decentralise power; divide power into as many baskets as possible. Take power from the Federal Government and bring it back to this State, where we have some chance of controlling it; take it from the State and give it to the local Councils; and take it from the local Councils and give it back to the people it belongs to.

The centralisation of all legal power, all military power, all financial power, all industrial power, all power over publicity, in the hands of one gang, is the work of criminals and madmen. That we have men advocating such things and teaching the youth of our universities shows to what depths of degradation the alleged educationists of this country have fallen.

"In this Northern Siberia, liberty is no

## "NORTHERN SIBERIA" IN AUSTRALIA

**When Federal Government spokesmen claim that the Canberra Government needs supreme control over everyone and everything in Australia in order to build a Utopia, it should be pointed out that they have had unfettered control over the Northern Territory, but have produced nothing but increasing dissatisfaction among the citizens of what Mr. Blain, M.H.R., in an address at Canberra on April 4, termed a "Northern Siberia." The following are extracts from Mr. Blain's address:**

"I desire to call attention to the condition of affairs at Darwin, which I have just visited. I am sure if the Australian public were aware of what is going on there, it would be appalled. It has become the Siberia of Australia. The people there have become slaves of the Government. The town has become an almost complete Government possession, except that part which is under the control of Vestey's Limited or other big interests, which are powerful enough to use the mysterious influences which always seem to work more effectively with the kind of Government with which we are now blessed....

"As for the rebuilding of Darwin, there are men who are willing to carry timber in on their backs to repair the ruin, but that task must be reserved for the black marketeers, the grafters, and the other vultures who seem to hover over everything which this Government undertakes. Every obstruction is put in the way of individual private efforts, not only in the Northern Territory, but also in the South. I am not suggesting that the Government is concerned in graft. But I do say that its works appear to have a curious attraction for persons who have the reputation of doing so. It is a poor lookout for the re-establishment of those in need of it.

the outback of western Australia. But why did he not speak their language to them and allow them to speak it back to him? It is time he went back there with me, taking with him the Minister for the Navy, and the Minister for Works and Housing (Mr. Lazzarini), but keeping the officials away. He ought not to let them nurse him as they did when he went north some months ago. He should sit down on the kerb with the residents, talk with them and learn their story at first-hand. He should not allow himself to be shepherded by officials."

## THE SHORTAGE POLICY

"Clearly no man can say that food will be scarce many years from now. Then why does the Government pretend such knowledge?"

"Are anonymous 'officials,' of doubtful allegiance, being too clever for rather simple-minded Ministers?"

"An explanation may be found in the latest broad-sheet of that anonymously-controlled organisation which propels this country towards Communism behind-the-scenes and calls itself merely "P.E.P." (Political and Economic Planning). . . . Where, even now, is 'the world shortage'? In North and South America food is not rationed. Ireland has food-abundance and (as Sir Shane Leslie testifies) vainly offers it to our Government; Australia also. Denmark has food to spare, but it comes not to us. Bewildered British soldiers describe the abundance of food in Athens, Salonika, Rome and Milan in their letters home. A traveller returning from Czechoslovakia recently told us of astonishing plenty in the food-shops there. In a London hotel lately our table was next to that of six Hollanders who had brought pounds of butter and dozens of eggs to tide them over a week in England. . . . The continuance of food-rationing as a policy, irrespective of the amount of food available, would mean that in a vital matter the Government is yielding to the Communist Group inside the Labour Party." —"Tidings," England, April 13, 1946.

## ARE THEY WORRIED?

It is no secret that the weekly Social Credit talks over 3MA, Mildura, and 3CS, Colac, are reaching an ever-increasing audience. Very favourable comment has been received, not only from Victorian listeners, but also from some South Australian and New South Wales listeners.

An increasing number of "New Times" readers in Red Cliffs and Mildura areas is indicative of the results being achieved through the talks over 3MA.

Several weeks ago Mr. Ralph Gibson, prominent Communist, visited Mildura and urged a "Yes" vote at Referendum.

Mr. Calwell arrived the same week and told the same story about the "Yes" vote and the necessity of high taxation.

A few days later State Labor Member Crean arrived and also had a meeting.

It would appear that there is a lot of concern about what is happening in the northwest corner of Victoria.

Donations to continue financing the successful weekly talks over 3CS, Colac, and 3MA, Mildura, are urgently required. Donations should be sent to Mr. W. J. Caruthers, Hon. Sec. Victorian Social Credit Action Group, 32 Kendall Street, Ringwood, Victoria.

## ACTION IN CANADA

At the highly important and successful National Convention of the Social Credit Association of Canada, held in Regina on April 4, 5 and 6, the Hon. Solon Low, M.P., was re-elected President, and Professor Gregoire, D.Litt, and Major Jukes, D.S.O., Indian Army (retd.), Vice-Presidents.

The following resolution, the significance of which is self-evident, was passed by a considerable majority:—

### "NATIONAL ACTION."

#### "RESOLVED THAT:

"(1.) The main efforts of the Movement be directed henceforth to the establishment of non-party electors' action groups in as many polling divisions as possible.

"(2.) These electors' action groups to unite and mobilise the electors in their respective polling divisions in a demand for the results they want.

"(3.) As a majority of electors in each constituency becomes organised on the foregoing lines, steps be taken to bring the elected representative of that constituency under the effective control of the electorate.

"(4.) The National Council be authorised to work out a detailed programme of action in conformity with this policy, to be submitted to the provincial Social Credit organisations and other organisations for their consideration and implementation."

—"The Social Crediter," 27/4/46.

## HOUSING AND TAXATION

"All the dilapidated buildings you see are really due to the system of taxation. It is the same with cottages. You have a dilapidated cottage, and make it good and habitable, but immediately you have done that, you have to pay much more in income tax. The real cause of the disgraceful housing conditions is taxation."—Mr. Justice Macnaghten, in the Revenue Court, London, on March 12, 1946. (Quoted in "The Social Crediter," 27/4/46.)

## CURRENT COMMENT

By JOHN WELLER.

"Germans seem to be eating better than the British victors, who are cutting their own rations to send more food to Germany. . . .

"The fact that there has been no decline in the health [on a slow-starvation ration of 1055 calories a day] of the German population as a whole has convinced the health authorities that there must be large undisclosed stocks of food in Germany, and that nearly every German must be getting more than the official ration." —"The Australasian Post," June 6, 1946.

And last year Australia, while not sending a bushel of wheat to Great Britain, exported some two million bushels to Peru, which is next door to Argentina, where surplus wheat was being burnt in locomotives.

Who is sanctioning this insane policy, which has brought the inhabitants of the British Isles to their knees within months, an objective which Hitler failed to achieve in six years?

### "FOREVER AMBER."

James Mason, British film, actor, has recently turned down in disgust a part offered him in the Twentieth-Century Fox film, "Forever Amber," taken from the book of the same name.

Although the book has been banned in Australia there has not been a review, so far as this writer is aware, that has not wholly condemned the story as cheap, bawdy and historically inaccurate. It appeals unashamedly to the lowest tastes, yet it refers to Renaissance England, a period when English culture was at its highest.

It is symptomatic of the forces operating in the cultural war that this book was published and boosted by the Jewish firm of Simon & Schuster. Broadly speaking, the book publishing business had previously maintained a comparatively high standard of commercial ethics, but firms like Simon & Schuster introduced into the United States the technique of high-pressure selling of low-quality "literature," a move which threatens to lower the whole standards of the book trade.

It is a safe surmise that had "Forever Amber" been published under normal conditions and its acceptance left to the results of genuine appreciation, few people would have been aware even of its existence.

During 1944 the Egg Board levied from the producers the sum of £423,000 for the ostensible purpose of covering administrative expenses and stabilising prices.

During that same period the Board recorded a loss of more than £127,000 on new-laid eggs, egg pulp, and cold-store eggs.

### "THIS WEEK'S GEM."

" . . . Today Soviet Russia's admirers say that there is nothing she cannot achieve—in peace as in war. Her brilliant planners draw blue-prints for everything from history to human lives."

—"The Australasian Post," June 6, 1946.

## STOP SABOTAGE OF THE PRODUCTION SYSTEM!

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him a bonus, thus providing him with increased incentive. And then the Communists and other totalitarians would make no progress. It is no use people complaining about the Communists, while they themselves do nothing to remove the causes of the chaos, which the Communists merely exploit.

One of the biggest difficulties is to get the different sections of the community to take anything more than a shortsighted view of taxation. For example, the primary producers may content themselves with merely producing sufficient to get them a bare living. After all, they can escape food rationing to some extent. But what they must realise is the fact that if they, like the coal-miner, do not produce enough, they are providing the bureaucratic planners with a pretext for FURTHER Government control of primary producers. Every section of the community is being deliberately forced into the position where it cannot operate satisfactorily. Then the cry goes up that the coal owners, the business people, or the primary producers, have failed, and that "The State" must take over.

All sections of the community must unite to defeat the common enemy before it is too late.

**At the coming Federal Elections every candidate must be asked where he stands on Taxation and Bureaucracy. Candidates who will not give a written pledge that their first task, if elected, will be to work for an immediate reduction of the bureaucracy to the 1938 level, and a reduction in all taxation by 50 per cent, should be publicly exposed as enemies of the people.**

The situation confronting us is clear: We can allow the present controls and taxation rates to be maintained, with a consequent restriction of production leading to complete serfdom, OR we can demand that all restrictions on the production system be removed in order that we can win the peace as we won the war.

You can get busy on this issue immediately by writing a personal letter to your Federal Representative, demanding that he move in the matter. Your Member will be very interested in what you have to say, because in a very few months' time he will be seeking your vote.

—ERIC D. BUTLER. (A talk broadcast from 3CS, Colac, and 3MA, Mildura.)

## LANDACQUISITION RACKET EXPOSED Need for Action by Victorian Electors

By JOHN WELLER.

As a result of the recent large-scale land grabs of the Victorian Housing Commission, in the Camberwell and Heidelberg-Preston areas, the totalitarian nature of this body's powers has been brought home to many people.

But it is still not realised by many Victorian citizens who may believe they are secure, that the Commission's powers to acquire land, and houses, etc., thereon, are complete AND OVER-RIDE ALL EXISTING LAW.

THIS MEANS THAT THE COMMISSION CAN ACQUIRE ANY LAND WHATSOEVER WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THE STATE, AT ANY TIME, WITHOUT NOTICE, AND (as we shall see) PRACTICALLY AT ITS OWN PRICE.

It should not take two minutes' reflection to see that this can only have the most disastrous consequences, because THE INDIVIDUAL IS COMPLETELY WITHOUT ANY RIGHTS (i.e., PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW. He is therefore at the mercy of gangsters.

If the citizens of Victoria or any other State allow a principle such as this to remain on the Statute Book it logically follows that a Government body may be allowed to line up citizens against a wall and shoot them. That was Hitler's way. Immediate action must therefore be taken.

But first as to facts. For some twelve months past the Lot-Holders' Defence League has been endeavouring to obtain justice for those whose blocks were acquired when the Commission struck for the first time in the Hampton-Brighton-Moorabbin area. But in spite of all its efforts the Housing Commission has given no satisfaction whatever.

In fact, it has shown that IT DOES NOT INTEND EITHER TO UPHOLD PROMISES MADE OR TO GIVE FAIR COMPENSATION. Unless, of course, it is forced to.

Some of the salient features of the Lot-Holders' Defence League's story (for which I am indebted to its president, Mr. R. Barnett) are these:—

Around October, 1945, a deputation, led by Mr. Garthside, M.L.C., was sent to the Premier; but the Premier, presumably considering the matter of minor importance, did not bother to appear, and sent Mr. Oldham (Assistant Minister for Housing) to deputise. Mr. Oldham, however, was apparently unacquainted with his subject, as he was forced to confer with a Commission representative before answering any questions.

However, the assurance was given that blocks belonging to servicemen and potential homebuilders would wherever possible be by-passed. THAT ASSURANCE HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED.

There is a curious feature concerning the blocks belonging to servicemen. Under the original Act, the Commission had no powers to acquire these blocks. But, as a result of negotiations between the Commonwealth and State Government, the Commonwealth allowed that "right" under a "blanket order," on the conditions that the Commonwealth would subsidise the State to the extent of 40 per cent. of the cost and that 60 per cent. of newly erected homes would be open to returned servicemen.

This order was officially supposed to have been granted (presumably under National Security Regulations) by the Attorney General, Dr. Evatt. But he was overseas at the time and subsequently denied having given the order. Just who was responsible it has been impossible to ascertain. The present validity is questionable.

(This has also apparently meant, in effect, that other housing authorities are subservient to the Victorian Housing Commission in this State.)

Even although numerous assurances have been given that lots of potential homebuilders would not be disturbed, as late as a fortnight ago the Commission was "acquiring" such blocks.

The Lot-Holders' Defence League endeavoured to discover what were the qualifications of a potential homebuilder. The Commission was not co-operative. Of the approximately 7000 blocks in the Heidelberg-Preston and Hampton-Brighton-Moorabbin areas, by far the greatest percentage is held by potential home-builders. The League drafted what it considered to be fair qualifications, but these were curtly rejected by the Commission, which has made no attempt to define what IT considers suitable qualifications. In all dealings with the League the Commission has done little more than formally acknowledge correspondence.

Now the question of compensation: The Commission by its actions has made it abundantly clear that IT DOES NOT INTEND TO PAY GENUINE COMPENSATION. Amounts offered are purely nominal. The term "valuation" used in this connection is a mere mockery.

Just one example: A lady schoolteacher purchased out of savings a block that cost her £250. At the same time she was

supporting a crippled mother. Road-making cost her a further £62, while the dividing fence cost £15, making a total of 327. The Commission offered £100. This is no exception. Mr. Barnett's files are full of similar cases.

As a result of the League's efforts a Board of Review was finally established to hear appeals for compensation. It was composed of three members: an "independent" member appointed by the Government, an appointee of the Commission, and a nominee of the lot-holders.

BUT: (1) The representative of the lot-holders was told that although he was their nominee he was appointed by the Government, and was therefore a Government servant. He was under instructions not to divulge any of the Board's deliberations.

(2) All claims must be made in writing. The appellant does not appear in person.

(3) The claims reviewed are only those for amounts less than £100. Larger claims (such as the case quoted above) can only be contested in the Supreme Court. This is beyond the means of the average lot-holder.

(4) Finally, the Board of Review is not clothed with any judiciary powers, anyway. Its recommendations can be vetoed by the Minister for Housing.

But the point which must strike many observers is the obvious injustice of acquiring blocks from people who have chosen them for business, family, sentimental or other reasons; and erecting houses en masse to be sold or rented to persons who probably have no particular reason or desire to live in that area. And, of course, the dispossessed will in time be shunted to some other place where they do not want to go.

There is no security for anyone in this. No one within the borders of the State can now buy land or erect a dwelling without the constant fear that the Commission may take over at any time, without warning.

There are many more aspects of this matter, which space forbids dealing with in this article, but it is surely obvious that IT UNDERMINES THE RESULTS OF POLITICAL ENDEAVOURS DURING A THOUSAND YEARS.

All citizens who value their freedom and self-respect can take appropriate action. This is an issue, which transcends Party politics.

It is suggested as an immediate measure that each elector write to his or her State Member DEMANDING THAT HE WORKS FOR REPEAL OF THE ACT WHICH ALLOWS THE COMMISSION POWER TO ACQUIRE LAND COMPULSORILY, and indicating that if the Member, irrespective of Party, does not carry out this instruction, the elector will work for his defeat at the next election.

Furthermore, when writing to State Members, those electors who have had blocks "acquired" should add particulars of their own cases. They can also urge their friends to do likewise. Only by bringing direct pressure to bear on our elected representatives can the electors control the Government and force a cancellation of these totalitarian powers.

The only alternative is virtual slavery.

### ENTRENCHED BUREAUCRATIC ARMY OF OCCUPATION

From Federal "Hansard," April 5: Mr. Harrison asked the Minister for the Interior, upon notice—

1. Is it a fact that 350 buildings within a 5-mile radius of the General Post Office, Sydney, are either wholly or partly occupied by Government wartime departments?

2. Is it a fact that, owing to shortage of office space, returned men wanting such space are exposed to positions in which exorbitant rents are demanded of them?

3. What action is it proposed to take to vacate premises now occupied by departments whose wartime activities have lessened, so that ex-service personnel may obtain office accommodation in order to rehabilitate themselves in civil life?

Mr. Johnson.—The answers to the honourable member's questions are as follows:—

1. A large number of buildings is occupied by Commonwealth departments, both permanent and war-time, but time will not permit of having a return prepared determining whether the number is 350 or not within a 5-mile radius of the General Post Office, Sydney.

2. Statements to that effect have appeared in the press, but I am not in a position to confirm them.

3. This matter is receiving constant attention by a sub-committee of Cabinet, and a special officer, Mr. Westhoven, and staff has been appointed to deal with the matter. They are working full time on this specific question and have already submitted numerous reports to the sub-committee of Cabinet. As a result of these reports a considerable amount of accommodation for civilian use has been made available.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NOTES

(From the UNITED DEMOCRATS' Headquarters, 17 Waymouth Street, Adelaide.)

In the concluding report on Eric Butler's recent tour of South Australia it was indicated that an effort would be made to raise a fund to make it possible to put a full-time campaigner in the field. Accordingly, the letter reprinted below to all of the new readers of this paper enrolled on Mr. Butler's tour and also to numerous other contacts.

Our main purpose in having the letter reprinted is to reach those other readers who either subscribe direct or obtain their copies from a newsagent. We trust that those people will treat this appeal as urgent and important.

### THE LIBRARY.

Could any readers supply us with second-hand copies of the following two books, which we are anxious to secure for our library, as new editions are unobtainable? They are:—

"Money in Industry," by McNair Wilson.  
"Warning Democracy," by C. H. Douglas.

### BOOKS TO READ.

"The Enemy Within the Empire," by Eric D. Butler price 9d.

"The Mysterious Protocols" of the Learned Elders of Zion (with introduction and notes) price 2/6.

(Both plus 1d postage.)

—F. BAWDEN, Hon. Secretary.

The letter already referred to reads as follows:—

### CAMPAIGNER'S FUND

7th June 1946.

During his recent tour of this State, Eric Butler pointed out that good and responsible government can and will come about only as the result of persistent effort by an enlightened body of electors. Mr. Butler's work here has demonstrated that with suitable guidance such a body of electors can be marshaled.

However, in order that his good work may be carried on and enlarged it will be necessary to build up a fighting fund to finance the project. We therefore appeal to you for assistance in this regard. IT IS YOUR FIGHT, so please assess what it is worth to you each week. We suggest a minimum of 1/-. Having assessed yourself, we should like to receive quarterly instalments from you in order to obviate unnecessary office work, but it will be quite in order for you to make regular weekly instalments if you so prefer.

In country centres and in industrial workshops we are endeavouring to appoint local collectors. Supporters will be notified of appointments as they are made by an announcement in the "New Times."

Mr. Butler has promised to return to this State prior to the Referendum, with the intention of re-visiting those centres he toured in April and May, and also of breaking new ground. He will probably arrive sometime during August, so there is little time to lose in building up the fund to make this possible. His last visit was made possible as the result of considerable financial assistance from the Victorian Social Credit Action Group, but it would not be at all fair to expect this Group to finance a further tour, so please be good enough to give this matter your IMMEDIATE attention. Collections at meetings have so far proved inadequate to meet all expenses involved.

Between now and the time of the next tour, enthusiasts can best help the good work along by obtaining new readers for the "New Times" and by circulating literature, a considerable volume of which is available. Some of the latest books published are:—"The Truth About Social Credit," by Eric Butler, price 1/-; "Our Sham Democracy," by Jas. Guthrie, B.Sc., price 1/-; "Alberta Now," a United Democrats' publication, price 6d; "Social Credit Can Help You," a United Democrats' publication, price 3d.

—Yours fraternally, The United Democrats, F. Bawden, Hon. Secretary.

### WHAT'S BEHIND CHURCHILL?

From the "Social Creditor" (Eng.), 30/3/46: The Churchill family appears to be an hereditary instrument of Jewish policy, and the Leader of the Conservative Party, Mr. Winston Churchill, has a consistent record of service. His debut into Parliamentary prominence may be said to have been in connection with his attack on the Aliens Immigration Restriction Bill in 1905, which was the prelude to his election for North West Manchester in 1906, largely by the aid of Mr. Norman Laski and the Jewish vote. When, with unusual celerity, he attained the key post of Home Secretary, controlling immigration, in 1911, Lord Cecil said: "There could not have been a better example of the growth of the powers of bureaucracy than the deeds of the Home Secretary."

Columbia University, New York, the scene of his latest speech, is generally recognised as an entrepot of Jewish International policy, and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler as its gentile front.

### A STRANGE APPOINTMENT

Mr. B. K. Sandwell, who said "it would be necessary to bring all the people to a diminution of their loyalty to me Crown," has been appointed a Governor of the "Canadian Broadcasting Company."  
—"The Social Creditor" (Eng.), 20/4/46.

## Notes on the News

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Their query is, "whether to inflate or deflate?" Even experts' theories on "saving" are being questioned; recently the Melbourne "Herald's" financial wizard asked: "How can we ask people to postpone spending if it looks as though goods will get dearer while they wait." These chappies seem incapable of grasping the fact that the present financial system of debt-money, taxation, etc., inevitably produces price inflation in the long run, and that their artificial controls, rationing and vicious taxation cannot solve the problem. These boneheads are a menace to our well being.

**SOCIAL SERVICES:** The Federal Government recently decided to proceed with the establishment of a National Medical Service without waiting for the Referendum verdict. Announcing this on May 6, Senator Fraser said: "If the Referendum fails the Commonwealth will ask the States to carry out, under their health powers, an agreed plan which the Commonwealth will subsidise." Here we have an admission that social services will NOT be jeopardised if the people refuse to centralise more power in Canberra. In plain words, it is recognised that the States can provide whatever social services the people require. Senator Fraser has unwittingly disclosed that the people can register an emphatic "No" and still have the social services. As a matter of fact, it is a pity he did not also remind electors that with the crippling load of Canberra overhead eliminated, the people could get more social services for their money.

**BANKING BLUDGEON:** The following comment on banking legislation, by a Member of the House of Lords, is equally applicable to Australia. Denouncing the gestapo powers contained in the Bill, the Earl of Munster said it was "one of an unholy trio of Bills which will give the Government one further link in the chain of complete financial monopoly in a Socialist theoretical and planned State." In Australia we have already seen some of the expected results, which certainly do not benefit the workers or any other section of the community. The Planners behind the scenes (the real Government) obviously intend to use the money weapon to impose regimentation on all sections of the people. Workers have been sold another pup by their leaders.

**GOLD GAMBLES:** The world's richest gold strike is reported in the Orange Free State (South Africa). At Orendaals Rust, the actual scene of the strike, many of the villagers wish that the gold was never found, because they wisely say, "gold brings trouble, city traders with money, hunger and dishonesty," and they also say, "we don't want it," as they fear their little village will be transformed into another Johannesburg. However, the gold maniacs have rushed in and taken charge, and mining plant is appearing where useful sheep and donkeys previously grazed. The only other aspect that interests the villagers is that finding this yellow junk may bring electric light. Isn't it odd to think that really useful things such as electric light have not been forthcoming unless a yellow metal, which is not a necessary component of electricity supply, is found.

**PEACE PARLEY:** Following the recent breakdown of peace talks in Paris, U.S. delegates expressed the opinion that "it is impossible to get anything basic while the Russians are in their present state of mind." The "New York Times" says "Mr. Molotov's chief task is to delay any peace settlement which might halt the spread of political and economic chaos over Europe. Russia seeks to promote frustration and disorder as soil most suitable to the growth of Communism." These findings are gradually being accepted. They represent an overdue understanding of Soviet aims. It is also being accepted that Russia wants a Big Two, not a Big Three or U.N.O.; she wants to see Britain eliminated.

—OBH.

### THE BUREAUCRATIC MIND

A representative of the Agricultural Department visited a farmer with reference to mechanical equipment, which was loaned by the department to various farms in his district, and the following conversation ensued:—

**Farmer:** "But that machine will be no use to me at all next week; ask Mr. ...., my neighbour, and I'll have it the week after."

**Official:** "I cannot do that. You will have to take it now."

**Farmer:** "I tell you it is quite impossible. It is lambing time."

**Official** (now quite annoyed): "Well, you'll have to put that off until the week after."  
—"N.Z. Financial Times," 10/5/46.

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## THE COMMUNIST MENACE IN CANADA

The following is the text of a speech by Mr. Norman Jaques, the Social Credit member for Wetaskiwin in the Canadian House of Commons. This speech was delivered during the Debate on the Address, on March 25, 1946. Mr. Jaques said:

Mr. Speaker, may I congratulate the mover (Mr. Viau) and the seconder (Mr. Winters) of the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. I can only hope that time will justify their optimism. I should like to endorse the speech that was made by my friend, the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Low), who leads this group, and also the speech made by the hon. member for Portneuf (Mr. Gauthier), which I think was an excellent one. But I did not wait until I reached the House of Commons before making public my ideas on espionage in Canada. I happened to be in Victoria when the news broke, and I wrote a letter to the press which has been published in various papers in this country and which I will now read:

**The existence of a "Communist Spy Ring" should surprise no one. Today Marxian Socialists, Internationalists and other Totalitarians occupy key positions in government, organised religion and education.**

The Communist Party is an organised concern with unlimited funds, directed by a permanent general staff, many of whom have been trained in Moscow in the arts of moulding the thoughts and actions of the workers.

The Communist Party holds key positions in most labour unions, has infiltrated all channels of publicity. They have penetrated the teachers' federations, the theatre, all avenues of education, instruction and entertainment. That is true of every democratic country.

**The police are exposing not merely a ring of professional spies, but a nation-wide conspiracy inspired by Marxian Socialists who, for years, have been undermining our Christian and democratic ways of life, thus threatening the sovereign rights and freedoms of Canada.**

Only a few weeks ago the Canadian-Soviet Friendship Council (one among the fifth column identified by the police) held mass meetings across Canada, which was sponsored by the leaders of Church, State and business.

For years columnists and commentators of press and radio, the "Red Network," directed by the "Hidden Hand" of World Bolshevism, have been poisoning the minds of Canadians with anti-Christian, anti-democratic propaganda without let or hindrance.

I do not blame the Russian Government for carrying on this espionage. I continue to quote: It is the men entrusted with the safety and welfare of Church and State, and not their underlings, who must be held responsible for the existence of "Communist Spy Rings" composed of men and women who have been systematically taught by Socialists that Christianity has failed, that patriotism and loyalty are national vices, and treason a virtue.

That, I maintain, is no exaggeration of the situation in Canada today.

**Nobody has mentioned the fact, the amazing fact to me that we practically had to apologise before we arrested the enemies of this country. Nobody has remarked on the equally remarkable fact that, so far as we were told, no arrest of spies has been made in the United States, and only one, I believe, in the United Kingdom.**

Are we to suppose that there are no spies in the United States? Or are we to suppose that their police arrest them and that they then disappear without anybody's knowledge? Or are we to suppose that this Communist movement has become so powerful that its adherents can defy the police and government authorities? It must be one of these three things, and from what I have read in United States the fact is that the control exercised by these people is such that so far they have carried on with impunity.

Criticism has been made, I believe, of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) in

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the first place, coupled with the Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent), also the Mounted Police or, if you like, the Police Commissioner.

**Nobody hates tyranny more than I do, but I think those people who have criticised the steps taken by the Department of Justice and the police have failed to realise the dangers that face us.**

Surely everybody knows that the honest Canadian need have not the slightest fear of either the Minister of Justice or of the police or of the Commissioner. Today in Canada no honest Canadian need fear the Department of Justice; and might I add that that cuts both ways, that the Minister of Justice and the Commissioner of Police need fear no honest Canadian.

Let me quote two statements by two of the world's great men. The first is a very short one by his Holiness the Pope, from an Encyclical by Pope Pius XI, on "Atheist Communism." These are his words:

"No one who would save Christian civilisation may collaborate with it, in any undertaking whatsoever. Those who permit themselves to be deceived into lending their aid towards the triumph of Communism in their own country will be the first to fall victims of their error."

**Then we have this statement, which was written by Winston Churchill just prior to the war. It is taken, I believe, from his book, "Great Contemporaries." He says:**

"Communism is not only a creed. It is a plan of campaign. A Communist is not only the holder of certain opinions; he is the pledged adept of a well-thought-out means of enforcing them. The anatomy of discontent and revolution has been studied in every phase and aspect, and a veritable

## A POOR OUTLOOK FOR JOHN CITIZEN UNLESS HE WAKES UP

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

Sir, —Victory has been celebrated and Peace is officially here. But how hollow was the Victory and how unstable is the Peace! The war has finished but the threat of war continues. There is no intention on the part of the war promoters that the threat of war should be removed, because "only in war or under threat of war would a British Government embark on large-scale planning."

That quoted bit was written in 1938 in the P.E.P. journal, and Israel Moses Sieff was president of P.E.P. Because of the war, the British Government (and many other Governments, too) did embark on large-scale planning, and it is intended that the threat of war shall be continued until the British people have been completely regimented. Regimentation is the policy of the world dictators.

The policy-makers are mostly Jews, and their key men are to be found in all countries. These "policy-makers" are even to determine what shall be done about atomic weapons. Make a careful note of this extract from the Melbourne "Argus" of 17/6/46:—

**"It is a fairly open secret that the choice of Mr. Bernard Baruch to do the most important job in the gift of the U.S. Government did not exactly please the few real experts in the terrible problem of atomic energy. . . . Atomic scientists feared that the task would be long, hard, and unfamiliar for a man of his age (he is 76), and they were not reassured when he chose for his staff a group of New York financiers who knew no more of atomic energy than he did. . . ."**

That is part of a eulogy from two leading American columnists, Joseph and Stewart Alsop, entitled "Praise for Mr. Baruch's Work on Atom Issue." And so we have the public admission that the financiers are still supreme.

But the immediate purpose of this letter is to invite attention to the hopelessness of the Party political outlook in Australia. The present Prime Minister, speaking for the Commonwealth Government and the Australian Labor Party, told us in a special Victory Day message, that further and heavier sacrifices would be required from the Australian people; and at the Labor Conference in Sydney on 16/6/46 he told the "representatives of the workers" that "money has to be found" for Government projects and it had to come from "revenue," which meant that the taxpayers would have to supply it. He is reported in the "Argus" of 17/6/46 to have said: "You cannot run social security on a wide basis unless someone pays for it. You cannot pay for it out of bank credits." That is what Mr. Menzies says. It is also what the international financiers say.

If bank credits will finance the Metal Monopoly, the Gas, Sugar and Tobacco Monopoly, and the purchase of the best and most valuable city blocks for banking houses, why will they not finance food for the aged and care for the sick? Apparently there was no one at the Labor Conference to challenge the "financial wizard" on the subject.

**And as I have asked before, what further sacrifices are required and by whom are they required? The Australian people have not asked for them and the Australian people would not benefit from them. Who WOULD benefit? When we can identify these beneficiaries we will know the real obstacle to the workers' progress.**

Another word about bank credits. They are the only form of money the Govern-

ment gets when it borrows. More than 90% of the total money in use is in the form of bank credits. The quantity of notes and coin in existence is less than one-tenth of the bank credits, and it is these latter, which finance community activities. What, then, did Mr. Chifley mean when he told the Labor Conference that social security could not be financed from bank credits? He apparently misled the Conference, and it should be somebody's business to take him to task on behalf of the money-mesmerised wage slaves.

Mr. Menzies made a similar contribution to the Victory talks. His demand is for ECONOMY, and when he says economy he means principally a heavy reduction in Government expenditure from bank credit. Now, if there is a heavy falling off in such Government expenditure, there must (under the present financial set-up) inevitably be a heavy falling off in local demand. That must mean a feverish intensification of the "search" for markets abroad, with the inevitable consequence of another armed conflict within a few years. He talks glibly of a period of unprecedented progress when in reality he is advocating a move towards another war.

—Yours faithfully, BRUCE H. BROWN, 189 Hotham Street, East Melbourne, C.2. June 17, 1946.

(To be continued.)

### T.V.A. PROPAGANDA

From an advertisement in the "Bucks Herald" of April 5:—

**"Bucks War Agricultural Committee . . . invite Farmers and their Workers to see—**

**"VALLEY OF THE TENNESSEE" a film showing the story of the Tennessee Valley Authority. New methods of Farming and Land restored to Fertility."**

But they didn't say anything about the thirteen thousand dispossessed Tennessee farmers, and the thousands of acres of good land permanently lost by submersion, or the connection of the Jewish control of the T.V.A. with the activities of the "British" P.E.P. and its offshoot, the War Agricultural Committees. Or the fact that the suggestion to organise the Missouri Valley on the lines of T.V.A. raised such a storm that it was hastily withdrawn "for reconsideration."

The finance of T.V.A. is likely to be the subject of a Congressional investigation. In 1939, the last date of which we have an account, the loss to the taxpayers was 12,789,000 dollars (twelve and three-quarter million dollars).

—"The Social Crediter" (Eng.), 27/4/46.

### A KEY WOMAN

Stella, Marchioness of Reading (Mrs. Rufus Isaacs), has been appointed, by the "Labour" Government, a Governor of the "B.C.C."

—"The Social Crediter" (Eng.), 20/4/46.

## Political Pointers

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**to Fascist propaganda emphasises the similarity of both movements in methods and tactics."**

Side by side with the concentration of the control of all industry into fewer and fewer hands, steps are being taken to concentrate the control over manpower under highly centralised unions.

Now we are told that the World Federation of Trade Unions, meeting in Moscow on June 16, proposes to establish international trade departments through which member unions will be forced to support workers' strikes in the same craft in OTHER countries.

The sooner the rank-and-file of unionists realise that most strikes today have little or nothing to do with economics, but a lot to do with furthering the purposes of a world-wide political gang, the sooner they will take a little more interest in controlling their own affairs.

Before the days of "progress" the building of large numbers of quality houses evoked little excitement. But now the erection of ONE specimen steel house in one of Melbourne's public gardens is an occasion for public exhibitions, news-reels, speeches by Federal Ministers, and featured reports and photographs in the daily press. The house-hungry populace is expected to gaze and wonder at this great performance of erecting a steel house.

In the meantime, however, figures show that steel production in Australia has been falling since 1941-42. Already this shortage is affecting the building of ordinary types of houses, so where are the promised tens of thousands of "all-steel" houses going to come from? While the housing "experts" are talking of the wonders they are going to perform, they might also consider the following item of news:

"Brisbane. —A motion was carried by the Chambers of Commerce conference today, declaring delay by the Government in deciding the rates of duty for imported timber (principally Oregon), now held in bond here, is preventing its use, so delaying the provision of housing. It is stated that millions of feet of Oregon were lying in Sydney and Melbourne" (vide Melbourne "Herald," June 6).

Before the present Federal Labor Government took office in July 1941, there were 446,100 Government employees in Australia. A year later the number was 522,700. By August, 1943, the number had increased to 546,900. At the end of 1945 the figures had declined to 497,200—although still 51,000 in excess of the 1941 figures. The reductions that have taken place can be largely accounted for by the contraction of the Allied Works Council staff. There has also been a reduction by 35,000 of employees in Government factories. It is therefore obvious that there has been little or no reduction of the number of bureaucrats in Government Departments.

Considerable propaganda eulogising the Socialist Tennessee Valley Authority (T.V.A.) Scheme in U.S.A. continues to make its appearance. But no publicity is being given to the fact that the attempt to organise the Missouri Valley on T.V.A. lines has met with determined opposition. A decorated American soldier, who owns one of the large number of farms threatened with permanent flooding by the Missouri Valley scheme, is reported as saying that he will personally hand his war decoration back to President Truman as a protest against the permanent destruction of the property he fought to save.

It is not generally known that the Tennessee Valley Authority dispossessed thirteen thousand Tennessee farmers. By 1939 the loss on T.V.A. had cost U.S. taxpayers more than 12,000,000 dollars. —E.D.B.

### GIPPSLAND TOUR CONCLUDES

Mr. Eric Butler and Mr. John Weller arrived in Melbourne on Wednesday of last week after completing a very satisfactory tour of Gippsland. Eight meetings were addressed, 50 new subscribers to the "New Times" were obtained, and approximately 150 items of literature were sold.

The last meeting of the Gippsland tour took place at Stony Creek on Tuesday, June 11. Very keen questioning prolonged the meeting until nearly midnight.

Mr. Butler was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sinclair, while Mr. Weller was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. Helms.

Mr. Butler and Mr. John Johnstone will address a public meeting in Camperdown tonight, June 21. Next week Mr. Butler arrives in Brisbane.

During Mr. Butler's tour of Queensland, Mr. John Weller and Mr. John Johnstone will be concentrating on preliminary work in Victoria for the Federal Elections and the Referendum. Both these able young campaigners are available for any meetings, which Victorian supporters can arrange.

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