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—Whittier (1807-1892).

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## Bureaucracy and Taxes Restrict Housing

### Why Houses Are Scarce and Dear

Again and again in these columns we have emphasised that the housing problem is artificial, and that its solution is seriously hampered and retarded by Government action such as the imposition of bureaucratic restrictions and taxes which inflate prices or kill the incentive of workers and employers alike.

Further revealing information on this subject is provided in the following article written specially for the "New Times" by J. M. Atkinson, President of the Victorian Builders' and Allied Trades' Association:—

The belief is held generally that the war is solely responsible for Australia's housing shortage, but that is not the case. The war involved some five years of Government controls over and above all its other controls that made houses scarce and dear for years past.

To get a complete picture of the political lunacy that blights the land, we must appreciate the fact that practically all legislation is of a negative character: "Thou shalt not," etc. Some 3000 National Security Regulations all began with the "Thou shalt not" effect.

#### PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

For the past twenty years, at least, Governments of all Parties have imposed heavy burdens on the home-builder, and when their cumulative efforts make house-building unprofitable the cry goes forth that "Private Enterprise has failed," the heavy hand of Government takes further negative action and a Bill to control "Building Operations and Building Materials" passes rapidly through both Houses of the Victorian Parliament, and Mr. Barry becomes the High Priest of everything used in home construction and the Act provides a penalty or gaol and a £500 fine for any otherwise respectable citizen who dares to infringe any one of its bureaucratic Fascist decrees.

Let us examine the charge that Private Enterprise has failed. Between 1920 and 1939, including depression years, private home builders (apart from thousands of factories and shops) built 98,703 homes or enough, allowing an average of four persons

to each home, to house 400,000 people, or nearly half the people in the metropolitan area of Melbourne.

In 1928 homes built in and around Melbourne numbered 10,060, or twice the average yearly number erected in the period 1920-1939.

This clearly shows that the present housing problem can be rapidly solved if materials are made available, and that 100,000 homes could be erected by private builders in the next five years.

#### THE TIMBER HOLD-UP

The Victorian Railways have ordered 14,000,000 super feet of Red Gum timber, practically the whole Victorian output, almost preventing the use of this necessary material for the stumps upon which wooden houses are erected.

Queensland and New South Wales have practically prevented all timber exports into Victoria, despite Section 92 of the Federal Constitution, which says that trade between the States shall be free.

Before the war, Murray pine came into Victoria at 12/6 per 100 lineal feet. New South Wales tries to prevent its export today, but it is "black-marketed" across the Murray and sold at 30/- per 100 feet.

Tasmanian King William Pine, Celery and other pines and other Tasmanian timbers are practically unobtainable in Victoria, and only "off cuts" (waste shorts and narrows) reach the Victorian market.

#### EFFECT OF PRICE CONTROL

Price Control has a disastrous effect on several articles used in home construction,

particularly on flooring and weatherboards, and it is not an exaggeration to say that it is largely responsible for the shortage of these two essential commodities, as the following facts so eloquently prove:

Kiln-dried hardwood, 6 in. x 1 in. is priced at 29/10½d per 100 lineal feet. Now, it must be understood that this is the hardwood now material from which flooring is produced. When this material, 6 in. x 1 in. is dressed and milled to 5¼ in. x ¾ in. costing anything up to 4/- per 100 lineal feet in the process, it must then be sold at the fixed price of 29/-, or 10½d less than in the rough.

The case of weatherboards is similarly stupid, and material that costs 29/5 per 100 lineal feet to produce must, by the order of the Federal Price Fixers, be sold at 25/3, with the result that millers, who must make profits to remain in business, cannot, and will not, cut flooring or weatherboards at a loss. Moreover, up to 25 per cent. of the usable portion of a log goes in sawdust.

#### IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The position with Oregon timber is deplorable, and the State Government should make an immediate approach to the Federal Government to allow the import of quantities of Canadian Oregon and allow importers to import duty-free for at least five years.

In 1939, Oregon cost 31/6 per 100 super feet, while to-day it costs 92/- or 97/- for selected lots, or three times the pre-war price.

Just prior to the war, ships bringing explosives to Australia from England used large amounts of Oregon in the packing of the explosives. One vessel, between Melbourne and Sydney, dumped 200,000 lineal feet of 4 in. x 3 in. and 100,000 lineal feet of 3 in. x 2 in. Oregon into the ocean, because Australia's tariff policy would mean heavy costs and delays in landing it.

Apart from "go slow" tactics, which also reduce production, endless tariff duties

levied on everything that goes into the production and the fittings of a home increase the final cost to the purchaser.

#### RESULT AND REMEDY

Politicians give endless lip service to the "increased standard of living," but their endless political follies double the price of a home.

Any young couple about to marry should be able to pay for a decent house in, say, 15 years at £1 or 25/- a week, but because of the taxes and duties levied by Governments its costs double and the couple must take some thirty years to pay for their home—in effect, their standard of living is reduced by £1 or 25/- a week over the second 15 years of their married life.

There is one way to cheapen houses and accelerate their production:

Get the heavy hand of Government out of the present mess, reduce taxes (especially on all building materials), remove tariff restrictions and allow materials to be rapidly and cheaply produced.

Should this be done (and it can and must be done), the thousands of splendid builders, freed from the nonsense of Government control, can easily erect 100,000 homes in the next four or five years, enough to house another 400,000 to 500,000 people and so solve Victoria's housing problem.

#### THE HOUSING COMMISSION

The Housing Commission was established to reclaim slum areas, but like almost all Government Departments has grown far beyond its "infant intentions."

To date it has incurred a loss of about £100,000 and will multiply this several times in the near future.

Some eighty per cent. of its building operations are done by private builders, and the Commission has first call on all materials, even coercing merchants into handing supplies to it instead of to their own regular customers.

**The plot to re-impose the bread-zoning monopoly in Melbourne is to be furthered by the creation of a committee of five, appointed by State Cabinet; this is the sequel to the deputation last Easter from vested interests to Mr. Cain.**

**An interesting move this time is to appoint representatives of the Housewives' Association who will, of course, be in a minority, and therefore quite useless.**

This is the usual way to silence opponents, especially if they are given a lucrative job on any Board that is set up. Readers will remember that this is what happened to so-called leaders of the egg and wheat industries.

In these circumstances, housewives should object to having minority representation for the purpose of fooling consumers. There is no need for this committee and no need for another control Board. Housewives' Association members should act NOW to nip this plot in the bud.

**MEAT MONOPOLY:** The monopoly powers of the Meat Board bureaucrats are in danger of being declared invalid. In this connection, Mr. Justice Roper of the Equity Court granted an injunction against the meat grabs by the Board until August 6 on the grounds that "the regulations were to secure the defence of Australia and the effective prosecution of the war." Thus it is clear they were not intended as an instrument for imposing rationing "to feed starving Europe." There is reason to believe that the meat bureaucrats realise they were acting illegally in this matter, because the Melbourne "Sun" of July 4 tells us that two Bills are to be brought down to reconstruct the Meat Board and to extend its powers. This is similar to the plot to extend the Egg Board monopoly, and it illustrates how these bureaucratic leeches are determined to hang on—with the assistance of the politicians.

**DEFLATION DANGERS:** Now that Price Controls have been lifted in U.S. the inflation cry is being intensified. Just prior to the controls being lifted, U.S. economic experts were reported as being convinced that deflation would be a serious problem in 6 or 12 months. The "Wall Street Journal" pointed out that "savings, the individual's cash reserves, are now declining, and redemptions of Government War Bonds are well in excess of new purchases." Then came this gem: "This decline in savings is rapidly accumulating evidence of a buyers' strike." It's a wonder the "experts" didn't think of that term as an excuse or an explanation of the 1929 depression. Nobody as yet has suggested another war to avert the next depression; but it is important that deflation is now being taken into ac-

count, and that it is recognised merely as a financial phenomenon.

**FOOD FRONT:** The British Ministry of Food is under fire because it declined to buy 175,000 tons of turkeys offered from Argentina. Meanwhile Essex farmers complain that hundreds of thousands of bananas were fed to pigs when they were condemned in bulk by the Food Ministry. Again, press reports inform us that thousands of parcels of food are deteriorating in store; this is not denied by officials. Now comes bread rationing. Further reports say that British production is down, because (a) workers lack energy because of insufficient food, (b) workers are worried because of domestic cares: no homes and evictions, (c) they are fed-up because of high taxation. While this is going on their ex-enemies are receiving the Britishers' food, despite the fact that a recent poll, reported in the Melbourne "Sun" of July 2, showed that 77% opposed being starved for other nations. Thus it is clear that their Government, or more properly, those behind the scenes, ignore the people in the name of democracy. Later reports say that British women are not going to "take it."

**ECONOMIC ERRORS:** The Melbourne "Herald's" finance wizard on June 10 threw the following atomic bomb at pre-war theories: "It was fashionable in pre-war days to praise things that 'made employment,' but manpower and essential controls proved that the fewer people were absorbed in getting a given output the better it was." Now he says: "Production matters more than employment." It is true that "certified" economists were "work silly," disregarding whether a project spelt production or not; but it is reasonably clear to all but financial froth-blowers that manpower and all other controls hindered production—and still do. Anyway, it is encouraging to hear that production is now considered more important than merely burning up human energy just for the sake of working. Maybe these economists will soon agree that (Continued on page 4)

## Significant Political Pointers

**It is pathetic to see some opponents of Socialism believing that all they have to do is to get the Socialists voted out, and the parliamentary "opponents" voted in. They are taught to believe that a change of Government will automatically mean restoration of the liberties we once had in this country!**

This delusion is insidiously fostered by the press and radio.

A system of complete dictatorship is being imposed upon the community by the use of the Party political racket. If anyone can point to one major policy upon which Mr. Menzies or his associates propose to challenge the Socialists, the present writer will be pleased to hear about it.

**Socialism in practice is Monopoly, and it not only destroys the genuine private businessman and the landowner; it also turns the worker into a State serf.**

What is urgently necessary, at this great crisis in history, is that as many people as possible, irrespective of whether they call themselves "Liberal" or "Labor," have made known to them the real nature of the threat to what is left of civilisation.

Early this year, when the Federal Government was furthering its attack upon the sovereignty of the States by insisting that Uniform Taxation be made permanent, it was pointed out in this journal that Mr. Menzies and his associates were just as much in favour of the Federal Government retaining power over all taxation as were their Socialist "opponents."

**The correctness of this view was demonstrated when, after the "debate" at Canberra on the subject, not one Member of the "Opposition" voted against the Bill to make Uniform Taxation permanent.**

If Mr. Menzies regains the Treasury Benches, electors may rest assured that the Canberra bureaucracy, controlled by the socialistic London School of Economics' men, will handle him as they handle Mr. Chifley. **THAT IS, UNLESS ELECTORS DECIDE TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN GOVERNING THEMSELVES. THE FIRST STEP IS TO DEFEAT THE REFERENDUM AND WORK AGAINST ALL CANDIDATES AT THE COMING FEDERAL ELECTION WHO WILL NOT GIVE A WRITTEN UNDERTAKING TO REDUCE ALL TAXATION BY 50 PER CENT. AND TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BUREAUCRATS TO THE 1938 LEVEL.**

In case there are some people, particularly primary producers, who do not think that the coming Referendum has anything to do with handing over control of domestic policies to international planners, the following extract from a report of the Quebec Conference dealing with the World Food and Agriculture Organisation will prove enlightening:

"In some countries the national credit facilities will need to be supplemented by international loans, such as are envisaged under the Bretton Woods agreements, in order to make possible the financing of agricultural development projects requiring large purchase of foreign products."

**But before any international body can start meddling with agricultural policies in Australia, the Federal Constitution has to be altered in order that the Federal Government can get direct control of production. Primary producers should take note and beware.**

The present chaotic state of the world is the result of divorcing power from responsibility.

One of the basic Christian tenets is insistence on the individual accepting personal responsibility for his actions. But the highly artificial centralised organisations being foisted on the peoples of the entire world allow anonymous groups to use these organisations for their own ends. These groups work in secret; the public know nothing, or very little, about them.

When people complain that the rank-and-file of the Unionists are being used by Communists to further policies they don't understand, and that Unionists should take more interest in controlling their own union affairs, they are at the same time outlining what they as electors should do.

**If electors will not take personal responsibility for the actions of their political representatives, they cannot complain about Unionists not taking personal responsibility for their union representatives.** By the acceptance of personal responsibility the people of this country can drive (Continued on page 3.)

# WAR AGAINST THE BRITISH EMPIRE

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

Sir, —Almost daily we see fresh evidence of the intensification of the war on the British Empire. Among the latest was the report, in the 7 p.m. news from the A.B.C. national broadcasting stations on July 4, that "Zionist Headquarters in the United States are deluging members of Congress, warning them that they will not be re-elected if the Loan to the United Kingdom passes."

That is no idle threat, either, for the same people were able a few years ago to bring about the defeat of Louis McFadden because he was an irrepressible critic in Congress of World Jewry. But it does help to confirm the statements in the "New Times" that the United States is politically under Jewish control, and that that is the country from which much of the world's trouble emanates.

The attack now being waged on Great Britain is worldwide, and I think it advisable to place on record in these columns two items of importance, which have just occurred here in Australia. The first is the appearance of the Honourable Arthur Calwell at a Jewish gathering in East Sydney, and the second a meeting of the Council for Civil Liberties in Melbourne at which the Honourable E. J. Holloway was billed to take the leading part in Jewish interests.

## MR. CALWELL'S STATEMENT

The meeting at East Sydney took place on July 1, and the following report was broadcast in the 7.45 a.m. session of the A.B.C. news on July 2:—

"The Minister for Information and Immigration (Mr. Calwell), speaking at the Headquarters of East Sydney Jewry last night, told the meeting that his Department, assisted by a typist and typewriter from the Australian Council of Jewry, had recently rushed through 2000 landing permits for relatives of Jews in Australia to enable these victims of German concentration camps to become architects of their own fortunes in Australia. The Minister said that Australia should become known at home and abroad as a tolerant nation, a land that was eager to welcome all comers at all times, regardless of their nationality or previously prescribed immigration conditions. Mr. Calwell said he had dispensed with the necessity of landing money, on the ground that a citizen without money was as good as one with it."

In the light of present conditions these remarks have more than usual significance. All around the world, Jews are abusing and attacking the British Government and deliberately putting obstacles in the way of those who are administering British affairs. This attitude is shared by "British" Jews as it is by all the other kinds of Jews. At the very time when Jews and their age-long policy are causing great embarrassment to His Majesty the King it is a matter for suspicion that one of his Ministers should publicly announce that the Department of State under his control is being used to specially facilitate their entry to this country, thus increasing the probability of the development here of undesirable conditions of the kind being experienced elsewhere.

## ANTI-BRITISH ACTIVITIES

Another significant feature of the general situation is that Jewish spokesmen use such peace-provoking words! For example, according to the Melbourne "Argus" of June 15, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, President of the U.S. Federation of Polish Jews, described Mr. Bevin as "a disciple of Hitler," and said that Britain was "the problem child of the world and a barrier to peace." Others have openly said that they are at war with the Empire. That being so, how comes it that a Minister of the Crown facilitates the entry to this British community of great numbers of people who are at war with us and whose principal loyalty is above loyalty to His Majesty the King—people whose history shows them to be anti-Christian, anti-British, and revolutionary? It should also be borne in mind that apart from the position in Palestine, "American" representatives of the same people are responsible for the attempt being made to strangle our kith and kin of the United Kingdom by withholding supplies and trying to prevent others from coming to the rescue. In my view, it should be a first requisite to citizenship here that that sort of thing will be opposed to the utmost and the authors of it exposed. But where are the signs of opposition on the part of the Jews already here? Instead of exposing the authors of the devilry, they work to keep them under cover.

And this continuing war is materially helped by mistaken sympathy on the part of certain Australian citizens. Last year I attended a Jewish meeting at which Mr. Calwell had been advertised as the main speaker, but he sent a letter expressing regret that he could not attend and pledging his active sympathetic interest against the curse of "anti-Semitism." Mr. Brian Fitzpatrick was at hand to substitute for him.

## A PUBLIC DEBATE

"SHOULD SOCIAL CREDIT BE ADOPTED IN VICTORIA?"

Mr. Bruce H. Brown (Affirmative)

Mr. R. J. A. Bruce (Negative)

Thursday, July 25, at 8 p.m.

Peace Memorial Hall, Toorak Road, Toorak Village.

# FOOD PLOT AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN

From the "Social Crediter" (Eng.), 4/5/46:

The people of these islands are being subjected to a torrent of Black Magic, which must sooner or later, and soon rather than later, eventuate in a catastrophe either for the country or the Black Magicians. The food situation is being steadily "plugged" by the "B.B.C.", and other agencies, all of them Left Hand, with the object of generating mass hysteria. A speaker at the Independent Labour Party Conference announced that he was prepared to commit every member of his Party (with what authority is not disclosed) to prison rations in order that starving somewhere-or-other might have their food.

The indigenous natives of these islands are kindly people, and are prepared to lend a hand in situations, which clearly demand it. But what is going on at the moment is not kindness, or Christianity, and it is not inspired either by kind people or by Christians. It is a devilish device to blur the lines of property and abolish Common Law, so that Mr. La Guardia (for the moment) can say that, even when our Australian kinsmen have consigned a shipload of food to us, it is not ours, unless he says so. That will enable Mr. La Guardia [Jewish head of U.N.R.R.A.], or his successor, to starve us into submission in a month if at some later date our desire for self-determination should re-assert itself.

The facts of the situation are nearly unascertainable except in one particular: Never in the known history of the world has there been such colossal, continuous and widespread waste in practically every quarter of the world as at present, and never has there been such conscious and calculated lying on the subject. Every eye-witness can and does (in private) testify to it; every organ of public mis-information, led by Beelzebub's Brethren Calling ["B.B.C.], suppresses all mention of it. And it is easy now for anyone who will keep clear of this manufactured mass hysteria to see that the full power of it is directed against, the British Empire. The Fifth Column is feverishly active everywhere, and nowhere more evidently than in these "Save the poor, Hottentot — shsh, it's good for trade" campaigns.

There is hardly a country in the world which could not manage its own affairs if Wall Street and Moscow could only, haply, be engulfed in a tidal wave, and P.E.P., the Fabian Society, and some of the more successful publishers [Gollancz, Elias, etc.], be induced to colonise Madagascar.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

"All liberty consists in the preservation of an inner sphere exempt from State power."

—Lord Acton.

# LIQUIDATION OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

From the "Social Crediter" (Eng.), 4/5/46:

Our shortcomings do not include an hysterical adulation of Mr. Winston Churchill, but he has at least two qualities wholly admirable—courage, and a certain essential honesty, both of them not unlike those exhibited by Mr. Ernest Bevin, although perhaps more sophisticated. These qualities reached a high-water-mark in his speech at the Guildhall on November 10, 1942, a speech, which merits recall, because its implication is a good deal more extensive than perhaps anyone but Mr. Churchill himself realised at the time. He said: "Let me, however, make this clear, in case there should be any mistake about it in any quarter. [Our emphasis] . . . I have not become the King's First Minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire. For that task, if ever it were prescribed, someone else would have to be found, and under democracy, I suppose the nation would have to be consulted . . ." [Our emphasis.] Notice the distinction between the source of the prescription, and the "Nation."

It is obvious that the liquidation of the British Empire has been prescribed, and as a result of "consulting" the "nation" someone else has been found. If Mr. Churchill would say to whom he was speaking, and from where the prescription for the liquidation of the British Empire has been written, he would render a service, which would be worthy of his qualities. We know; the liquidators know; but the "nation" doesn't know.

In this connection, Lord Acton's comment on a similar and related situation is significant:

"The appalling thing in the French Revolution is not the tumult, but the design. Through all the fire and smoke, we perceive the evidence of calculating organisation. The managers remain studiously concealed and masked; but there is no doubt about their presence from the first. They had been active in the riots of Paris, and they were again active in the provincial risings."

It should be remembered that prior to the Revolution, France was not only the dominant Continental Power, but was the unchallenged leader of civilisation. Since then, her history is one of steady degradation and corruption, until it is probably true to say that today France's only claim to consideration is that inseparable from her geographical position.

[Lord Acton (1834-1902), quoted above, was Regius Professor of Modern History at Cambridge University; also author of many historical works and the plan of the "Cambridge Modern History."—Ed. "N.T."]

# CURRENT COMMENT

By JOHN WELLER.

The Australian Council for Civil Liberties, at its eleventh annual meeting, expressed concern about the problem of "anti-Semitism." This is significant.

It is important to understand that this organisation is essentially of a Leftist nature. Its counterpart in the United States is recognised as Communist sponsored, while in England the Council for Civil Liberties was listed twenty years ago by Mrs. Nesta Webster in "The Socialist Network" as being interlocked with Socialist organisations.

A glance at its record reveals its character.

It has been predominantly concerned with the protection of alien and Communist (Moscow) interests.

A primary producer in a letter to the Melbourne "Age" complained bitterly that the Council had refused to concern itself with the infringements of his liberties by encroaching Boards and bureaucrats.

Its president is J. V. Barry, Labor K.C., while the general secretary is Brian Fitzpatrick, well-known Left-wing writer.

The activities of this organisation, more accurately described perhaps as the "Leftist Alien Protection League," will not advance the liberties of the individual. There is every sign that it is working in with the forces bent on our enslavement.

It is a curious and not altogether insignificant fact that the instigator of the centralised electric Grid system in England (Samuel Insull), the head of the centralised T.V.A., large hydroelectric scheme in the United States (David Eli Lilienthal), and the planner of the centralised Yallourn electric supply system in Victoria (Sir John Monash), are all known as Jews.

A stir has been caused by the insertion in the daily press of a bogus advertisement by the Labor Party purporting to quote from confidential Liberal Party notes.

The unseemly reaction of Labor members when the matter was aired in the House is a clear indication of the measure of integrity operating in Federal politics today. Their replies to accusations amounted to A BLATANT ADMISSION THAT ALL POLITICAL PROPAGANDA WAS OF A DELIBERATELY UNTRUE OR DECEPTIVE NATURE.

The important thing is to heed the warning, and be not deceived.

The Annual Report of the Victorian Housing Commission for the year ended June 30, 1945, not yet having been tabled, is now twelve months overdue. Why? Not, perhaps, because the Commission is afraid to reveal its true financial position, the real cost of the homes it is erecting not excluding fantastic overheads, and, what the taxpayer will have to meet to cover it all?

At a recent meeting Rabbi Sanger, in making an eloquent appeal for the Jewish cause in Palestine, emphasised the oft-repeated statement that six million Jews were murdered by the Nazis. It is significant that the "B.B.C.", which is sympathetic to the Jews (having several on its staff), recently cut this figure in half—to three million.

It has been pointed out elsewhere that had six million been murdered during the five years of active war that would represent an average of one million two hundred thousand per annum or three thousand two hundred and fifty per day or approximately SEVEN PER MINUTE FOR FIVE YEARS IF THE MURDERERS OPERATED EIGHT HOURS A DAY!

"The enlargement of Commonwealth depends, in the final analysis, on the entrusting of the widest powers of initiative and control to local authorities."—Lionel Curtis.

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## IS IT ACCIDENTAL OR DELIBERATE?

### Peaceful Progress Possibilities Prevented

By JAMES GUTHRIE, B.Sc.

Today, many people who have escaped that deadly process of intellectual doping which goes under the name of "modern education" must have thought often enough about the very great absurdities which confront us in this world.

We hear, for example, of aeroplanes which speed through the air at over 600 miles an hour, with the immediate possibility of greatly increasing that speed; we hear of the amazing and brilliant research and cooperation, which made the "atomic bomb" possible.

But we sit back and wonder rather wistfully why we, supposedly helped by the all-powerful Government, cannot get much-needed coal out of the ground, or build such simple things as five-roomed cottages in any but trifling numbers.

Now, people who can make 'planes that fly at 600 miles an hour are not stupid people; people who fought for six years against powerful enemies, inside and outside their country, without squealing, are not lacking in courage or ingenuity.

Why, then, do they behave like political half-wits?

This question requires to be answered, and I think the survival of our civilisation requires that at least a few of us should obtain the right answer in the very short time that is left to us.

We have often heard the remark that our statesmen are not what they used to be, that we lack honest statesmanship. Whatever truths lie embedded in that belief, I don't think that this line of research will take us very far.

#### POLITICAL PURPOSES

Dr. Tudor Jones, of Liverpool University, has stated: "Not much skill is required in the truly political Art, and such is the nature of man, much more skill is required to make things go wrong continuously than to devise means for allowing them to go right. No, the politicians have become, instead of devisers of ease for people getting on with their work, manufacturers of difficulty: makers of messes for other and better people to clear up."

Politicians are work makers; "Full Employment" is their slogan. But "Full Employment" is not their only slogan. Although the people are to be fully employed, they are to be allowed to taste the full fruits of their labour.

This task of observation is not easy with power-driven machinery pouring out goods on an ever-increasing scale. It requires very clever men to dam or divert this mighty stream, and to prevent more than a trickle of it getting into the homes of the people.

War, of course, is an excellent means of keeping people fully employed and, at the same time, preventing them doing much for themselves. But there are other means. The vast Federal Bureaucracy not only keeps an army of men polishing seats in Government offices, but it can keep the rest of the community so busy that they have no time to do anything useful.

I cannot see how any experienced person, surveying the last twenty-five years, can doubt that this satanic policy of frustration, of obstruction of human effort, is deliberate.

#### FINANCIAL FRUSTRATION

Dr. Tudor Jones, quoting from the "Income Tax Payer" of England, gives a comparison between salaries of 1913 and 1945. Taking the official cost-of-living figures, and deducting income tax, he found that £1000 a year, last year, could not buy what £300 a year bought in 1913. This comparison was based on the bare living basis, and did not allow for the extortionate prices of uncontrolled articles, or the great rise in indirect taxation; nor did it allow for the very low quality of goods compared with 1913.

The British Government recently gave the figure of 8/4 as the purchasing power of the £1 note, compared with the £1 in 1913. The Australian pound has decreased in value in a similar manner. But if our scientists and teachers and politicians were doing all they pretended to do, the £1 note today, instead of buying very much less than half of what the 1913 £1 note bought, should be buying very much more.

Major C. H. Douglas, in the "Social Creditor" of February 26, stated:

"It must be remembered that the man-hours per unit of production, including transportation and distribution, have probably decreased in the ratio of about 100 to 15 between 1913 and 1945. If prices were based on true cost, therefore, the 1946 pound would be worth about £6/12/- instead of 8/4. The difference represents conscious and calculated inflation by the Treasury and the Bank of England, and is merely a concealed form of taxation addi-

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tional to the taxes imposed by the various Finance Bills. Had the creation of monetary units which are necessary to represent improved process been applied, as they should have been, to a reduction of prices, the pound sterling would have stood at an immense premium to the dollar, and everyone in the country would be better off, while no one in the country would have been poorer. But, of course, Dr. Dalton wants to make us poorer."

#### UNIVERSITIES USED

That many people are ignorant of what is really happening is obvious enough. Their ever-increasing resentment at the unnatural and (to them) unexpected sequence of events can be seen all around. But what requires a great deal of explanation and investigation is that most of the political half-wits come out of our universities. (And such persons are teaching our adolescents.)

It is natural enough for young men and women to be impatient at the continuous frustration of human effort, and the ungodly mess that is being made of public affairs, but the disturbing fact is that these so-called educated young men and women appear completely ignorant of the experiences of generations; they have been robbed of those instincts which preserve the continuity of primitive tribes, and they have been given nothing to take their place but a collection of untenable theories that won't stand five minutes' investigation; nor do they appear to be capable of conducting this investigation for themselves.

Apart from the technical branches of a university, there is little evidence of any educational process; our young men and women are not being educated, they are simply being doped. The main dope factory in a university is the school of economics, where future-heads of the bureaucracy being trained. I consider that these schools of economics are among the most destructive influences in Australia.

#### AN ALIEN ASSAULT

But the work of destruction is not limited to the schools of economics; from the alleged cultural sections of the universities we find young men and women coming out suffering from severe overdoses of Marx, Laski and Freud, and with practically no knowledge of any other point of view.

To prevent any accidents happening, and in case the students might pick up the truth for themselves, any person who is considered a rival to the three modern prophets has his work distorted in an outrageously dishonest manner, so that the students' minds are conditioned against any further investigation.

Today, we are seeing the whole basis of Western civilisation being assailed and undermined by a well-disciplined army of fifth columnists, and these men are being paid by you, dear readers.

What have these people got to substitute for this thing they would destroy?

They would substitute a "civilisation" which would make Hiler's Socialist Germany seem a mere kindergarten school by comparison.

#### FOOD FOR BRITISH REFUSED

The following A.A.P. cable was published (inconspicuously) in the Melbourne "Herald" of July 8:—

"DUBLIN, Sunday. —A member of the executive of the Irish livestock trade told the 'Daily Mail' correspondent in Dublin that British trade missions had repeatedly ignored Eire's offers to send food to Britain. He said that the British attitude amounted to a refusal to accept additional food supplies from Eire."

The "British attitude" referred to is, of course, NOT the attitude of the British people, but the attitude of the "British Labour" (National Socialist) Party of Professor Laski, Lord Rothschild, etc.

#### KEEPING BRITONS HUNGRY

From the "Social Creditor" (Eng.), 4/5/46.—

According to the "News Review," April 18, 1946, "Man behind the drive to prevent the Government from opening the larder door by way of celebration" (of Victory Day) "is publisher Victor Gollancz [a Jew], founder of the Left Book Club" (and maker of a large fortune by the publication of books and pamphlets attacking the Conservatives while they were prohibited from reply by the Party Truce).

Well, Clarence, you see what you fought the war for. Or don't you?

## FEDERAL ELECTION ISSUE

The Canberra bureaucracy is sabotaging production. Government by bureaucracy is destroying local self-government.

The big Government Departments are taking over every form of economic activity:

The bureaucracy is using the financial and taxation system to introduce a dictatorship.

No worthwhile reforms can be introduced in the face of a highly centralised bureaucracy.

The next Federal Elections must be used to ensure that all candidates, irrespective of label, who will not pledge themselves to reduce the number of bureaucrats at least to the 1938 level, receive a stream of last preference votes.

Use these booklets in the anti-bureaucracy fight: "Sack the Bureaucrats," by Eric D. Butler, 6d. "Democracy Flouted," 6d. (Both plus 1d if posted.) Both booklets obtainable from the United Electors of Australia, 343 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, C.I.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NOTES

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

"ALBERTA NOW": Readers are advised that we have recently issued a new edition of "Alberta Now." The new edition embodies a few minor additions and alterations to bring it up to date. This book, of course, is a record of the progress made by the Government of Alberta during the period 1935-1945, during which time the public debt not only did not increase, but has actually been substantially reduced.

Social creditors should publicise this story as much as possible, as it is something practical, which has arisen out of Social Credit ideas. The price of the book is 6d per copy, plus 1d postage or 4/- per dozen post free. If you have not a supply of these books on hand, please send for a supply today.

ANNUAL CONVENTION: Members and supporters are advised that this annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 27. The afternoon will be taken up with items of a business nature, including minutes of previous meeting, review of activities for the past year, treasurer's report, election of officers, and policy for ensuing year. Following the business session, tea will be served by the ladies, and the evening will be spent in lighter vein, including the screening of a number of very interesting sound films. Members and intending members are advised that subscriptions are now due and should be paid prior to the meeting.

BOOKS FOR SALE: "The Tragedy of Human Effort," by C. H. Douglas, price 6d. (Shows how "the general principles which govern association for the common good are as capable of exact statement as the principles of bridge-building.") "The Answer to Socialism," by C. Barclay Smith, price 2/6. "Our Sham Democracy—or the Majority Vote Racket," by James Guthrie, price 1/-. (Postage on these booklets, 1d extra.)

## CURRENT CLAPTRAP

(To the Editor.)

Sir. —As reported in the "Argus" of 5/7/46, Sir Harold Clapp has decided that Australians were "funking" the development of their country, mainly because of the delay in standardising the railways at a cost of only £77 million.

Quite apart from the very doubtful policy of spending a great amount of labour on unifying a transport system which is likely to be outmoded in the near future, Sir Harold seems to ignore the pressing claims of other developmental needs, such as water storage, soil conservation and power supplies, together with the basic necessity for reasonable distribution of the amenities of life to every individual.

Even as a precaution against another world war, unification of the several State railway systems would profit little when one considers the mess that was made of the best railways by attacks from the air and by sabotage during the second world war—not to mention the latest "advances" in engines of destruction.

So, Australians are being charged with cowardice merely because they will not be willingly led by the nose, or pushed around by a few individuals busily peddling pups wrapped in several yards of plans. Only the brave, apparently, will wear the nose ring, while the "funkers" will go their own sweet way to perdition (or Paradise), as the case may be.

—Yours, etc., F. H. AULT, East Kew, 8/7/46.

## Political Pointers

(Continued from page 1.)

out into the open and destroy the secret groups now wrecking the community.

Occultism—i.e., secrecy—is the enemy of all Christian principles.

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."—Gospel of St. John, Ch. 3.

According to Mr. F. L. Edmunds, Victorian Liberal M.L.A., "all that is best and most enduring in our community is a legacy from the wowsers" (vide "Kew Advertiser," June 20).

Also: "To the Puritan wowsers of the seventeenth century, in spite of their sometimes harsh exterior and persecuting spirit, we owe the sovereignty of parliament . . ."

It is instructive to notice that Mr. Edmunds is obliged to admit that his seventeenth century heroes had the "persecuting spirit." Cromwell and his uncouth mobs were among the greatest catastrophes ever foisted on Merrie England. And their modern counterparts still have the "persecuting spirit." They believe that they know what is good for everyone else and that they should have power to impose their ideas on the entire community.

Mr. Edmunds' views concerning the "sovereignty" of parliament will provoke a smile among well-informed people. What is most urgently required to make the Christianity of the New Testament a reality is the establishment of the sovereignty of the individual, in order that he may resist the modern "Puritans" who want to push him around.

"The theory of Social Credit offers what Distributism offers and something more, and the care that is taken to make it appear a fool's paradise suggests that its growth is seriously farming the money monopoly. Moreover, Social Credit has had a victory in Alberta, Canada, and what is possible in Alberta is not unimaginable elsewhere. Social Credit is also more feared by Communism than any other theory of economics, if one may judge by the attention awarded by Communist writers to demonstrating its absurdity."

—From "The Windsor Tapestry," by Compton Mackenzie, well-known author.

A further point concerning the banking powers of State Governments:

"State banking is controlled by State Parliaments, and not by the Federal Parliament. The only means, therefore, that the Commonwealth bank has of influencing the State savings banks and other State banks is indirectly through persuasion and directly through competition."

—Paragraph 531, Report of Royal Commission on Banking.

The international planners have made it perfectly clear by word and action that they regard war or the threat of war as necessary to compel the British peoples in particular to submit to never-ending regimentation in order to meet this threat.

Soviet Russia is now playing the role, which Germany played until her "defeat."

Stalin and his associates know what they are doing:

"Within the shortest period of time we must . . . regain the pre-war development of national economy in order . . . to raise the material well-being of the people and raise still more the military and economic might of the Soviet State."—Order of the Day, No. 8, issued on February 23, 1946, by Generalissimo Stalin. ("Soviet News," February 25, 1946.)

As has been pointed out in these notes previously, the inspired attacks on the Franco regime have nothing to do with the question of dictatorship in Spain or the alleged threat of Spain to world peace.

There is no record, of Franco proclaiming that he must "raise still more the military and economic might" of Spain.

The real purpose of the attack against Franco, an attack that the notorious anti-British Dr. Evatt is helping actively, is to break Spanish national sovereignty and replace the Franco dictatorship with a dictatorship under the control of Moscow.

This new dictatorship would allow Russia to threaten the much-hated British Empire's strategic position in the Mediterranean. This is no mere conjecture. The French Communist paper, "L'Humanite," of January 23, 1946, writes: "Certain interests in the Mediterranean are by no means Anglo-Saxon in character"; also, "Gibraltar would be a paradoxical survival compared with a republican Spain."

—E.D.B.

## "SOCIAL CREDIT AND THE REFERENDUM"

Hear—

MR. J. BRADSHAW, A. F. I. A.

on—

Thursday, July 18, at 8 p.m.

at—

The Douglas Social Credit Movement of Victoria, "The Block," Melbourne. (Entrance through grille in Elizabeth Street.)

# LARGE-SCALE VERSUS SMALL-SCALE ECONOMIC ORGANISATIONS

(A Radio Talk by ERIC D. BUTLER over 3CS and 3MA.)

Good evening, listeners. In our talk last week we dealt with the manner in which the Socialists and Communists can get a hearing for their advocacy of Government control of all industry, because the controllers of financial policy have deliberately pursued a policy of building monopolies. The Communists and Socialists desire to complete the centralisation of economic power, which the financial monopolists started.

It is very difficult to get many people to see that the elimination of small, competitive economic units is NOT leading to that increased real efficiency and better service which, we have been continually told, only large-scale economic units can give us.

It may be true that one chain-store in a town instead of half-a-dozen small stores can distribute all the goods required by consumers, although it is highly probable that consumers would find themselves without much selection in the range of goods. No doubt we could save a few gallons of petrol and some tyres if we prevented bakers, butchers and milkmen from competing for business in the same area. How often we hear the Communists, and many others who merely parrot the Communists, saying what a wasteful thing it is to have as many as three or more grocers or three or more milkmen all delivering their groceries or milk in the same street.

This type of argument appeals to the person who cannot be bothered to do a little thinking for himself. Its utter foolishness can be shown by pointing out that it is also "wasteful" for people to have their own private homes, where they make their own arrangements for their meals. What a saving we could have if we were all housed in barracks and had communal kitchens and communal dining rooms! But at this point most of us will say that we are happier in our own private homes, all built to different designs, even though they cost more financially than barracks.

The whole trouble with our economic system today is the fact that it is being made to conform to financial rules, which are artificial.

## THE REALISTIC ASPECT

It may be true that the Victorian State Electricity Commission can, at present, supply electricity at a slightly lower financial cost than can the remaining small municipal and other electricity generating units in Victoria; but at least these small units are continuing to supply power at a time when the State Electricity Commission has had to introduce rationing of power in the middle of winter. Judged from the point of view of efficiency of results and service, the State Electricity Commission has failed miserably.

What is the use of reducing the financial cost of any service if you thereby lose, effective control over that service? What is the use of reducing the financial cost of production if men have to be turned into soulless robots in mass-production factories to do it?

If this policy is pursued, we must pay a dreadful price—the price the Russians have paid and are paying.

The destruction of the small farmers in Russia and the building up of huge collectivised power farming did not produce the results so confidently predicted. Large-scale production must ignore the human element, with a progressive deterioration of results achieved. Small-scale farming in Great Britain and New Zealand is far superior from every point of view, to collectivised farming in Russia. New Zealand farmers would laugh at the production per acre from the collectivised farms of Russia.

In spite of the fact that large-scale organisations, as we mentioned last week, are allowed much easier and more liberal access to financial credit than small-scale organisations, there is plenty of evidence to prove that they cannot compare favourably with small-scale production.

## EVIDENCE FROM AMERICA

This matter has been more thoroughly investigated in America than in Australia. Theodore Beckman, in an article contributed to the supplement of the American "Economic Review," March, 1944, states that leading industrial engineers in America, after an exhaustive survey of the industrial system, sponsored by the Society of Industrial Engineers, declared that in applying mass production methods "emphasis should be placed not on size, but on production method. We have worked out optimum size plants for these four basic industries (machine tools, pig iron, timber and petroleum products). In every case, the range of capacity is the small plant."

Even more interesting are the results of an investigation made by the Federal Trade Commission for the Temporary National Economic Committee of the American Senate on "Investigation of Concentration of Economic Power." An examination was made of 53 individual plants' costs, with the following results:

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Large-size plants had the lowest financial costs in only six cases. Medium-size plants had the lowest costs in 21 cases. Small-size plants had the lowest costs in 26 cases.

These results effectively dispose of the argument that large-scale economic units are necessary on technological grounds.

The American Trade Commission also investigated the average production contribution made by workers in 28 selected industries. In 15 of the industries small plants employing 250 workers or less had a greater contribution per worker than large plants.

This result should not surprise us; it is only in small-scale organisation that the individual can take a real interest in his work; he sees the production of an article from the start to the finish. How can any individual worker be expected to take a real interest in his work when it merely consists of some repetition task in a huge specialised mass-production factory?

## THE MENACE OF MONOPOLY

Are we to virtually turn the entire world into one big mass-production factory in which we all perform some repetition task without any clear understanding of what it is all about? If we pursue this policy because of this modern God called "financial efficiency," we are going to destroy the human race. Where will all this much-publicised "efficiency" be then?

If large-scale production is not due to real technological reasons nor real service-efficiency reasons, why is it becoming more common? We have already touched on this matter, but let us see what the American Federal Trade Commission had to report on this matter. It said:

"But monopoly cannot be attributed to natural factors alone. It is the product of formal agreements and secret undertakings, of combinations, inter-corporate stock-holdings and inter-locking directorates; of the ruthless employment of superior financial

resources and bargaining power. . . . In nearly every case in which monopoly persists, it will be found that artificial factors are involved."

Note carefully the statement that monopoly is not natural; it is the result of artificial conditions. It is preposterous to suggest that the individuals responsible for these artificial conditions do not know what they are doing. They know only too well.

Week by week, the "New Times" brings to its readers facts relating to the plot to turn the entire world into one big Monopoly in which the individual will slave at an appointed task, however useless and degrading that task may be.

## COUNTER-ATTACK NEEDED

The individual must realise, in the short time that is left for him to take effective action, that a deadly war is being waged against him, a war to reduce him to the same level as the beasts of the field.

Now, if the individual is to win this war, he must first clearly identify his enemy in order that he may fight him. Unless the individual will identify his real enemy, he will continue to blame all his troubles on to the wicked "capitalist"—the "boss"—not realising that the class war is used to destroy the community by civil strife and at the same time provide an effective smoke-screen under which the real enemy can carry on his campaign of destruction.

Not only must the individual clearly identify his real enemy; he must make himself thoroughly familiar with his tactics, in order that suitable action can be taken to counter them.

Those who want to play an effective part in the war to save our way of life should be reading the "New Times" regularly.

We will also take this opportunity of pointing out to listeners that these weekly talks cost money. These talks are a part of the campaign to bring the truth to the public. We have now been broadcasting regularly for the past six months, and we desire to make a special appeal to all those who want to have these talks continued to send a donation, however small, to Mr. Eric Butler, care of this station. This matter is most urgent. War cannot be waged without the sinews of war. So send in your money "bullets" immediately.

We will also be very pleased to have any comments on these talks from listeners. Address all correspondence to Mr. Eric Butler.

Good-evening.

# THE COMMUNIST MENACE IN CANADA

(Concluded from last issue.)

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

I said that the big idea has been to eliminate the British Empire, using as an excuse Greece or Palestine or India or some other place. Always the Socialist is against British action and British control. I remember a year ago last Christmas when Britain was having trouble to keep order in Greece. I was, I believe, the only member of this House who publicly made a statement endorsing the British action. For that I was abused more than these spies have been abused. I was the subject of an abusive editorial in the "Citizen," for instance, because I said that very thing.

The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation [Canadian Socialist Party], at their national convention a year ago last Christmas or thereabouts, issued a statement, which was published in the press, that they condemned British action in Greece, saying that Canadians were not dying to restore discredited governments or reactionary monarchs. When the representative of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation was over in London at the United Nations' Organisation conference, he had the great pleasure of hearing Mr. Bevin call Mr. Vishinsky "a damn liar" for using those very words.

Mr. Coldwell: Oh, no.

Mr. Jaques: Yes, he did.

Mr. Coldwell: Quite different.

Mr. Jaques: Exactly the same.

Mr. Coldwell: Mr. Bevin did not say he would restore discredited monarchs or discredited governments; quite a different thing.

Mr. Jaques: I shall not mention Palestine because I intend to make some further remarks on that country later on. Then we have the Argentine. At the peace conference in San Francisco the admission of the Argentine was opposed by I do not know how many people, but I know it was opposed by the leader of the C.C.F. party.

An hon. Member: Hear, hear.

Mr. Jaques: I will tell you why, because the Argentine is not a Communist government. That is the real reason.

An hon. Member: Fascists.

Mr. Jaques: We now have the proof of what I say. They have had a perfectly democratic election without bloodshed. It was in perfect order and they have elected the government they wanted. That is their business, not ours, may I say, unless we want to bring about another war. So it is with Spain. I hold no brief for Spain, but I believe that the Spanish people are perfectly capable of running their own affairs. Whatever one may say about Spain or the Spanish people, they never interfered with us during the late war. I know I have heard them accused—

Mr. Coldwell: They tried to.

Mr. Jaques: I have heard them accused of certain things, but when you consider the position in which the Spanish Government found themselves when only the British Empire stood against the might of Germany

and all Europe was overrun by Hitler, do you think it was any great sin for the Spanish Government to play along with Hitler to the extent that they did in order to preserve their own people?

An hon. Member: Certainly.

Mr. Jaques: They did not do anything to us.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Jaques: Where was the C.C.F. when Britain stood alone against the might of Germany? What did the C.C.F. say? "Not a man overseas."

Mr. Probe: At that time members of the C.C.F. were in the armed forces.

Mr. Bentley: Our boys were over there.

Mr. Jaques: "Not a man overseas"; not before Russia came into it.

Mr. Coldwell: That is a lie.

Mr. Jaques: It is true.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I must call the attention of hon. members to standing order 34, which reads as follows:

"Every member desiring to speak is to rise in his place, uncovered, and address himself to Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Jaques: I heard the B.B.C. broadcast last night. I hope what they said is not true, and coming from the B.B.C. it may very well not be true. When I was over in England two years ago I heard that B.B.C. was a sort of code name for Beelzebub's Brethren Calling.

Mr. Coldwell: That is what Hitler said.

Mr. Jaques: Well, he was not far out. However, I was going to say a word on behalf of General Mihailovich, who, I am sorry to say, has been captured. I know the stories that have been told; I know the other side, too. Let me quote a statement of the British Ambassador to Yugoslavia, which is good enough for me. What did he say?

"All the accusations of the Partisans that Mihailovich is a Fascist, collaborating with the occupational forces, are completely unfounded, and spring entirely from the efforts of the Partisans to blacken Mihailovich among the Serbian population, and frustrate him when the moment comes to seize power in the country. General Mihailovich from the beginning of the struggle has loyally collaborated with the Allies, and no one can doubt his loyalty as an ally or as the representative in the country of the Yugoslav Government."

That is the statement of the British Ambassador with regard to General Mihailovich. If he has been captured, I suppose he has not long to live, and I should like to pay that tribute to a gallant and honourable man.

Before I resume my seat, I should like to make an appeal if I may. An appeal has been made on behalf of Canadian unity. I should like to appeal to French and English, Catholic and Protestant, to unite in their loyalty to the truth. Let us be true to ourselves and we can be false to no man. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

# Notes on the News

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employment is more important than employment?

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**ATOMIC ANTICS:** Bikini reporter George Moorad, whose broadcasts have been censored, reports "highly suspicious factors" about the atomic test, among them being censorship on a specific group of correspondents. His conclusion is that: "Atomic power is nothing more radical than was T.N.T. over Chinese gunpowder." The timing of atomic propaganda gives a clue to the reason behind it: Firstly, it provided a face-saving formula for Japan to quit; then, it helped to stampede people into accepting the World Government idea, while the Bikini stunt happens right at the psychological time when the world plotters are endeavouring to create the world Atomic Energy Control body, which would, of course, permit their stooges to be located in all countries, and dictate affairs under the plea of atomic development or control of it.

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**PALESTINE PROBLEM:** The seizure of the Jewish Agency in Palestine and the discovery of large quantities of arms, including small arms, ammunition, hundreds of grenades, detonators, explosives, sabotage material, rifles and mortars. Mr. Atlee, commenting on this, said he wanted to retain the Jewish Agency, but it could not be a cover for the running of illegal armies and the doing of illegal acts. The situation seems to be coming to a head rapidly, and powerful Jewish forces in America are staging demonstrations headed by Dr. Stephen Wise, etc., in Italy by "The Union of Jewish Communities," and in South Africa by General Smuts. The background of this Jewish struggle is old and deep-rooted, and can only be understood by extensive study. The book entitled "The Mysterious Protocols" should be of assistance in this connection. A few copies of the recent edition are available in all States at 2/7d. posted. In view of the present developments this publication should be well received.

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**MATERNITY MOVE:** The British College of Midwives is campaigning to assure mothers that for children to be born at parents' homes is as safe as in maternity wards, and they point out that more than half of last year's babies were born at home and are getting on as well as those born in hospitals and maternity homes. They might have gone further and said that untold millions of babies were born in their parents' home before maternity hospitals were thought of, and that millions of babies are still being born in Eastern countries where there are as yet no maternity hospitals. It is good to learn of this move against the hospitalisation of maternity. Homes should be spacious enough to provide for this; the midwife to help the mother, and the local doctor handling the case, are the only factors necessary for safety.

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**GAMBLING GAMES:** New York police, presumably upholding the principles of human freedom so peculiar to the land of Uncle Sham, are now said to be arresting readers of papers devoted to racing form. Arrests are made when two or more people are found reading the paper (presumably together). Thus we sail into the Brave New World with Uncle at the helm! For years in Australia it has been, and still is, a crime to bet on two-up, or on horses if the betting is outside the enclosure from which the Government receives a rake-off; but, even so, we have a long way to go to reach the "Protocol" Utopia operating in U.S. It is from small things such as these that large-scale encroachments on our personal liberty commence. —O.B.H.

## HOUSE MEETINGS ADDRESSED

On Friday, June 28, and on the following Friday, July 5, Mr. Bruce H. Brown addressed enthusiastic house meetings in Brighton and Toorak.

Such house meetings are proving very successful, and those who attend them are showing keen interest. At one of these meetings there were as many as forty people present.

## OBITUARY

The cause of Social Credit has suffered a loss with the recent passing of Mr. Albert W. Waite, of Belmont, N.S.W. Though unable latterly to take any strenuous part in Social Credit activities, Mr. Waite remained as secretary of the Belmont group, of which he was one of the foundation members. He leaves a wife and two sons, of whom Arthur is known to many social crediters for his splendid work as a cartoonist. —S.H.M.

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