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In God's name, let us speak while there is time!  
Now, when the padlocks for our lips are forging,  
Silence is crime.

—Whittier.

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## The Referendum and the Social Services

### These "Free" Health Schemes

By ERIC D BUTLER

As most of you are no doubt aware, if the Federal Government, as a result of the coming Referendum, obtains the powers it desires over "social services," the way will be open for the complete nationalisation of all medical and dental services in Australia. Government spokesmen have made this very clear.

They contend that the people will get better health by being looked after by doctors and dentists who form a glorified branch of the Civil Service. It is also contended that the people will then get FREE medical services—the fact that the people pay for social services out of heavy taxation being cleverly ignored.

While some unthinking electors are believing that Mr. Chifley's recent meagre tax reductions for the coming year are an indication that taxation will be progressively reduced, those who remember, among other things, that there is an election shortly, may also recall with interest a statement made by Mr. Chifley on June 16. He said:

**"If the Referendum gave the Government the power it sought, the people would get additional medical services which might cost up to £15,000,000 a year."**

This £15,000,000 a year will have to come out of the pockets of the taxpayers. So, while telling us that he is reducing taxation by £17,000,000 for the next year, Mr. Chifley also tells us that if only we will give the increased powers the bureaucratic planners want in order to run the medical services of this country, there will inevitably be a £15,000,000 increase in taxation.

Once a so-called free medical service is started, it will be inevitably found that it will cost more and more as time goes on. The control of any service by bureaucrats, unless it is a very local and decentralised service, always results in poor service for the taxpayer, who finds that, as time goes on, the "service" costs more and more in taxation.

#### NEW ZEALAND'S EXPERIENCE

Australia's electors have no need to be tricked into allowing the Federal Government to create a further bureaucracy to control the people's medical services. They have the example of the New Zealand Labor Government's "Free" Medicine

Scheme to warn them. The cost of this scheme has continually increased since its inception. In the first year, 1940-41, it cost New Zealand taxpayers £13,967,000; during the second year, £14,600,000; during the third year, £16,000,000; while during 1943-44, the last year for which figures are available, the cost had increased to £17,500,000.

All unbiased observers point out that New Zealand's "Free" Medicine Scheme has failed dismally to give the people either better service for their money or better health.

Naturally enough, New Zealand taxpayers believe that as they are paying for their so-called free medicine, they might as well get their money's worth by having as much medicine as possible! The remarkable result has been the increased consumption of medicine in New Zealand to the stage where the Government has had to sponsor advertisements warning the people against the excessive taking of medicines. One advertisement published in 1944 said:

**"This country must just about lead the world as a nation of tonic takers and pill addicts . . . Use medicine only when it is essential . . . Give Nature's method a trial. The result will probably astonish you."**

A press report published in Wellington on October 27, 1945, stated:

"The admission by the Minister for Health (Mr. A. Nordmeyer) that, in view of the abuses of the fee-for-service system on which New Zealand's free doctor plan is based, the Government is most seriously considering whether it should continue, dragged into the light the greatest racket

in New Zealand today—the alliance of the doctors and public to plunder the Social Security Fund."

The New Zealand "Observer" of October 31, 1945, in commenting on this matter said:

"Is it surprising that people are flocking to doctors' surgeries to be treated for minor ills? When people are detached every week from one-twentieth of their earnings, under the heading of social security, they naturally neglect no means of getting something back for their money."

If the people were permitted to retain their money and spend it as and when they desired, they would get much better value for their money while at the same time having direct and personal contact with their chosen doctor or dentist.

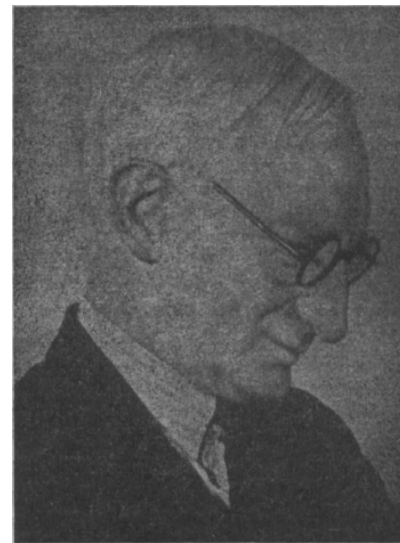
#### BISMARCK STARTED IT

It is not as well known, as it should be, that the "modern" idea of "social security" schemes originated in Germany at the time of Bismarck. With the aid of the German Socialists, Bismarck introduced the first "social security" scheme early in the eighties of last century. He referred to it as putting a golden chain around the necks of the workers.

The basic idea of all social security schemes being propagated under all sorts of names in various countries, and, incidentally, by Governments of all labels, is that the people should surrender an increasing proportion of their money to the Government, which establishes an army of bureaucratic officials to decide the conditions under which the people can get some of their own money back. This makes everyone increasingly dependent on the Government and its officials; it paves the way for dictatorship.

Bearing this in mind, let us see what a writer in the American "Christian Science Monitor" of February 9, 1946, has to say on social security schemes in Europe. He states:

**"Experience with socialised medicine in Europe shows it has led to inferior**



SIR WILHELM BEVERIDGE  
Adapts Der Plan to der Britisch.  
(Or vice versa.) Heil Bismarck!

service and to economic and political problems. In every country there has been a constant increase in the sickness rate after the introduction of health insurance. In Germany it trebled from 1885 to 1930. In England the number of claims increased by almost 50 per cent. In a six-year period from 1921 to 1927 . . . Ernest Bevin has characterised the medical service given the industrial classes as "a tragedy of incompetence . . ."

The "Christian Science Monitor" writer continues:  
**"The third and most insidious danger is the political one. . . The increasing cost of the systems is a matter of record, but the growth in the political importance of the administrative organisation has gone al-**

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## NOTES on the NEWS

**Now that horseracing, owing to heavy taxation, is getting beyond the reach of many people, they are turning their attention to dog racing; and the Government has a watchful eye on the taxes that may be lost. Consequently, we are to have a Bill to place control of dog racing under one authority—that simplifies tax collection.**

It will, of course, also provide for the totalisator at dog meetings; that's to make sure that the Government has a direct stake, and a rake-off. Dog racing will then be arranged so that it will not clash with the big money-spinner, horseracing.

**PALESTINE PRESSURE:** President Truman's sudden recall of his Palestine representatives has been construed as rejection of the U.S. and British plan of partitioning Palestine into three spheres. The Melbourne "Sun" of August 2 said: "It is thought that Mr. Truman's action is the result of Zionist pressure. It is known that Congressmen who depend on a Jewish vote are putting strong pressure on the President, who is believed to be in danger of losing the support of the majority of the House." Here we observe who really determines U.S. policy. The same issue of the "Sun" informed us that a big arms dump had been discovered in the basement of Tel Aviv's Synagogue, which is said to be the operating base of Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Jewish terrorist organisation. A British White Paper also states that despite some Jewish protests against the outrages, the Jews in general are giving no assistance to the British in rounding up the terrorists.



WALLACE AND TRUMAN  
President Truman's pal in this picture is former Vice-President Henry A. Wallace who says, "The British are nothing but a bunch of reactionaries."

**BALKAN BRUTALITY:** "The worst any tyrant ever did in the way of violence, personal humiliation, breaking-up of meetings and suppression of public opinions is now being matched by the Communist dominated Governments of Bulgaria and Rumania, as I personally saw it." This report is further evidence of the bestial practices, which operate wherever Communists seize power; it is supplied by Rueben Markham, Balkan correspondent for the "Christian Science Monitor." There is abundant evidence also available to satisfy any reasonable person, that these puppet Communist Governments are set up and controlled from the Kremlin. Hence the same pattern of brutality, which the Russian people have suffered for over 25 years. There are rumours of revolt even in Russia, but their hopes of escape are remote. Perhaps their terrible plight will be brought before the United Nations' Council!!

**LUNATIC LEGISLATION:** The closing session of the 17th Federal Parliament was a scandalous affair from the point of view of rushed, ill-considered legislation. During the last four days, nearly 30 items, involving millions of pounds of taxpayers' money, were disposed of—without any pretence of analysis or debate. Such procedure can only further the bureaucrats' New Despotism and bring Parliament into disrepute. These final sessions are also often used to slip in unwanted legislation sponsored by powerful interests behind the scenes. In these circumstances it is clear that electors have no effective control, so it is vital that no more power be granted to Federal poli-

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## Significant Political Pointers

A press report on how the last Parliament finished its business: "Members of the House of Representatives warmed up for the final stages of the present Parliament by sitting till 1.30 a.m. today. With approximately nine sitting days left, the Government will make a concentrated effort to dispose of more than 20 remaining items on the business paper.

"Mr. Corser, the last speaker before the House adjourned, apologised for waking sleeping members. Only one of half a dozen members who were dozing on the seats failed to respond when the Prime Minister (Mr. Chifley) moved the adjournment. Earlier, Mr. McDonald warned Mr. Chambers, who has a particularly loud voice, that he might awaken his sleeping colleagues."

That is supposed to be responsible Government, and we are now being asked to give Canberra more powers! If Canberra cannot get through the business of governing the country during reasonable hours, it is obvious that it needs its powers REDUCED, not increased.

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In a remarkable article in its issue of July 31, the Sydney "Bulletin" declares that 54 per cent, of loans raised in Australia during the war were subscribed by the banks, particularly the Savings Banks.

Then follows this "gem":

"The danger in the extensive use of savings-bank deposits indirectly to finance public loans is that they are still available for spending by the depositors after they have been spent on war waste by the Government."

And so, according to the financial wizards of the "Bulletin," Jack Smith deposits £1 with a Savings Bank. The Savings Bank loans Jack Smith's £1 to the Government, which spends it. But in some remarkable manner not explained, Jack Smith can still draw his £1—already spent by the Government!—and use it for his own purposes.

The "Bulletin" contains some excellent material on most subjects except finance.

No doubt the Finance Editor is a B.Ec. from one of the Universities.

A report from Canberra states that the Federal Government proposes to treat the proposed rail-gauge unification scheme as a "defence project," and thus circumvent any possible protests by some of the States.

This trick relates particularly to Queensland, which will, under the proposed unification scheme, have all the West of Queensland connected direct with Sydney, thus centralising trade more than it is already.

The framers of the Federal Constitution never expected that power-lusters at Canberra would use the Defence Power and the External Affairs Power to bludgeon the States into accepting their dictates.

The Federal Constitution certainly wants altering; it wants altering so that the powers of the Federal Government are strictly limited and clearly defined, in order that local government and individual rights can be protected against the power-lusters. A new Bill of Rights is urgently required. If we had the spirit of our forebears we might even stage another King John act.

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Some time ago in these notes the writer mentioned the report of General Morgan (Continued on page 8.)

# WHAT GOES ON IN UNITED STATES?

By JOHN WELLER

**With knife and gun battles in a Tennessee county election revolt, graft and corruption in the Federal Administration and an outbreak of Negro trouble hitting the United States' headlines, there appears to be considerable discontent making itself violently articulate—an indication that all is not well in the Federal Union.**

Possibly the policy, which has been pursued—the policy of concentrating economic, industrial and political power—is bringing the inevitable reaction. When Lord Acton said, late last century, that "All power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely," he was simply making a practical observation, which had been demonstrated by centuries of hard experience.

One of the salient features of the American situation is that the Jewish Question is being forced to the forefront of affairs. As far back as April, a report of clashes between Yanks and Jews at the Landsberg displaced persons' camp, in Germany, gave a preview of possible things to come, when a thousand Jewish rioters shouted, "American anti-Semitism is worse than German anti-Semitism." The Melbourne "Age" of August 3 reported that tension (connected with a move to set out for Palestine) was so great that trouble might be expected at any moment. Armed American guards cordoned off one camp, where six Jews had been bayoneted by Americans.

## THE JEWISH QUESTION

Back in the States, the Jewish outcries about the loan to Great Britain brought the question further publicity. Meanwhile some New York cafes flaunt the sign, "Only Christians Served Here." Feeling against the Jews in many parts of the States is strong, which seems scarcely surprising when the most casual survey reveals such men as Frankfurter, Morgenthau, Baruch, Roseman, Lilienthal, Lehmann and La Guardia in key positions. But it is important to realise that these "Big Boys," who have followed the policy of centralising control, toward the final end of World Domination, hope to use their lesser brethren as suitable scapegoats. If the individual, whether Jew or Gentile, is to be saved from persecution and tyranny it is imperative that this policy be exposed. As the "Protocols of Zion" remark: "... If any States raise a protest against us it is only pro forma at our discretion and by our direction, for their anti-Semitism is indispensable to us for the management of our lesser brethren." But there may be unrehearsed developments for which the International Plotters had not bargained. One of the brightest hopes for the future is that discontent in the United States may yet force a premature disclosure of the policy for world control.

## FINANCIAL CENTRALISATION

The threads of that policy, operated mostly through finance, go back a long way.

To deal with the strictly American aspects, the year 1912 provides a convenient starting point. In that year the United States Congress appointed a commission, known as the Pujo Commission, to discover whether a money trust existed. The Commission affirmed that a trust did exist, and that by a system of interlocking directorates it controlled "capital and reserves totalling almost £5,000 million." We may safely assume that the up-and-coming statesman, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was fully aware of these findings.

In 1914 the Federal Reserve Board was brought into existence to bring banking under single control, i.e., to consolidate monopoly. This was not a Government concern, as the name might imply, but was about as American as the Bank "of England" was English. The chief person behind the Board was Paul Warburg, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., a key firm in the money trust. Meanwhile Roosevelt was made Secretary of the Navy under Wilson.

Through the writings of Wilson's adviser, Colonel House, and the British Ambassador to Washington, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, and others, there is abundant evidence that Wilson was only a tool of his "advisers," amongst whom were Paul Warburg and Bernard Baruch.

## BARUCH AND WARBURG

Baruch was later to admit that he was probably the most powerful man in the last war. Presidents may come and go, but Baruch is still with us.

Paul Warburg was sent to "represent" the U.S. at the Peace Conference while his brother, Max Warburg, also a director of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., "represented" Germany, having acted as Germany's financial adviser during the war. We know that as a result the whole weight of the U.S. representation was thrown against the policy of breaking up the highly centralised and artificial Bismarckian Reich into the largely independent and homogeneous States of which Germany is naturally and culturally composed. It was essential to the Policy that Germany be kept centralised so that she could be used in the future as an aggressor nation if necessary.

The League of Nations was foisted on to Europe to become a suitable centre of political and financial intrigue.

A strong supporter of the League of Nations was Roosevelt, who was also, as is not generally known, an international financier of some repute. The following extract from a speech of the Hon. John C. Schafer, of Wisconsin, delivered in the U.S. House of Representatives on June 30, 1939, appeared in the Congressional Record (p. 8463):

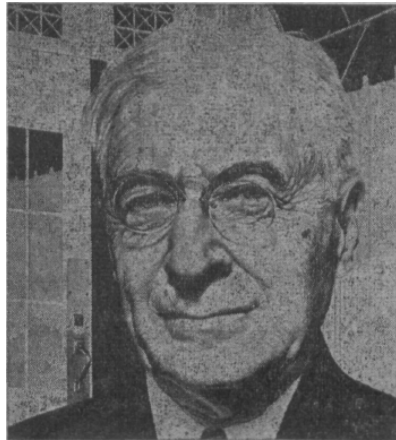
## FINANCIER ROOSEVELT

"... I hold in my hand a photostatic copy of page 31 of the 'New York Times' of September 14, 1922, in which appears an advertisement of a new issue, of 600,000,000 German marks, floated by United European Investors Ltd., Franklin D. Roosevelt, President.

"I have a photostatic copy of Poor's Register of Directors, 1929, wherein Franklin Delano Roosevelt is shown as a director of the International Germanic Trust Co.

"I have here a photostatic copy of a page from the Martindale Hubbell Law Directory, January, 1933, volume I, page 754, showing a legal advertisement of Franklin Delano Roosevelt as investment banker.

"I have here a copy of the prospectus, and photostat of other records, of the



**BERNARD MANNES BARUCH**  
Unofficial President of U.S.A.

Federal International Banking Corporation, indicating that Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote the foreword of the prospectus of this International banking outfit, and was hooped up in it with Robert Rowland Appleby, president of the British Empire Chambers of Commerce in the United States. His International Banking Corporation, according to its prospectus, was organised for the selling of foreign securities and bonds to the American people...

"Our 'New Deal' President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is an ex-international banker of wide experience, and former attorney for international bankers. Under his gold and silver policies, the international bankers, foreign owners of, and speculators in, gold, waxed fat when Mr. Roosevelt forced Americans to turn in their gold for 20.67 dollars an ounce or go to gaol for five years, and then imported more than 10,000,000,000 dollars' worth of foreign gold at 35 dollars an ounce.

"Mr. Speaker, President Roosevelt did not drive the money-changers out of the temple of government. He drove them into the temple with the help of his Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Morgenthau, the son of Morgenthau, the international banker, who married the favourite niece of Lehman Brothers, who are among the most powerful international bankers in America."

(One of the Lehmann brothers, Herbert, was a Governor of New York and the first Director-General of U.N.R.R.A. until Fiorello La Guardia, another ex-Governor of New York, took over.)

## THE GREAT DEPRESSION

It is not difficult to see the forces, which brought Roosevelt to power and why he was allowed to return to office for a second, third and fourth term. When he came to office for the first time he largely captured the popular vote by making a violent verbal attack on the financiers who had engineered the "Great Depression." In 1933 a Banking and Currency Committee was set up. Its disclosures of finance-monopoly control (recorded in "Wall Street Under Oath," by F. Pecora) were apparently shelved. At any rate, nothing concrete eventuated. In the New York "Herald Tribune" of June 27, 1932, Walter Lippman had stated: "It is evident that Roosevelt is not the leader of the forces behind him. He is being used." Lippman, who had been closely associated with Wilson, was in a position to know what he was talking about. We can be sure of that.

The Depression was, of course, manipula-

ted by finance. During the period 1929 to 1935 the financiers foreclosed on:

More than 200,000 factories;  
More than 3,000,000 stores;  
More than 3,000,000 farms;  
More than 5,000,000 homes.  
More than 300,000,000 dollars' worth of real wealth was thus confiscated. As Philip A. Benson, president of the American Bankers' Association, was to admit in a 1939 speech: "There is no more direct way to capture control of a nation than through its credit system." That is exactly what had been done.

## AND THE "NEW DEAL"

In 1938 there were 14,000,000 unemployed. The public debt had risen from 20 billion dollars in 1933 to 37 billion dollars in 1938—nearly double. And Roosevelt acquiesced in the policy which brought these things to pass, in spite of the fact that a National Capacity Survey, which he had instituted, reported that the existing resources and plant could supply every U.S. family with an income equivalent to £875 per year. All this, be it remembered, was part of the "New Deal."

One is not exactly stary-eyed about labour conditions in Australia, but they don't compare with the States, where strikes appear like minor military engagements. Strikes often have nothing to do with voluntary resistance on the part of underpaid employees against hard-hearted employers, but are forcibly engineered by hard-boiled thugs in the pay of the Communist-directed renegade "Labour" Movement called C.I.O. The purpose is not better working conditions or higher pay; it is control of industry for so-called "Labour." A place is selected for a sit-down strike, for example. Thugs go through the place and order everyone to quit, and slug everyone who doesn't.

In some industries the Bedaux speed-up system was developed to the point of cruelty. While unemployed men stood by in factory yards, workers were kept frantic trying to maintain breakneck speeds on the conveyor-belt assembly lines; those who failed were fired on the spot and replaced. In the struggle for a living, antagonisms of all kinds were engendered. In 1940 there were still 10 million unemployed, and, legislation notwithstanding, labour conditions were little if any better, while in large concerns like Fords and General Motors more power was, and is, exercised over the details of an individual's life than in any mediaeval despotism.

## MONOPOLY AND BUREAUCRACY

In striking contrast, monopolies continued to nourish and concentrate power into fewer hands. Thurman Arnold, Assistant Attorney-General of the U.S. and head of the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice, in 1941 gave official information on the way monopolies were hampering the war effort. However, he did not disclose that "American" investments in Germany were, at 1,290,000,000 dollars, greater than in any other European country; and that "American" investments in Japan hovered around the 90,000,000 dollars' mark. How much did foreign-investment-banker Roosevelt know about all this? Anti-trust legislation and commissions of enquiry did little to halt the concentration of economic power via finance, otherwise we can rest assured F.D.R. would never have seen a fourth term of office.

The "New Deal" also brought the political concentration of power, with its necessary concomitant, the bureaucracy. In 1943 Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia gave some startling information on the growth of the Federal army of occupation. For example, the Governor of Ohio manages to get along with 25,000 employees—but the Federal Government, in Ohio, has 90,000 employees. By 1943, with more than 3,000,000 civilian employees—exclusive of army and navy—the Federal Government had more people on the taxpayers' payroll than the combined total of all the employees of all the 48 States, plus all the employees of all the country's county and municipal governments.

Fifty-five per cent, of those persons were not directly engaged in the war effort. Since 1939 the Federal bureaucracy had been increasing at the rate of more than 50 per cent, every six months. When Thomas Jefferson was President there was one Federal employee to every 5308 persons. In 1943 there was one Federal employee to every 45 persons, men, women and children—and this did not include those in uniform in the armed forces.

The combined total cost of the legislative and judicial branches of the Federal Government in 1943 was 38,000,000 dollars. The executive (bureaucratic) branch spent, even before the war, almost that much for publicity and promotion alone.

Little wonder that, about the time of our last Referendum, the forty-eight States adopted resolutions demanding less Federal control and increased powers for the individual States.

## THE T.V.A. TECHNIQUE

And then there is T.V.A., which has received a terrific and wholly unwarranted boosting, in view of which the following facts are revealing: Around 1924 inventor

## GLUT OF MEAT AND FISH IN DENMARK

### "Could Supply Whole of Europe With Fish"

From "Contact," a column by Jim MacDougall, in "The Sun" (Sydney), Thursday, May 2, 1946:—

**PARADOX:** Europe is starving, but read this letter received by my friend, Viggo Christensen, of Sydney, from his sister Ingeborg, in Elsinore, Denmark:—

"... the refrigeration houses refuse to take any more meat; they are full up.

"Our fishermen are throwing our catches back into the ocean. We could supply the whole of Europe with fish if permitted to sell..."

Ingeborg is a member of the Social Democrat (moderate) Party.

Edison and motor-wizard Ford drew up a scheme to develop Muscle Shoals with debt-free credit, that is, without adding one nickel to the national debt. It was turned down—three times, I think—by Congress. Then in 1933 Roosevelt instituted the Tennessee Valley Authority, one of the main reasons given being that the area was a "debit to the administration." Such an example was Grainger County, which in 1932 "consumed" 91,000 dollars in excess of tax revenues. But by 1936 T.V.A. had already been provided with 110,000,000 dollars—from the pockets of the people! The finance of T.V.A. is now mooted as the subject of a Congressional investigation. In 1939, the last date for which accounts are at hand, the loss to the taxpayers amounted to 12,789,000 dollars (twelve and three-quarter million dollars).

Nothing is said by its ardent advocates about the thirteen thousand Tennessee farmers who were dispossessed, of the thousands of acres of good land lost by submersion, or that the proposal to organise the Missouri on similar lines met such a stream of violent protest that the plan has been withdrawn "for consideration." One Missouri farmer, a returned soldier, is reported as saying that he would personally hand back his war decoration to President Truman as a protest.

Mr. Huet Massue, a Canadian consulting engineer, maintains that the Tennessee Valley Authority spent more than eight times as much on its hydroelectric development as a private undertaking would have done. The average cost per kilowatt installed, over the whole project, is estimated at more than double commercial costs.

Dictator of T.V.A. is David Eli Lilienthal, classed as "another one of Frankfurter's boys."

## "CULCHA" AND SUPER-CABINET

There is another aspect of this American business. The ever-increasing flood of advertising, dope and propaganda churned out by Hollywood, the pulp magazines, the moronic comic cuts, radio "entertainment" and the sensationalism of a controlled press all help to make a malleable and easily ruled people. Film producers, we are told, place the mental age of cinema audiences at thirteen. Many of the swooner bobby-soxers are marihuana dope addicts. Gangsterism, lynching, kidnapping, baby-broking and ugly race riots still burn up the headlines. Meanwhile lecturers tour the country at 130 dollars a time with tales of British iniquities in India.

When the United States entered World War II, Roosevelt had round him an unofficial "super-cabinet." It comprised Bernard Baruch, Samuel Roseman ("Sammy the Rose"), James Byrne and Harry Hopkins. Law and finance were well represented among the "super-doozers."

The advent of Truman does not appear to have necessitated any alteration in the general plan. Although the picture given is necessarily sketchy, there is little, if any, evidence that Roosevelt or his successor ever followed an independent policy, and any comparison of "Democratic" and Republican programmes show them to be identical in all basic essentials. For the American people, who seem to be unable to exercise much practical control over affairs, the difference is that of Tweedledum and Tweedledee, the choice between being shot or boiled in oil. Although numerous committees of enquiry were appointed and some startling disclosures made, no serious action was apparently taken. None of the monopoly "big boys" seemed to lose anything, although millions of the underprivileged faced starvation more than once. The "New Deal" was really a reshuffle of the pack with the aces and court cards removed.

**The guiding policy seemed to be concentration of economic and political power and the continuity of that policy has been maintained throughout.**

From the point of view of Bernard Baruch, who is now busy "advising" his sixth President, the policy would obviously be regarded as progressive; but from John Doe or GI Joe's point of view the matter is open to more than considerable doubt.

# The Services Party of Australia says Vote No

## Returned Men's Case Against The Referendum Proposals

The "New Times" is non-Party, but we must congratulate the Federal Executive of the Services Party of Australia on their uncompromising opposition to all the Referendum proposals—a stand that no other Party is making—and on their preparation of an overwhelming case against the proposals, for publication. This case for a "No" vote on September 28 is published in full hereunder:

In order that electors may fully and simply understand the reasons why they should vote "NO," and refuse to give the Federal Government the Constitutional powers that it is seeking, we ask you to read this brief statement very carefully.

1. In his address to the 18th Congress of the Communist Party, Stalin pointed out that in order for Communism to become fully established in Russia, the majority of the nations of the world would first have to become Socialist States. When that was accomplished Communism would be achieved and the Soviet State would disappear and government of persons would be replaced by the administration of things. (See Report on the work of the Central Committee to the Eighteenth Congress of the C.P.S.U.(B.) on 10th March, 1939 published in Moscow and on sale at all Communist Bookshops.)

2. The present so-called Federal Labour Government leaders have always supported Soviet Russia, particularly at the Councils of the United Nations Organisation (U.N.O.), and one of the first actions of the present Federal Labour Government when it assumed office in 1941 was to remove the ban on the Communist Party and make it a legal body.

### EVATT AND COMMUNISTS

3. The present Federal Attorney-General and Minister for External Affairs, Dr. H. V. Evatt, when he was a Justice of the Australian High Court, wrote a book called "The King and His Dominion Governors," wherein he pointed out—amongst other things—that owing to the Constitutional set-up any Socialist Government would have great difficulty in carrying out its Socialistic Policy. He also warned against the grave dangers of ratifying the "Statute of Westminster" because under that Statute the Federal Government—without the authority of the Australian people—could surrender all its constitutional powers, and on page 298 of his book he showed how the Newfoundland Parliament did destroy the people's rights of local self-government by voting itself out of existence without the authority of the people.

4. Immediately the Federal Labour Government assumed office, Dr. Evatt, as its chief legal man and Minister, used the Labour majority in the Parliament to ratify the very Statute he had warned against. The position now is that the Federal Parliament, without authority from the people, can break away from the British Empire and Throne, and, being Communist-Socialist ridden, can give its allegiance to Stalin and Soviet Russia. This action is fully in accord with the stated objective of the Australian Communist Party:—

"We will expel all Governors and other representatives . . . WITHDRAW FROM THE BRITISH EMPIRE, and establish a workers' and farmers' republic, with a Soviet form of Government . . ."

### CONSTITUTION SAFEGUARD

5. Under the present Federal Constitution the Federal Government has no power to completely introduce Communism-Socialism because the powers necessary for this are embodied in the Constitutions of the six Australian States. Therefore, it would be useless for the Federal Government to sever the bonds of Empire until it had withdrawn all vital powers from the States.

THESE ARE THE THREE POWERS WHICH THE FEDERAL LABOUR GOVERNMENT ARE NOW ASKING YOU, BY REFERENDUM, TO GIVE TO THEM.

6. ONCE YOU GIVE THEM THESE POWERS YOU DESTROY THE COURTS OF THE LAND, WHICH IS PRECISELY WHAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE AIMED AT IN THE RECENT STRIKES.

### BOOKLETS TO READ

"Federal Union Exposed." An interesting survey of moves leading up to World Government. Price 1/1d posted.

"Communism, Why Not?" Contains some startling facts on the ramifications of Communism. Price 2/7d posted.

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THAT THE FEDERAL LABOUR GOVERNMENT IS CARRYING OUT THE DICTATES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS SHOWN BY THE STATEMENTS OF THE FEDERAL LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S CHIEF LEGAL MAN, DR. EVATT.

Speaking in the Federal Parliament on 1st October, 1942, on the question of giving Parliament more power, he said:—

"I desire to make it perfectly clear that the amendment I propose will give the decision to Parliament itself, and no person will be able to challenge the validity of Parliament's decision."

Again, at the Constitutional Convention, on the 2nd December 1942, he said:—

"I appeal to Mr. Watts not to press his amendment. If a legal dispute arose as to the meaning of the words, THAT MEANING WOULD BE A MATTER FOR DECISION BY THE HIGH COURT. WHY FETTER UNNECESSARILY THE POWERS OF PARLIAMENT?"

7. Let us examine these three powers the Federal Government is seeking and see how your rights and liberties would be affected if you vote, "YES."

### POWER NO. 1—TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The Federal Labour Government states that if you grant them this power there will be no industrial conscription and you will be guaranteed full employment. As the Federal Labour Government's chief legal Minister, Dr. Evatt, is responsible for asking that these powers be given his Government. Let us, therefore, see what Dr. Evatt has to say on this particular power:—

Speaking at the Constitutional Convention on 2nd December 1942, on the Employment Power, he said:—

"The power with which we are now dealing is a vital one. It is VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY HERE AND NOW WHAT THE LIMITS OF IT MAY BE. . . . I should not like to attempt, to define further. I regard it as a very great power. It is difficult, especially at the beginning, to assign precise limits. Its more obvious meaning is not only the relief, but also the prevention, of employment. WHETHER IT GOES FARTHER THAN THAT I SHOULD NOT LIKE TO SAY."

At the Political Science Summer School at Canberra, in January, 1944, Dr. Evatt did define the employment power further, as follows:—

" . . . there is no longer a full right in every person to choose his own vocation in life. . . . What are Manpower Regulations but a system, which—imperfectly, I know—attempts to ensure that everybody in this country shall be usefully employed . . . THERE HAS BEEN A NEARER APPROACH TO WHAT IS A WELL-ORDERED SOCIETY IN RESPECT OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THIS WAR and the last THAN IN ANY OF THE YEARS BETWEEN THE TWO WARS."

### WHAT DR. EVATT ADMITS

NOW PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY:—

(a) Dr. Evatt admits the employment power is a vital one.

(b) He states that you have no right to choose your own job.

(c) He says Manpower Regulations are the only real methods of making you work where the Government tells you.

THEREFORE DR. EVATT ADMITS THAT THE REAL REASON THE GOVERNMENT WANTS THE EMPLOYMENT POWER IS TO ORDER YOU ABOUT AND THEN PENALISE YOU IF YOU DISOBEY. THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE DICTATES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, AND THIS POWER IN GOVERNMENT HANDS IS NECESSARY BEFORE AUSTRALIA CAN BE COMPLETELY SOVIETISED.

Remember what the spokesman for the American Federation of Labour warned against at the British Trades Union Congress last year:—

"We insist on recognising the so-called Russian trades union movement for what it is: A GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED, GOVERNMENT DOMINATED, LABOUR FRONT, DENYING TO RUSSIAN WORKERS THE BASIC HUMAN FREEDOMS that American workers hold are pre-requisites to a free trades union."

Therefore the Federal Government—under Communist dictates—wants the employment power so that the Unions will lose their freedom and usefulness and become instruments of the Government.

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST THIS GOVERNMENT DICTATORSHIP, WE ASK YOU TO VOTE "NO" ON THE EMPLOYMENT POWER.

### POWER NO. 2—ORGANISED MARKETING

The Federal Labour Leaders are fearful of telling you the REAL REASON for wanting this particular power. HERE IT IS:—

In 1937, before the Communists had gained control of the Federal Labour Leaders, the then Federal Government asked the people for this very same power. Realising the dangers to the people, the Federal Labour Leaders of those days strenuously opposed the granting of that power, and the people therefore refused to grant it. Today the position is different. The possession of this power by the Communist-controlled Federal Labour Leaders is essential if they intend to introduce the principle of the sovietisation of our primary industries. Without this power the pro-Communist Federal Government cannot introduce the Soviet system of secret police to ensure that no one does anything, which is not approved by the Government.

It is an essential part of Communist doctrine that the Government must rigidly control the primary producer; otherwise the people may obtain too easy access to our primary products and would not then be easy victims of Communism. Remember, it was necessary to introduce a starvation policy in Russia before the Communists could gain control.

The great Communist leader, Engels, said: "Who faces wretchedness and hunger for months together with his wife and children, becomes ready fodder for the revolution."

Karl Marx also said: "Slavery is an economic category of the greatest importance."

### WISE WORDS OF WARNING

The Royal Commission on the Commonwealth Constitution (1929), in its report, said:—

"We do not recommend that power to legislate with respect to marketing be conferred on the Commonwealth Parliament. An unlimited power to legislate with respect to marketing would, we think, involve an UNNECESSARY AND DANGEROUS interference with the internal government of the States, and might be so interpreted as to enable the Commonwealth Parliament to control the disposal of all products and the use of all lands or factories employed in production."

In any case, the Federal Government already has ample power to legitimately assist the States in organised marketing through Section 51 (j) and Section 96 of the Commonwealth Constitution, by granting financial assistance to the States on any terms it thinks fit.

THERE IS, THEREFORE, NO REAL REASON—OTHER THAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOVIETISING AUSTRALIA—FOR GRANTING THIS POWER OF ORGANISED MARKETING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE ASK YOU TO VOTE "NO" ON THIS POWER.

### POWER NO. 3—MATERNITY ALLOWANCES, MEDICAL BENEFITS, ETC.

You are being told by the Federal Labour Leaders that unless you grant this power to the Government they cannot continue their social services, endowments, family allowances, nor will they be able to introduce free medicine.

This is a deliberate lie and is typical of the Communist tactics of frightening people so that the Communists may achieve their objectives without revealing them to the people.

There is not one aspect of family allowances, maternity benefits, free medicine and all other social benefits that could not be more efficiently handled by the various States in accordance with the requirements and conditions of the people in those States.

Therefore the Government has no reason for asking for these powers other than for the purpose of introducing Communist control over every phase of the life, liberties and rights of the electors.

Why doesn't the Federal Government use its constitutional powers under Section 96 of the Constitution to assist the States in implementing whatever social services and benefits the people want? There is no logical reason why these services should be centralised and controlled from Canberra, except for the purpose of making Australia a vassal State of Soviet Russia.

Do not be misled by lying Communist-inspired propaganda. Refuse to give the Moscow-directed Federal Labour Government this power, by voting "No."

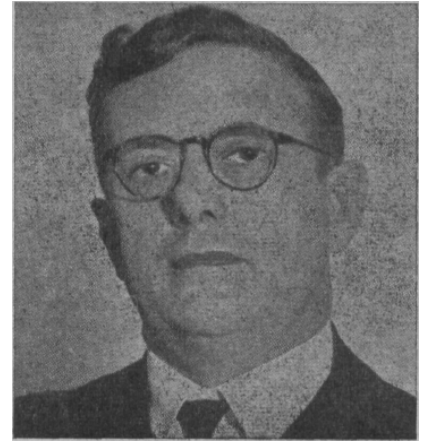
We have tried in a brief form to give you solid facts as to why you should reject the Government Referendum and vote "NO." We conclude with this grave warning:—

### THE ISSUE IS CLEAR

The issue behind the Federal Government's Referendum is clear. It is:—

"COMMUNISM-SOCIALISM V. THE BRITISH THRONE."

While we remain an integral part of the British Empire, complete Communism-Socialism cannot be attained. Why? It is



DR. EVATT, C.C.C.  
(Champion Canberra Centraliser.)

constitutionally impossible for Communism-Socialism and the British Throne to exist together. Then to implement complete Communism-Socialism in Australia it is necessary to destroy the sovereignty of the States by centralising it in the Federal Government. With this centralisation, supported by the Statute of Westminster, it becomes possible for the Federal Government to transfer Australia from the British Empire to the Soviet Union. BE WARNED AND VOTE "NO!" —Authorised by the Federal Executive of the Services Party of Australia, 197 Eagle Street, Brisbane, Queensland. (B3243.)

### WHAT IS BEHIND THE REFERENDUM?

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—A dispassionate analysis of the bulk of the socialistic arguments now being so assiduously promulgated for the granting of further powers to the Federal Parliament reveals that they will not hold water, and makes plain the sinister drive being made on a world-wide scale for the centralisation of political and economic sanctions in the interests of complete world government.

Even the talents of our ex-Governor-General and legal luminary, Sir Isaac Isaacs, have been pressed into the fray, with three-column articles in the daily press. His arguments follow the usual trite Socialist line of reasoning—remarkable in a man of his learning. The following is one of his gems of theory:—"No Government could take a step in that direction [control primary production under some scheme of its own] until Parliament, representing [?] the whole Australian people, authorised any action for the general benefit."

This is laughable, in view of the fact that Canberra is already doing so; and to what "benefit," may be gauged, for instance, by the operations of such bodies as the Apple and Pear and Egg Boards, not to mention wheat and potatoes.

Under the new legislation (to be made permanent if the Referendum passes), Section 92, covering free trade as between States, will, of course, be over-ridden.

With no mention of Finance, Sir Isaac calmly states that the present Federal powers are inadequate to effect industrial harmony or the 40-hour week. Strange! It needed no additional Federal powers to introduce the 44-hour week!

He further says: "The 'world movement' [i.e., Socialism] is moving . . . towards a liberation of labour from intolerable conditions." Is that why the British Socialist Government has clamped on its war powers for another five years, and is implementing the world Food Plot for subduing the English through their stomachs?

In typical Socialist fashion, Sir Isaac speaks of the removal of the "curse of unemployment." Again no reference to Finance. He himself is unemployed in the economic sense. Is he, then, cursed? Not at all! He has an income; and, no doubt, a handsome one.

All moves towards more powers for Canberra are part of a plot for the establishment of world tyranny.

Their advent was foreseen at least as far back as 1938, when C. H. Douglas predicted the war. He wrote: "It is plain that in the British Commonwealth a desperate attempt is to be made to abrogate the privileges of State Parliaments in Australia and Canada, and to concentrate them in Federal Parliaments."

How true was his prediction, and his knowledge of the aims of those promoting this plot, is now quite patent.

The surest step towards a real and functioning democracy is decentralisation of power, including financial power, and it behoves all true democrats to resist the coming Referendum with all means at their disposal.

—Sincerely yours, B. J. GOULDING, 56A Dickens St., Elwood, Melbourne, S.3.

## MR. CHIFLEY'S "DOG-COLLAR" ACT

By J. T. LANG (Condensed from Sydney "Century," July 26.)

At Canberra this week, Mr. Dedman gave us the details of the much-vaunted new deal for coal miners. In essence, it seems to be nothing more than another dog collar Act.

Its principal features are in essence the same as Bruce's infamous dog collar Act for the wharf labourers. An outstanding feature of the Curtin-Chifley Governments is their habit of always going back to the Bruce-Lyons Governments for precedents in dealing with industrial conditions.

In the years before the depression there was a great deal of discontent and stoppages among the wharf labourers in most Australian ports except Sydney.

The Communist Party, which was just feeling its power, had established itself on the wharves. Strong and able leadership in the Sydney branch of the Union kept it free of all political strikes.

Prime Minister Bruce legislated to prevent what was called frivolous strikes. His law provided that wharf labourers had to be registered before they could go on to the wharf and work, and registration was refused to anybody suspected of causing trouble.

The workers called it the Dog-Collar Act. It never applied to the port of Sydney.

It was described as Fascist legislation, and there was continuous agitation until it was relieved.

Finding similar conditions among the coal miners, the Chifley Government proposes to introduce the dog-collar principle for the miners. There is a lot of sugar coating round it, but it is still the dog collar Act.

Bruce said that anyone suspected of trouble making would not be given registration. The Chifley Government says that any miner suspected of causing trouble in the mines will be kicked out of the industry.

The principle is the same in both cases.

The Communists will oppose it because the authority to discipline or eject miners is vested in the Government. They believe in the dog-collar principle, but they claim that the right to impose it should be vested in the Union officials, not the Government.

In other words, they believe the Communist Party should have the powers, which the Government proposes to vest in the coal authority.

The trouble in the mining industry is not caused primarily by the Communist Party. It is caused by the Government financial and economic policy.

This policy causes the genuine discontent on which the Communists capitalise. The Communist Party organises it and directs it against the community in general, and, of course against the Government, too.

Miners are like any other mass body of workers in an industry. There are a few among them who like mining and get great pleasure out of that particular work.

There is the majority who work at mining because it happens to be their calling. They don't particularly like the work, but so long as they are making a decent living out of it they will go on mining.

There is another section, a minority, who positively hate mining and everything connected with it. Force of circumstances has made them miners, but every time they go down the pit they are in a condition of resentment and rebellion.

But all sections have one thing in common, both with themselves and workers in other industry, they work to make money.

The Government, with its taxation and its wage pegging, has set itself out to prevent the workers making money.

It says to the miners, under this Bill, that they must work in the mines as the Government wishes, and if they don't they will be kicked out of the industry.

But it also says to them that no matter how hard the miners work, they will not be able to make money.



PRIME MINISTER CHIFLEY Takes leaf from Bruce's book.

In fact, owing to the taxation laws, the harder the miner works, the lower becomes his rate of pay.

Every skip of coal he turns out over a certain minimum penalises the miner by progressively reducing his rate of pay.

That is the root cause of the miners' troubles.

No dog collar Act can make the workers in an industry do a full day's work if they are arbitrarily deprived of the money value of that work.

Luke-warm supporters of the Government say the miners must be disciplined and consequently it is better for a Labor Government to do it than a Liberal Government.

I can never see the force of that argument.

The dog collar Act will solve nothing. The real troublemakers are taxation and wage pegging.

Bring those into line with post-war conditions and there will be no need for dog collars.

## The Referendum and the Social Services

(Continued from page 1.)

most unnoticed in most countries until a crisis. Such an emergency occurred in Germany in 1933. One of the first things the Nazis did after they took over the reins of government was to seize control of the health insurance funds and to convert the offices into governmental agencies to aid in regimenting the people."

Australians cannot take the same road that the Germans took and arrive at a different destination. They must vote "No" to the proposition that the Federal Constitution be amended to give the Federal Government the power to establish a bureaucratic control of all medical services.

### FACTS TO BE FACED

Incidentally, perhaps you have noticed that all the Parties and all the Press are urging you to vote "Yes" on the social services issue at the Referendum. This fact alone should cause you to think seriously.

"But if we refuse the Government the powers sought, won't that mean that the Federal Government will no longer be able to pay Old Age and Invalid Pensions, Child Endowment and Maternity Allowances?"

It will mean nothing of the sort. The Federal Constitution gives the Federal Government definite powers to pay Old Age and Invalid Pensions. But, in spite of these powers, pensions paid to our elderly people and invalids are now lower in terms of purchasing power than they were when

first started. As for Child Endowment and Maternity Allowances, the Federal Government has the right, under Section 96 of the Federal Constitution, to make the money required available to the States if the electors desire to continue these two services.

But those women who think that they are getting some great benefit from either Child Endowment or Maternity Allowances, should not overlook the fact that they are helping to pay these benefits to themselves.

The family on a low income may reply that it pays very little taxation. It may pay very little direct taxation, but it must pay its share of indirect taxation. Indirect taxation in the form of sales tax, etc., is responsible for the high cost of living today. The larger the family, the more indirect taxation paid.

Those mothers who believe that Child Endowment is some wonderful gift from a benevolent Government should do a little simple arithmetic. They get no Endowment for their first child, but they pay indirect taxation on every item of food, clothing and other necessities. When they have their second child, they get some of their money back. But then they are also paying indirect taxation on things required for the second child.

To say that Child Endowment is a free gift from the Government is a deliberate lie. Can we safely give greater powers to people who indulge in lies and trickery? It is a lie to say that the Government is going to give the people free medicine or free anything else; further, it is trickery to threaten the people with loss of Child Endowment and Maternity Allowances if they

will not give the Government power to nationalise the medical and dental services.

If the people desire to pay themselves Child Endowment and Maternity Allowances, they can do it through their various State Governments. They will then find that they will get better value for their money, because anything run by the Federal Government is made very costly by the bureaucratic army of occupation controlling that Government. All democrats should vote "No" against this army of occupation. Less power for the bureaucracy means more power for you. And don't forget: To vote "No" you put a "2" beside every proposal.

## THREE OF CANBERRA'S WHITE ELEPHANTS

### Power-Alcohol Distilleries

MR. FADDEN asked the Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Shipping, upon notice:

"1. Did the Commonwealth erect power-alcohol distilleries at (a) Warracknabeal; (b) Wallaroo; and (c) Collie?"

"2. What has been the cost of erection, operation and maintenance to date of each of the three distilleries mentioned?"

"3. How many gallons of alcohol have been produced by each?"

"4. What is the present weekly cost of maintenance of each?"

"5. What does the Government propose as the future use of each of these distilleries?"

MR. DEDMAN: "The Minister for Supply and Shipping has supplied the following answers:

- "1. Yes.  
"2. The final estimated cost of erection is:  
"Warracknabeal..... £430,206  
"Wallaroo..... £425,343  
"Collie..... £426,792

"The distilleries have never been operated because wheat has not been available for use as raw material for power-alcohol owing to drought conditions [!]. Details of maintenance costs are not immediately available, and will be furnished to the right honourable Member on completion of investigations being undertaken by my Department.

"3. No power alcohol has been produced at the distilleries mentioned.

"4. The cost of maintenance is approximately £140 per week for each distillery.

"5. Future utilisation of the distilleries at Warracknabeal, Wallaroo and Collie is at present under consideration by the Secondary Industries Commission. Inquiry in to practical post-war uses of anhydrous alcohol for industrial purposes is being made."

MR. TURNBULL: "Will the Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Shipping inform me whether the Government has any plans for the future of the power-alcohol distillery at Warracknabeal in Victoria?"

MR. DEDMAN: "This is not an extremely urgent matter at the moment because . . ."

MR. HARRISON: "Because the former Member for Wimmera, Mr. Wilson, no longer supports the Government."

MR. DEDMAN: "The reason, which will be obvious even to the honourable Member for Wentworth, is that there is no wheat available for conversion into power-alcohol. However, the Government is giving consideration to the matter."

—Federal "Hansard" for June 19.

## JOIN THE LABOUR PARTY AND SEE THE WORLD

### (Big Shots Only, of Course)

"CANBERRA. —Overseas visits by members of Parliament from 1942 to 1946 cost nearly £85,000. They involved 21 members of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

"This information was given by the Leader of the Government (Senator Ashley) in answer to a question by Senator Collett (Lib., W.A.) in the Senate today.

"Most expensive was the visit by the Minister for External Affairs (Dr. Evatt) and the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Forde) to the San Francisco conference. This cost £24,465.

"Next most expensive was the visit by Senator J. M. Fraser and Mr. Haylen, M.H.R., to the Paris International Labor Organisation conference in 1945, which cost £8500.

"The transfer of Mr. Beasley as Resident Minister to London with his family cost £1900.

"Members of the Senate who have been abroad since 1942 are: Senators J. M. Fraser, Finlay, Grant, Sheehan, Nash, McLeay, and the late Senator Keane. Those from the House of Representatives were: Dr. Evatt, Messrs. Chifley, Beasley, Drakeford, Forde, Makin, Pollard, McEwen, Lawson, James, Haylen, Barnard, Clark, and the late Mr. Curtin.

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## CURRENT COMMENT

By JOHN WELLER.

The "British" Minister for Starvation, Mr. Strachey, warned that before the end of August the British people would, as he so engagingly put it, be living from field to mouth.

You see, it is now considered doubtful whether Britain's wheat harvest will reach the quantity "hoped" for by the Ministry. There's nothing like breaking the news gently.

To emphasise the scarcity, just in case someone might doubt their word, a report from Washington (where Mr. Strachey gets his orders, you know) states that to feed the increased world population adequately by 1960 a large food increase would be required, including a 21 per cent, increase in cereal production. Isn't it wonderful how they work out all these statistics?

Meanwhile Australia's wheat acreage has been cut in half and farmers have been paid to do it; two million bushels of surplus was sent to Peru as against none for the corresponding period to Britain; Argentina destroys her "surplus" wheat by using it as fuel in locomotives; America is experiencing a bumper harvest, but we are calmly told by the World Planners that an alleged shortage of railway trucks (a previously unheard of occurrence) "may mean a loss of upwards of 15 per cent"; and the sending of wheat from Canada to Britain is being hampered in every possible way.

Which just shows the tremendous advantages to be gained in having a really International Body like the "United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation" to solve your problems for you, to see the Problem "as a Whole" and to deal with it on an "International Basis."

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A shaving brush of "genuine English bristle," just purchased, cost 10/6. A similar and probably better brush, purchased about 15 years ago, still in use and as good as ever, cost 7/2d.

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Mr. Gordon C. Webber, during the period of wartime bread zoning, was adviser to the Department of War Organisation of Industry on problems associated with the "rationalisation" of the bread industry. In 1942 he was chairman of the day-baking enquiry committee set up by the Commonwealth Government.

Now guess what? Mr. Webber has been appointed as chairman of the Victorian bread enquiry, which will no doubt insure the complete impartiality of its proceedings.

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A correspondent writing to the Victorian Social Credit Action Group provides further evidence of how the Victorian Housing Commission operates.

The correspondent is near retiring age, and is just looking forward to carrying on a project, which he had waited long years to engage in. He owns some land purchased 25 years ago, and although there is owing nearly £1000 for road making and interest, the Housing Commission would maintain that it be given up for the original purchase price. An owner in the same street whose block has been "acquired" was offered £1 per foot. A local valuer put the value at £5 per foot.

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A letter addressed to the local member, Mr. Francis Field, Minister for Education, brought the reply that while he (Mr. Field) "can well appreciate the feelings of the owners of blocks of land compulsorily acquired by the Commission," he nevertheless thinks "it is essential if the Commission is to make an effective contribution towards relieving the housing shortage" that it must have the power of compulsory acquisition.

Whether Mr. Field understands just what is involved is doubtful, but it is to be hoped that he receives a great deal more correspondence indicating that the use of such compulsion is totalitarianism and is neither required nor wanted in this country.

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This road-making business offers another interesting aspect. The road to which the above-mentioned correspondent refers was constructed just on ten years ago. It is half a mile long and was well made, with concrete footpaths and drains on either side. Its cost amounted to about £5000 or £1 per foot—which was a price arrived at during the depression.

The Councils are empowered under the Local Government Act to collect 6 per cent, interest and expect the price to be paid off within ten years. There are only five houses in this road and not one had a vehicle at the time it was constructed. Only by selling some of the land has it been possible to meet the price of an asset which will last now for a hundred years.

# Orderly Marketing or Organised Poverty?

## Don't Be Tricked at Referendum!

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

Sir, —Question No. 2 at the forthcoming Referendum is known as "Organised Marketing of Primary Products." At first glance this question seems to be of peculiar interest to farmers, but in reality it is of great interest to all of us.

Although it specifically refers to the MARKETING of products its real object is to control the primary producer. Another significant point to note is that those who are advocating a "Yes" vote invariably speak of ORDERLY marketing—i.e., the goods will go to the market as "ordered" by an official, not as required by the people.

All of us have had a very fair taste of what this organised or orderly marketing really means, as that is the sort of marketing we have had throughout the war years. Coupons and quotas. Such a boon to shopkeepers and such a help to housewives! Supplies have been repeatedly withheld for the purpose of maintaining high prices. People have been denied potatoes while they rotted in the ground or in bags on the farms. Second and third grade apples and pears have been sent to shops to be sold at high prices while first-class fruit fell from the trees to rot or to be dumped into rivers. The normal, reasonable, and natural needs of the people went unheeded, but all sorts of restrictions and frustrations were put around to suit the so-called "Market."

### LESSON OF DEPRESSION

One of the main aims of Socialist policy is public ownership of the means of production, even though the people as a whole have never suffered any disability because the means of production have been privately owned. No period of depression has ever been brought about because producers have refused or failed to produce. Depressions come about only because the people are not able to buy, and they are not able to buy because their incomes are taken from them. Incomes are stopped or reduced largely by the cancellation of bank deposits and the restriction of financial credit. This is done by the banks.

Farmers and manufacturers were producing in great quantities in 1929 and 1930, but because they could not sell their product they had to cut down their output. That was why goods were destroyed while people went hungry.

## THE ARTIFICIAL HOUSING SHORTAGE

### Official Policies Restrict Timber Supply

In Victoria alone, thousands of families, financially able to pay reasonable rents or purchase-prices for houses, are homeless and desperate or living in appalling conditions of over-crowding in shared dwellings. This is NOT one of those things that "just happen."

One major factor is the Victorian builders' lack of prepared timber. But in Victoria there is NOT an unavoidable shortage of—for example—Tasmanian, Victorian and Canadian prepared timbers. The present position is due to DELIBERATE GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES—especially those imposed by the Canberra Bureaucracy, such as (a) direct taxation which destroys both employers' and employees' incentive to produce more, (b) price-fixing designed to stop or discourage certain kinds of production, and (c) import taxes and restrictions of strangling severity. A little of the evidence, in support of these statements, appears hereunder:

The following news-item appeared in the Melbourne "Herald" on Wednesday of last week, August 7:—

#### HAS TIMBER FOR EXPORT

HOBART. —The chairman of the Tasmanian Timber Association (Mr. G. Leitch) has announced that the association will fight the proposed amendment to the Forestry Act to compel saw millers on Crown "lands to satisfy Tasmanian building requirements before shipping timber to Victoria and other States.

Mr. Leitch said that the recent statements by the Minister for Forests (Mr. Taylor) would lead people to believe that Tasmanian saw millers were neglecting Tasmanian needs.

**Production of Tasmanian sawmills this year was expected to be 90 million super feet. Tasmania would absorb little more than 30 million super feet, and then only if the building rate were considerably increased.**

Victoria was desperately in need of timber for home building, and must look to other sources to supplement its production, whereas Tasmania was producing timber in excess of the quantity it could possibly consume.

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The following is part of an article specially written for the "New Times" by Mr. J. M. Atkinson, President of the Victorian Builders' and Allied Trades' Association, and published on July 12:—

#### THE TIMBER HOLD-UP

The Victorian [Government] Railways have ordered 14,000,000 super feet of Red Gum timber, PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE VICTORIAN OUTPUT, almost preventing

No man produces goods for fun. He produces them for the purpose of sale, and any person who has MONEY can obtain possession of them whether they come from a private farm, a private factory, or a "publicly owned" organisation. But a person without MONEY cannot obtain anything, even though it may be produced in a "publicly-owned" factory of which he is supposed to be part owner! He may be "part-owner" of the railways, but he cannot use his "property" unless he can pay in MONEY the price of the railway ticket.

So we can see that the "market" is the direct reflection of the financial POLICY being imposed on the community, and all production is made to fit that policy. "Orderly marketing" in practice has led to criminal waste.

### ORGANISING SCARCITY

Instead of being encouraged to produce the maximum food, farmers have been ordered to limit their production, with the result that we are enduring PLANNED SCARCITY. In giving effect to this sabotage, the various "Boards" have not only forced the farmers to reduce their acreages, but have prevented them from sending their products to market for sale unless formally "permitted" by the relevant "Board." The supplies were not "permitted" to go on the "market" because if made available in substantial quantities, the people would get them more cheaply. They were kept off to maintain high prices. The "Board" decided that in some cases it was better for it to purchase the whole crop on the farm and prohibit consumption of the particular primary product except as feed for pigs or other animals. That insanity was the result of "organised" or

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 raw 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

"orderly" marketing, as it was unthinkable to the bureaucratic controllers that the wholesome food should be made available to human beings unless they could pay for it at a high price.

In the light of this experience, no amount of specious argument could dispose of the fact that the proposed amendment of the Constitution respecting marketing is designed to fit existing financial policy, not to meet the food and other needs of the people. Financial policy is therefore to be used to control the "market" and the market is to be used to control the primary producer.

### NOT CONSTITUTION PROBLEM

The sensible idea, of course, is that the people's physical needs should control the market, and that the people should have adequate incomes to enable them to obtain full supplies as and when required. With the market thus assured, and quantities easily predictable by the size of the population to be served, the primary producer would at long last have his heart's desire—an assured market close at hand. That, however, is a FINANCIAL matter, and really has nothing whatever to do with any alteration of the Constitution.

At present the Constitution says that trade shall be free between the Australian States. The proposal in the Referendum is that it shall not be free.

If the people vote "Yes" on this so-called "Orderly Marketing" question, they will

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 today 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.

## PLANNING STARVATION IN GREAT BRITAIN

"The bureaucrats are getting it right and left.

"Bread rationing, with its bedlam of coupons, from which pigs are receiving waste bread alone.

"The Ministry of Food also received another knockout by the disclosure that it has practically destroyed Britain's soft fruit industry and made it uneconomic to collect the plum harvest in any season. This comes when the fruit season is just beginning and the public hunger for fruit is intense after long years of fruit-starvation.

"All that Britons are offered is peaches, apricots and melons, imported from the Continent by air at prohibitive uncontrolled prices. The Ministry of Food is collaring practically all the dwindling soft fruit crop for factories, and the ordinary person sees very little of it in jam.

"No wonder people are baffled to find the Government allows currency to go abroad to obtain exotic peaches, which few, if any, here can afford."

—Trevor Smith's "London Round-Up," in the Melbourne "Herald," August 5.

## EATING MORE THAN EVER IN AMERICA

### Food Exports Very Small

"Final figures will show that during the first half of this year America sent overseas only about eight per cent, of its total food supplies, and that Americans have more to eat than a year ago.

"Last year American civilians ate meat at the rate of 2½ lb. a head weekly, which is 11 per cent, more than the 1935-1939 average.

"Americans consumed 16 times as much milk as they shipped, more than ten times as much fats and oils, and nearly three times as much wheat."

—"The Daily Graphic," July 5, 1946.



PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA

Most of the inmates want to put a stranglehold on the primary producers.

thereby give their approval to the continuance of conditions under which the great bulk of the members of the community are receiving diminished incomes, suffering acutely from high prices, and forced to go without things because of restricted production plus inability to buy. "Orderly marketing," as contemplated by the proposed amendment of the Constitution, means restricted production, destruction of food, planned scarcity. Protect yourself and your children from this sabotage and criminal waste by voting "NO."

—Yours faithfully, BRUCE H. BROWN, 189 Hotham Street, East Melbourne, C.2. 11th August 1946.

## GOVERNMENT SABOTAGE IN AUSTRALIA

(To the Editor)

Sir, —You request readers to forward particulars of any evidence of food sabotage, etc., due to taxation, controls and lack of transport, so I shall relate, for what they are worth, the following details supplied to me by various graziers for whom I have worked as a shearer in the Waigat, Wee Waa area of N.S.W. this year—these matters are common knowledge in that area.

I worked in all for 14 different landholders between February and June, became sufficiently acquainted with four of these men to discuss political and tax matters at some length, and learned that two of these four were deliberately restricting their production of sheep and wool because taxation is so fierce that it does not pay them to produce more than a certain value of goods. In one case a farmer with sufficient land and fodder to run 3500 to 4000 sheep, did not want to take the trouble and work involved by more than 2000, because, he said, "More sheep mean greater risks to me, and if these risks are safely passed the Government takes practically all the extra profit." I believe this man was running only about 1400 sheep; for the same reason, and despite the fact that some of his land is eminently suited to wheat growing, he would not bother with crops. This type of behaviour and reasoning seemed to me typical of all the well-established properties, from casual discussion with the remaining ten employers.

In the same area, farmers had difficulty to get their wool clips away reasonably quickly by rail. Such being the case, I imagine, though I did not question about it, that they would be hampered as regards getting sheep to city markets.

There is among practically all these men strong resentment at the dictatorial attitude of our Government, particularly the Taxation Department; but, in common with most Australians (I am myself Australian born) they are rather "hazy" and dilatory in political matters, and many, probably 80 per cent, would prefer discussion of racehorses to that of anything that called for mental effort.

I expect that conditions are similar in parts of Victoria and the Riverina.

I am pretty sure that the Egg Board prevents many potential poultry farmers from operating, and am given to understand that eggs produced in Narrabri (approximately 300 miles north of Sydney) are officially supposed to be sent to Sydney or Newcastle for grading and returned to Narrabri for retailing. Egg Board buys 'em at 10d, and finally sells 'em to the grocer for 1/9 or 2/- (these are last March's figures). Of course many are sold "under the lap" direct to retailers.

—Yours etc., R. G. Hancock, c/o. 76 Bowen Cres., N. Carlton.

P.S.—Congratulations on the job the "New Times" is doing—am sorry that I personally am not able to spread its gospel more than I do.

## JEWISH FARM UTOPIA IN PALESTINE

Appearing under the heading "Communal Farming in Palestine" an article by D. L. Llewelyn, published in the South Australian "Journal of Agriculture" for June, describes how life is ordered in a farming community of Jewish refugees near Jerusalem.

The picture, which the writer has depicted, is one, which has already been reproduced countless thousands of times in Soviet Russia.

It is typical of the standardised, planned and regimented type of community that the Socialist planners have long wished to impose on the English-speaking peoples,

### RELIGION IS TOLERATED

Mr. Llewelyn says:

"These farms were distinct from those in Russia, . . . for in Russia religion was forbidden, but here, although not encouraged, it was not forbidden, and anyone, provided he did not interfere with the other fellow or his work, could practice it to his heart's content."

(As the student of international affairs is aware, religious worship is now permitted in the Soviet Union—conditionally.)

### HEBREW HOUSING HUDDLE

The housing problem in this Utopia of the East was tackled in typical Socialist style:

"The housing question was overcome by each couple having a room or dormitory to sleep in, and all meals, lounge rooms, etc., were on a communal basis, including showers and bathroom, which were of course male and female.

" . . . Families . . . their [communal] eating or living room was on canteen or similar lines."

### "EQUALITY" OF THE SEXES

Possibly nowhere else outside the Soviet Union has complete "equality" of the sexes been put into practice.

"Everybody was employed . . . unless sick or aged . . . this week you might be on a tractor and have a comely wench to assist you in your duties; for the women did equal labour with the men, except in such cases as I will deal with later . . .

"When a woman is pregnant she is allowed three months before and three months after the birth of the child to rest

from all except light duties, and after the child is three months old it is taken from her and put in the nursery under trained nurses.

"From then on the parents only see their child or children for a couple of hours a day."



### THE LATE LORD ROTHSCHILD

The Balfour Declaration was addressed to him!

(The present Lord Rothschild leads the Socialists in the House of Lords!)

### PERSONAL LIFE PLANNED

Every aspect of the individual's life is planned, and provision is made for all his needs according to a set procedure.

To quote Mr. Llewelyn again:

"Everything they did, both personal and private, had to go before the chairman of the board, who told them whether they could draw more clothes from the store, or whether they could have their boots mended by their boot maker, or if they could have a holiday, and if they could, how much money they were to be allowed and for what duration their stay was to be."

to come to this conclusion; but, in any case, such a conclusion is both inexcusable and entirely unacceptable.

The following extract from a broadcast over 7HO, Hobart, given by Mr. James Guthrie on May 12, and published in "The New Times" on May 17, confirms and adds to Senator Foil's information:—

"In Tuesday's issue of the 'Mercury' during this last week appeared a photograph of rows of ships tied up in the estuary of the James River, Virginia, U.S.A.—waiting to go to the scrap heap! And on Thursday night news came over the air that TWO THOUSAND 'Victory Ships' were tied up in American ports!"

## ON THE FOOD FRONT

### Germany and Gt. Britain

Mrs. Roosevelt, after her visit to Germany early this year, said on February 14:—

"The Germans look as well fed as, or perhaps better fed than, the British. The children, especially, appear to be healthier in Germany."

The "Examiner," Launceston, of Wednesday, June 19, had the following sub-leader:—

"The report of Lieut.-Col. W. A. Foulkes, R.A.S.C., who is in command of a reinforcement holding unit in Germany, is disturbing. He told a press correspondent that the Germans were laughing at Britain for being deceived into the belief that Germany was starving. Britain's rations were dwindling, and black-marketing and surplus ration books were the order of the day in the occupied country.

"This apparently authentic news will come as a shock to those thousands of people who are supporting U.N.R.R.A. to the limit of their power. If Lieut. -Col. Foulkes can buy four dozen eggs from any farm in the neighbourhood in which this unit is placed it could be fairly assumed that Germany is able to provide eggs for British people who are so severely rationed in this commodity. The general statement, however, is probably more alarming than the particular reference to eggs. The subject appears to be one worthy of the closest investigation."

The Melbourne "Sun" of August 8 provides the following item:—

"British Headquarters in Germany announces that for the first seven months of 1946, Germans in Berlin received 1,500,000,000 more food calories from the British authorities than from the Russians. A large proportion of the food came from Britain. City dwellers in the British zone are now getting 200 more calories in their daily ration, making the total 1337 calories. — A.A.P."

## SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN QLD. CONCLUDED

Mr. Eric Butler concluded his Queensland tour with a public meeting in the Brisbane School of Arts on Thursday, August 8.

At this meeting he gave a detailed exposure of the Referendum proposals, pointing out that anyone voting for increased power for Canberra was voting for an increased bureaucracy and increased taxation.

On Monday, August 4, Mr. Butler spoke at the Brisbane University, where he was given a very attentive hearing. His remarks on the Referendum stimulated much discussion at question time.

On Tuesday, August 5, an address to the Women's Group was enthusiastically received and many questions asked.

A lunch-hour meeting at the Ipswich workshops on Wednesday, August 6, resulted in an audience of approximately 130. The address was well received. A large number of back copies of the "New Times" were distributed.

Mr. Butler's brief tour of Queensland was only a preliminary tour prior to a further tour before the State election next year.

It is felt that that election will provide an opportunity for furthering in a big way the war against the centralisers. All Queensland supporters are asked to note that it is desirable that all details of organisation be undertaken well in advance of Mr. Butler's next tour. He expects to arrive in Queensland early in March next year. All those who can co-operate are urged to contact Mr. A. W. Noakes, The Electoral Campaign, 142 Adelaide Street, Brisbane, immediately.

Mr. Butler left Brisbane last Friday, August 9, and on Saturday, August 10, met a small group of leading Sydney supporters to discuss plans for the Elections and the Referendum.

He left Sydney on Sunday evening, August 11, and started a series of meetings in the Northeast of Victoria last Monday, August 12.

## Calling Actionists!

### THE REFERENDUM MUST BE DEFEATED

While he is passing through from Queensland to Tasmania, the Social Credit Action Group has, at short notice, arranged for Melbourne supporters and friends to hear

MR. ERIC D. BUTLER

give a special address, covering urgent matters relating to the Election and Referendum, at

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH HALL  
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NEXT MONDAY, AUGUST 19  
at 8 pm.

Supporters are urged to make this meeting a huge success. Well-directed action by Social Crediters during the next few weeks can have a big influence towards a "NO" vote. The outcome may depend on YOUR effort. Mr. Butler's advice and experience is invaluable. Do not miss this opportunity to hear him and fire a shot at the Centralisation menace. Bring ALL your friends!

Chairman: Mr. W. J. Carruthers.

## U.N.R.R.A. BUILDING UP RED MENACE

The English paper "Tidings" (July 6, 1946) quotes the following statements and figures "taken from U.N.R.R.A.'s own official monthly reports":—

"Sales of surplus U.S. war equipment to U.N.R.R.A. have now passed the hundred million mark. Of this vast mass of equipment, 99,500,000 dollars' worth have been assigned to Soviet Russia or the Soviet-controlled States; 7,000,000 dollars' worth to Greece and Italy."

"Topping the list of materials bought for U.N.R.R.A. use thus far are 87,000,000 dollars' worth of motor-vehicles, locomotives, railway cars, repair shops, vulcanising shops and so on. The principal recipients of this valuable equipment are Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia."



FIORELLO LA GUARDIA Director-General of U.N.R.R.A. (When this picture was taken he was addressing the U.S. Jewish Congress.)

"The first British-built locomotive for U.N.R.R.A. . . . steamed on the test track at the Vulcan Foundry . . . on March 7, 1946. . . . It is the first of 110 heavyweight locomotives, which will be shipped to Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia by the beginning of October. . . . In addition, several thousand railway wagons are being built in Britain to U.N.R.R.A. orders to complete the transport restoration work."

"U.N.R.R.A.'s latest acquisitions from U.S. war surpluses comprise a great mass of heavy engineering equipment, specially designed to deal with removal of wreckage, clearance of rubble, etc. . . . This is being prepared for shipment to Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Soviet Russia."

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## BUREAUCRATS DIVERT BRITISH SHIPS NEEDED TO TAKE FOOD TO BRITAIN

### Meanwhile Thousands of U.S. Ships Lie Idle!

If, as we are told, there are insufficient British ships to cope with the need of transporting food to Great Britain, the following extract from Federal "Hansard" for June 19 indicates the extent of Canberra's willingness to help the Mother Country. Between them, the Canberra bureaucracy and the Socialist "British" Shipping Ministry appear to be intent on keeping Great Britain's food transport as short as possible. We quote:

**SENATOR ALLAN MacDONALD:** "Is the Minister for Supply and Shipping aware that Western Australia is experiencing some of the greatest shortages of various commodities that have occurred in its history? Does he also know that, especially in the goldfields area, there is a great shortage of galvanised iron? In order to overcome this disability, will the Minister endeavour to increase the shipping services to Western Australia, particularly those from New South Wales? Will he also give early consideration to arranging for the return to the Australian coastal shipping trade of the vessels which formerly plied between various Australian ports from Brisbane to Fremantle so that the carriage of passengers and goods may be properly organised?"

**SENATOR ASHLEY:** "I am aware that there is a general shortage of both interstate and coastal shipping, as I have already explained to Senator Herbert Hays in answer to an earlier question. I would, however, be deluding the honourable Senator and myself if I said that there was any immediate prospect of restoring shipping services to their pre-war level. Such a restoration is impossible because of the grave shortage of shipping resulting from the war. Lost vessels cannot be replaced immediately, but all possible steps are being taken to re-establish the fleet. The Commonwealth Government has been in consultation with the British Ministry of Shipping, which has been generous enough to allow the Commonwealth to charter a number of vessels so that a better service may be provided between the Australian States, and particularly that the needs of Western Australia, South Australia, and Tasmania may be met."

**SENATOR ALLAN MacDONALD:** "Many of our inter-state vessels are still afloat."

**SENATOR ASHLEY:** "They are being used for more important work."

**SENATOR AYLETT:** "Can the Minister state whether there is any truth in the statement, which is repeatedly made at public meetings, that numbers of ships which were used during the War are tied up at Sydney and Melbourne and could easily be converted to cargo vessels?"

**SENATOR ASHLEY:** "No ships which could be used immediately in the Australian shipping service are at present tied up at Sydney or Melbourne, or any other Australian port. Some vessels may be held up temporarily pending their re-conversion from war service to their original purpose, but otherwise no ships are held up."

**SENATOR FOLL:** "Is the Minister aware that numbers of ships, which to an on-looker appear to be seaworthy, are tied up at Oakland and San Francisco in the United States of America? Can he say whether the Government of the United States of America has been approached with a view to assisting the Commonwealth by arranging for the purchase or charter of such vessels so that they could be made available to Australia? I saw a number of idle vessels in American ports recently."

**SENATOR ASHLEY:** "Statements have appeared in the Brisbane press and elsewhere to the effect that ships are tied up in American ports, and I understand that Senator Foil is reported to have said that they should be utilised to bring immigrants to Australia."

**SENATOR FOLL:** "That is so."

**SENATOR ASHLEY:** "My Department has already made inquiries as to the availability of ships in the United States of America, but after careful investigation it has come to the conclusion that the best way to meet the situation is to charter ships from the British Ministry of Shipping. As I have stated in reply to an earlier question, that Ministry has been generous enough to make a number of vessels available."

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We don't know what "careful investigation" caused Senator Ashley's Department

# PRESENT CONDITIONS IN RED RUSSIA

## What a Visiting British Journalist Saw

LONDON, Tuesday. —Russia has as many police as Australia has people. Life is uneasy, and a constant curb has to be kept on tongue and action by everyone in the Soviet Union police State. This was one of the impressions gained by the "Daily Telegraph's" industrial correspondent, Hugh Chevins, who has just returned from a six weeks' tour of Russia.

In the first of a series of articles he writes:

"There are shocks for Socialists who visit the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

**"The visitor who is not mentally blind sees class distinction unequalled in any capitalist country, shocking disparity in income and rations, and an emphasis on materialism that even Marx eschewed.**

"The appalling overcrowding and shabby clothing are disturbing, but the worst of all the objective visitor sees is the dictatorship by a remote group of men deriving power from the police State they have created.

### SEVEN MILLION POLICEMEN

"Russia is a police State in which life is restricted and uneasy and bereft of human dignity and freedom. The number of police never stops growing. Today, it is reliably estimated, there are seven million members of the police in various forms—secret service, crime investigation, uniformed and non-uniformed, traffic control, gaolers, prison camp wardens and guards of the hierarchy—in a population of 190 million. [One in twenty-seven! Equivalent to much more than a quarter of a million in Australia, or about 40,000 in Melbourne alone. —Ed., "N.T."]

**"Police members infiltrate every form of human institution and activity. In the name of security, factories, hotels, blocks of flats and trade union offices all have their police, secret and otherwise. They penetrate the higher ranks of the armed forces.**

"Everyone is watched. A curb must be kept on tongues. A change of work or address is impossible without their consent.

"Travel is said to be unrestricted now, but it is a risky business for anyone, particularly a foreigner, to try to make an innocent journey from the capital.

### FOREIGNERS SEGREGATED

"A group of Englishmen who were boating on the Moscow River some distance from the city the other day were hauled off for a three-hour interrogation. A young Englishwoman employed by the British Embassy and an American girl from the United States Embassy who were holidaying in Tiflis were held for two hours on the sole ground that they were foreigners.

**"Even in the theatre, foreigners are segregated from the rest of the audience, under the eyes of the police.**

"Moscow, above all places, teems with police. Practically the only building work going on in the capital is at the ill-famed Lubianka Police Headquarters, which is being strengthened, enlarged and reconstructed.

"A casual visit to the Kremlin is impossible. To use a camera or binoculars within a mile of it is to court arrest.

### RED FUEHRER'S "BODYGUARD"

"On the rare occasions when Stalin leaves his fastness, elaborate arrangements are made to keep the public at a distance.

"I went to a much-publicised annual physical culture parade. Because Stalin was gracing the occasion policemen sat shoulder to shoulder on the lowest seats of the amphitheatre, completely encircling the field. Standing a yard apart they lined the three-mile route from the Kremlin to the stadium for two hours before the parade. They were dotted at every point of vantage in the crowd.

**"Someone with an arithmetical mind concluded that there were more police present than spectators. I showed my invitation and police pass five times between the entrance and my seat. Everyone did likewise.**

"There may have been reasons for all the precautions, but I recalled how Mr. Attlee and Mr. Bevin moved around in places where crowds of ordinary citizens congregated at Bournemouth, where they attended the Labor Party conference in June just before I left for Russia.

### DISILLUSION AND DESPAIR

"I have good reason for knowing that foreigners are zealously watched. An even closer scrutiny is kept on Russians who associate with foreigners.

"The plight of some British and American residents contains elements of tragedy.

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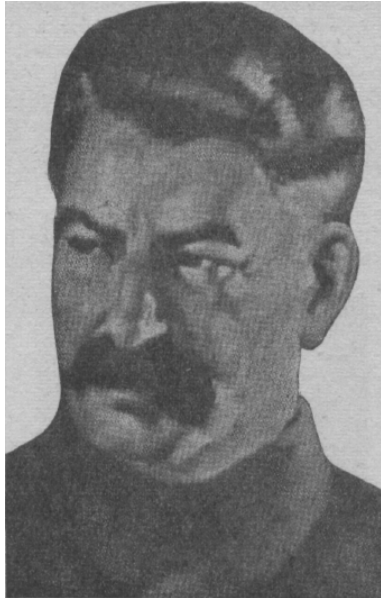
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build Socialism and they became Soviet citizens.

**"Today, disillusioned and despised, they yearn to return to their native lands, but their pleas for exit permits fall on deaf ears. No explanations are given. Broken-hearted, they eke out a living on menial tasks. Some were once well known in the Left Wing movement. Today they are sad and forgotten.**

## NOTES ON THE NEWS

(Continued from page 1.)

ticians, no matter what Party they represent. Therefore, the answer to the Referendum for more Power should be NO, NO NO.

**CONSTRUCTION COSTS:** Despite increased output through mechanisation, housing costs had increased by 40% over the past few years. Commenting on this evidence given during the 40-hour week hearing, Judge Drake Brockman described it as "preposterous." Mr. G. H. Frank, secretary of the Building Workers Industrial Union of Australia, quoted a case where output was stepped up 200% by mechanisation; he also pointed out that increased wages over the past few years had increased the cost of a five-roomed brick house by £50. This kind of evidence is often coloured, but it is interesting to a point, as it all swings around the cost in terms of money. It would be more realistic if the cost in manpower hours were separated from the money costs; this would disclose the juggling that had occurred with our money tokens; it would also focus attention on the huge part that the debt and interest system plays in housing costs and the dreadful hardships it causes. This is a major factor in preventing houses being built over the past 30 years.

**U.N.H.R.A. AND U.S.S.R.:** The fate of U.N.H.R.A. is said to be in the balance. Britain, who has contributed £155 millions in two years, is said to be fidgety and fed up with seeing money go down the European drain. It is very galling to starving Britishers to know that their sorely needed supplies are going to Russian dominated countries, which Russia refuses to feed. Russian dominated countries are now her "military Allies," and they are standardising equipment for more efficient joint action (Melbourne "Herald," July 30). Earlier reports say that German armament works are fully employed in producing war materials for Russia; this information is stated to have been carefully checked, despite Russia's refusal to allow British or American official inspection of their zone. So, it seems that U.N.H.R.A. has played an important role in starving Great Britain and making possible the arising of a new totalitarian menace in Europe.

**CRIME CONFERENCE:** Police Chiefs from all States have been in conference to inaugurate a nation-wide fight on crime. Judging by the epidemic of crime reported in all States, there is an urgent need for police action, and perhaps a consideration of different forms of protection for the public. It seems that all crooks have easy

access to arms, while law abiding citizens are left unarmed and therefore at the mercy of the gangsters. House robberies in particular are dangerously numerous, much more so than would be the case if the crooks knew that householders were allowed to carry revolvers. If the police cannot protect citizens, then citizens should not be prevented from protecting themselves. Evidently the police cannot prevent crooks from obtaining arms, so why should they prevent law-abiding citizens from being adequately armed to protect themselves and their property?

**Equally pathetic is the daily queue of sorrowful women at a building not far from the Kremlin inquiring as to the whereabouts of relatives who have been spirited away.**

"They probably committed offences by making remarks mildly critical of the regime in the hearing of neighbours.

"Informers thrive in the Soviet Union, and there is no more serious charge than making Left Wing criticism of Kremlin policy. The authorities are incredibly touchy about this, and they demonstrate their touchiness in savage sentences.

"Signs of any underground revolt against police regimentation are lacking.

### RIGID PRESS CENSORSHIP

"Under the press censorship, indispensable in a police State, any self-respecting newspaperman working in Moscow soon acquires an overwhelming sense of frustration. What would be normal sources of information in Western countries are closed to him. Such news as he is able to glean is censored severely, irrationally and tendentiously.

**"This article could not have been sent by post or telegraph from Moscow. The most innocuous passage in it would have been mauled by the censor without explanation or notification to me.**

"The censorship is not lighter than in war-time. It is only after the most protracted negotiations that correspondents are permitted to travel to the republics to see the work of reconstruction and rehabilitation."

—Condensed from an H.S.S. cable in the Melbourne "Herald," August 7, 1946. (Our headings and sub-headings.)

### THIS PLANNED SCARCITY

#### No Wheat growing Without Permit

Senator Gibson: "Will the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture take steps to ensure that permits for growing wheat shall be issued immediately, as many growers receive their permits only after they have sown their wheat and have incurred the risk of a heavy penalty for so doing?"

Senator J. M. Fraser: "I shall bring the honourable Senator's question to the notice of the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture."

—Federal "Hansard" for June 19.

## 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.

## Donkeys and Carrots

List, Australians! Voters all,

Hear another Labour call:

"Try with us a somersault,

O'er the Constitution vault;

Though we once for "No" did press,

We implore you now, vote 'Yes';

Drop your 'bundle' and your pride,

Have a go at suicide!

Chorus:

"Mark up your papers: 'Yes! Yes! Yes! Then you'll have no freedom to bless; Do as you're told, and strive for first place, When Labour goes 'wonkey,' in the carrot and donkey,

In the carrot and donkey suicide chase!

"Come, ye fat-heads, don your chains, Yield to bureaucrats your brains: Mugs who don't know wheat from oats, Don't know bally sheep from goats, Tell you how to farm your plot, Order you to let it rot; And while protests loud you utter, Pinch your eggs, and fruit, and butter!

"'Yes,' will bring you full employment, Life will be all plann'd enjoyment; You'll be busy in your skillion Filling forms up by the million; And can stimulate production, By assisting food destruction, Ploughing-in fruit, spuds and wheat Hungry people want to eat!

"Down the markets they're in frenzies; Labour's cheering for Bob Menzies, Hear them yelling, 'Good Old Bob Helps Doc Evatt do the job'; Bob, defying all traducers, 'Socks' the primary producers, Takes the Labour Pledge to bring, Orderly "take-down" marketing.

"'Yes!' and all your blessed way Will be 'ordered' night and day; If your own ideas you fancy, You will find the going chancy; If you dare a job to toss, Found by bureaucratic boss, Then job defiance brings At Woop Woop, or Alice Springs!

"Just leave everything to Chif, From your cradle till you're stiff; Let your motto always be, 'To H --- L with Democracy'; Simply vote 'Yes' and relax, Lest your 'nut' you overtax; While you watch Bureaucracy Strangle this thing called Liberty."

List! Australia's voters all, Loud and clear, hear Freedom's call: "If ye would be truly free, Guard your hard-won Liberty! To the traitors who again Offer you a tyrant's chain; Give the answer, 'NO,' 'NO,' 'NO!' Go to Hades, or Jericho!"

—P.E.W.

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# "FALLEN FRANCE" BETTER OFF THAN "VICTORIOUS BRITAIN"

## Result of International Food Control and Fifth Column in England

A startling contrast between the austere way of life in London and that of Paris is provided in an article by Douglas Brass, published in the Melbourne "Herald" on July 20.

The facts brought to light are remarkable in view of the "Starving Europe" propaganda (one thing the British people are allowed to freely consume), used to justify rationing in this country and the slow starvation of the people of Great Britain. Extracts from the article appear hereunder:—

LONDON. —To return to London from Paris in 1946 is to return from bright living and beauty to drab austerity and dim colours.

In Paris tonight, for instance (it always gets back to food), you could eat your head off if you pleased. You could have steak and ham and fruit and cheese and make yourself look important with a wine card.

In London tonight you could not. You might, in a restaurant, get resurrected meat, in cannon-ball form. You would get it pitched at you by a blasé waiter, and you would be hurried through it without dignity or pleasure . . .

### SUNDAY DINNER CONTRAST

And it goes also in the home: In Paris, for instance, I spent a Sunday with a French family—a modest, cramped set-up with a widowed mother, a son and daughter-in-law, and the old couple which 40 years ago produced the daughter-in-law.

In Britain you would rarely spend a Sunday with a family; the family's ration books couldn't stand the load.

This Sunday in Paris we sat down to lunch at 1 p.m. We were still at lunch at 4 p.m., when the tea was on the way. We didn't, in volume and weight, perhaps, eat so very much; but in variety and quality we feasted. The mother had made typical Gallic use of fish and salads, vegetables and oils, butter (black market, admitted) and the weekly meat allowance—plus the wines of the country . . .

### AND CLOTHING, ETC., TOO

And nowhere is the contrast more disturbing than in the dress and appearance of

the women. Whether it be the aperitif or the sunshine, it seems that every woman in the heart of Paris is a lovely.

It isn't, of course, true. Nose for nose and leg for leg, London girls can probably lick them out of hand. But London girls, short of cosmetics, cash, coupons and care, have since the worst years of the war conspired to hide their charm behind the austerity facade . . .

You can't say the same of the gay Parisiennes. These incredible creatures are turned out in individual splendour. Their hairdos and their hats, their frocks and their stockings, their shoes and their parasols—all are a wonder to the eye.

You hear it said on every hand that France is short of dress materials and that those she has are inferior; and yet you can't believe it . . .

It's more or less the same thing with the men, Saville Row and Austin Reed notwithstanding. A man who feels relatively well-dressed in London feels, and looks, rather like a tramp in Paris . . .

### WHO WON THE WAR?

I saw an Australian Digger wandering down a Paris boulevard with a camera in his hand and a look of wonderment in his eye. We had coffee together as we watched the fashion parade of the street. The breeze was caressing the chestnuts, a fiddler was purveying Strauss, and London seemed as far away as Melbourne.

"Makes you sort of want to live here, said the Digger, "doesn't it! . . . And, by the way, I thought these people lost their war."

## SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL POINTERS

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concerning his first-hand investigations of the alleged Jewish pogroms in Eastern Europe.

The Sydney "Daily Telegraph's" special correspondent investigating alleged atrocities against Jews in Palestine says he discovered that the report by the Jewish Agency rested on the word of one man, Mordecai Shattner.

The special correspondent also writes: "Shattner emphatically denied that physical tortures, which other detainees had said he had reported, had actually occurred."

Shattner, the correspondent adds, could not show marks on his body from alleged beating by the police, but said that the torture was mental at being detained (vide "Telegraph," 9/7/46).

Britishers have been fed on far too much sob-stuff about the Jews.

No reasonable person is opposed to the Jews having a genuine National Home of their own—but not at the expense of people who have already made their homes.

We don't want any bomb outrages in this country.

This is what the Russian novelist, Dostoevsky, prophet of Communism, wrote some sixty years ago:

"To reduce the villages to confusion, to spread cynicism and scandals, together with complete disbelief in everything and eagerness for something better, and finally by means of fire to reduce the country to desperation. Mankind has to be divided into two unequal parts; nine-tenths have to give up all individuality and become, so to speak, a herd. We will destroy the desire for property; we will make use of drunkenness, slander, spying; we will make use of incredible corruption; we will stifle every genius in its infancy. We will proclaim destruction. There is going to be such an upset as the world has never seen before."

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## SOCIALIST "BIG-SHOTS" DODGE AUSTERITY

### The Racket in Great Britain

In Great Britain, the Socialist gauleiter of the International Plotters are carrying out the plans of their Washington and Wall Street masters, and imposing slow starvation on the British people—even Buckingham Palace is subjected to austerity, as recorded in these columns three weeks ago.

Some innocent persons may suppose that the new Socialist ruling class bear a full share of the hardship. We cannot assimilate this child-like faith.

How can they dodge it? Well, one handy way is to find an excuse to flit across the Atlantic or the Channel (first class, at the taxpayers' expense) and sojourn for a while where food is allowed to be more plentiful—leaving the British people, and the Royal Family, to continue to "take it" (as both did during the military war) in



SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS  
Fancies Food in Switzerland.

"Victorious Britain." Here are just a few examples of this technique:—

"Dr. Edith Summerskill (Mrs. Samuel) AND a select party are to visit Washington for Food Talks.

"The report on the cooking which goes on there, as brought home by Mr. Herbert Morrison, is eminently encouraging.

"Mr. John Strachey has been appointed Minister of Food, in place of Sir Ben Smith . . . This will involve the visit of Mr. Strachey to Washington, for Food Talks.

"Mr. Emanuel (God with us) Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and Power (and how!) is going to the Continent for Foo sorry, to make the workers of the world unite—or else."

—"The Social Crediter," England, for June 8, 1946.

Many other reports, to the same effect as the above, have appeared in "The Social Crediter" during the past few months.

Now for a more recent item from another source:—

"Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, is suffering from overwork. He is going to Switzerland for several months for recuperation treatment." —Melbourne "Age," August 5, 1946.

The reference in the "Age" to the B.O.T. chief's "over-work" would make a cat laugh. In "London Round-Up," in the Melbourne "Herald" of the same date, Trevor Smith refers to "Mr. Justice Stable striking the Board of Trade a powerful blow on the jaw when he denounced the 'intolerable jargon in which the Board of Trade issues unintelligible orders, later prosecuting poor wretches who cannot make sense of the senseless'."

Over-work! No doubt it is "nice work—if you can get it"—and if you have "a hide like a rhinoceros," metaphorically speaking.

### THE INCIDENCE OF BREAD RATIONING IN GT. BRITAIN

#### Privileged Class Get Extra

"The Ministry has deliberately excluded employers from the privilege of extra coupons, even those employers who act as manual workers alongside their employees. It has excluded administrative or supervisory workers, including foremen and charge hands unless they are employed in actual physical or manual work. It has excluded from the privilege of extra bread unit coupons all household domestic workers and housewives, who use their hands and their physical energies far more strenuously than thousands of the so-called manual workers in the 46 trades and occupations of the Ministry's list."

—"The Daily Graphic."

## FOOD SUPPLY HOLD-UP

(To the Editor)

Sir, —You ask for direct information re sabotage of food in Australia.

At this time we are having great difficulty in placing citrus fruit with factories because said factories are finding it impossible to obtain supplies of containers—tinplate and bottles. This means that juice manufacturers are compelled to hold juice in casks—always presuming they are fortunate enough to possess sufficient—and cannot effect sales. I leave it to you as to how many of them are able or willing to assume the considerable financial obligations so involved and to state what useful purpose is served by stored juice not available to the people here or overseas. As regards jam manufacturers—I think I am right in this—they are absolutely restricted in their operations by their supply of tinplate.

I understand, from relatives there, that the people of Great Britain are woefully short of marmalade and, presumably, a supply of citrus fruit juice would do something towards supplying their needs of vitamin C.

Should you so wish, I can put you in direct touch with managers of factories regarding this matter and I myself am of course only too willing to furnish any additional detailed information at my disposal.

Congratulations upon your stand regarding this food racket.

—Yours etc., J. R. B. VISE, N. Vise & Sons, Citriculturists and graziers, Lockington, Vic.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN 1946 VOTE "NO" CAMPAIGN

At a meeting of representative citizens held on Wednesday, August 7, it was decided to conduct a campaign under the above name to oppose all three points at the forthcoming Referendum, on a non-sectarian, non-party basis.

Any interested persons or organisations who are not yet represented on the committee, are asked to contact the Campaign Committee as early as possible. The Campaign Headquarters are at 17 Waymouth Street, Adelaide. Phone, C 1967.

## A PRESSMAN'S REPORT ON "STARVING ITALY"

### "SUCH FOOD AS BRITAIN HAS NOT KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS"

#### "Only Sugar and Olive Oil Short"

Featured on page 11 (magazine section) of the Melbourne "Herald," August 3, 1946, is an article, by one of that paper's correspondents in Europe, dealing with present conditions in parts of the Continent. We quote the observations of this "roaming reporter," as he describes himself, on the food position in recently Fascist, recently "defeated" Italy (which country, like "Victorious Britain," is subject to the international food control):—

"You cross the frontier from hungry Austria into starving Italy, and what do you find? Such food as Britain has not known for many years.

"A British [Army in Italy] mess car, which went to buy supplies, bought—not in the black market, but in the open shops—600 eggs, 60 kilos (130lb.) of farm butter, a score of fine hams.

"It could have had unlimited lamb, mutton and beef. The only shortages were sugar and olive oil.

"Yet that same week, I was told, two 9000-ton food ships, laden with much-needed food for Austria, were diverted by U.N.R.R.A. to Italy.

" . . . On Lake Lugano, the Swiss who want an exceptional meal cross the lake to Italy.

"Here is the menu of a dinner—an ordinary every-night dinner—as served at Campoine to a roomful of sleek, expensive-looking Italians and a few foreign visitors:

"Smoked salmon (as many helpings as desired).

"Choice of three excellent soups (thick, clear and cream).

"Trout

"Choice of four meat dishes—beef, lamb, chicken, tongue.

"Strawberries with unlimited cream (real cream) and sugar.

"There was an unlimited supply of farm butter throughout the meal as well as pure white bread."

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