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A Drastic Reduction of All Taxes Needed

It Must Be Made a Major Issue in the Election Campaign

By ERIC D. BUTLER

It is a well-known principle of political organisation, that the more centralised Government becomes, the less chance electors have of controlling the Government. An examination of the taxation policy being pursued in this country provides striking evidence of this fact.

In local Councils, the smallest political units in Australia, most rate-payers are well aware of what rates they are paying and how those rates are being spent. But how many taxpayers know how much taxation—including indirect taxation—they are paying to the Federal Taxation authorities, and how their taxes are being spent?

Even those electors who take an active interest in political and economic matters find it well-nigh impossible to discover all the facts about taxation.

During the war years the preparation of the Federal Budget was altered to such an extent that it is virtually impossible for anyone to ascertain in detail how all expenditure has taken place. It is proposed that the war-time type of Budget be continued permanently.

How can it be said that we have responsible Government when the people who pay the taxes find it difficult to discover how their taxes are being spent?

Mr. Chifley told the Federal Parliament that he was not going to bring down a Federal Budget before the Federal Elections. He said that it wasn't practicable.

What a remarkable state of affairs when the Prime Minister tells the taxpayers just prior to an election that it is not practicable to give them a precise and detailed account of the actual and proposed expenditure of their money!

"STATEMENT" AND TOKEN CUT

It is true, of course, that Mr. Chifley did present to Parliament what he called "a statement." But this statement merely gave "main heads" of revenue and expenditure, estimated and actual.

However, two very interesting sets of figures can be ascertained from this statement. It will be recalled that when Mr. Chifley made his first so-called income and sales-tax reductions for 1945-46, he said that a disastrous effect these "reductions" would have on revenue. And yet, on his own figures, sales-tax receipts, £33,600,150, exceeded his estimates by £5,600,150, while income tax receipts, £214,593,577, exceeded estimates by £3,583,577. (Tax revenue from all sources, £30,151,012, was £17,151,012 more than estimated.)

In spite of these figures, Mr. Chifley offered what is merely a further token reduction in taxation as a pre-election gesture. This further "reduction" will not have the slightest effect in restoring incentive to the production system.

Nothing less than a 40 per cent. reduction, in all taxation will allow the production system to supply the goods so urgently required by Australian consumers.

ALTERNATIVES TO BE FACED

Of course, if the major Parties and the electors insist that financial rules are more important than production, we can look forward to increasing industrial chaos, this in turn leading to more controls, the controls necessitating an even greater army of bureaucrats to administer them. This is the way to serfdom, and, in view of the evidence confronting us, we can only conclude that there are certain groups who desire us to take the road to serfdom.

Some electors will, of course, suggest that the only way to have taxation drastically reduced is to vote the present Government out and vote the Opposition in.

There is no evidence to suggest that a mere change of Government would have the slightest effect on major policies. Surely past history has proved to electors that what Members of Parliament say when they are in Opposition, and what they do when they become the Government, are two different things.

MENZIES' PLAN NOT ENOUGH

It is true that Mr. Menzies says that if he and his Party, aided by the Country Party, are elected to office, they will reduce taxation by 40 per cent. over a period of three years. Even if carried out, this promised reduction would be of no use to meet the industrial crisis now confronting the nation. It is an IMMEDIATE reduction of taxation by at least 40 per cent. that is required.

Neither Mr. Menzies nor any other Party political leader will do anything worthwhile about taxation reductions unless electors take action to make their individual Members personally responsible for a policy of taxation reduction.

How could Mr. Menzies reduce taxation when he and his associates are advocating the same basic policies that the Labor

Party are advocating? For example, all major parties are wedded to the policy of so-called free social services. These services are not free; they are paid for by the taxpayers themselves. The more social services we have, the more taxation we have to pay for them.

INDEPENDENCE AND INCENTIVE

We can never have an independent people if an increasing number of citizens are brought under the dictates of an irresponsible bureaucracy, which, by regulations and decrees, determines the conditions under which taxpayers can get some of their own money. What is urgently required is progressively less taxation, in order that people can spend their own money in their own way.

Such a policy of tax reduction would automatically increase production by restoring incentive to the production system. Further, with consumers spending their own money instead of bureaucratic departments spending it for them, they would be able to ensure that the production taking place benefited them.

Full employment is merely disguised slavery if hundreds of thousands are engaged in bureaucratic departments such as we now have in Australia. Hitler provided full employment. But most of the employment was used to further the policy of guns before butter. The policy in Australia is one of bureaucracy before butter.

TAXES AND PRODUCTION LAG

The growing industrial unrest in Australia is a symptom of the economic unrest caused primarily by heavy taxation. The present taxation policy is gaining the Communists a splendid hearing.

It is true, of course, that the Communists are the cause of much trouble on the coal-fields. And because of the coal shortage, the production system of Australia is in a desperate position. But it is a shortsighted policy to merely blame the Communists for all the trouble in the coal mining industry.

While all the political leaders are making all kinds of suggestions as to what legislation should or should not be passed in order to increase coal production, very little

mention has been made of the fact that high taxation is a major cause of the coal shortage.

Mr. Justice Davidson, in his recently released report on the Australian coal mining industry, pointed out that increased taxation on increased miners' earnings was causing an enormous amount of absenteeism amongst coal miners.

WHY COAL-MINERS GO SLOW

In a letter to the Sydney press, a coal miner put the issue very bluntly. He said:

"Do you and the Government and the general public think it fair that a man should have to cut and fill fifty tons of coal per day—or work three and a half days—for nothing? If you and the public saw fifty tons of coal stacked up in a heap and you had to fill it to pay your taxes, you would walk around it and go for your life. You or they would not fill it, let alone cut it. Well, sir, that is what I do—stay home three days—and will do so until the Government wakes up."

Nothing is more certain than the fact that, if more coal is wanted, and it is urgently wanted, miners must be provided with sufficient financial inducement to work to maximum capacity.

All sections of the community must be provided with greater inducements if disaster is to be averted. This inducement can only be provided by immediate and drastic tax reductions.

WHAT ELECTORS MUST DO

Electors can and must make this a major issue at the elections. They should contact all candidates either personally or in writing, and insist that they are going to campaign against all candidates who will not give an assurance to work for an immediate reduction in all taxation by at least 40 per cent.

Coupled with the demand for taxation reductions should be a demand for a reduction of the bureaucracy to the 1938 level.

Members of Parliament should be the paid servants of their electors. But the electors must show very clearly that they are the masters. The coming elections should be used to do this.

NOTES on the NEWS

The Federal Executive of the Australian Workers' Union, without the consent of their employers (the members of the Union), have decided to make a levy of 2/6 a member to assist the Labor Party's Federal Election and Referendum campaigns. It is in such matters as this that the Fascist mentality manifests itself.

The fact that large numbers of staunch unionists do not approve, or vote for "Labor," and are also opposed to the Referendum proposals, is of no consequence to this Executive! In the circumstances, such a levy is a negation of democratic principles. It is to be hoped that this will be pointed out to the union executives concerned.

LEISURE AGE: The Deputy Director of Employment (Mr. N. J. O'Heare) laments the fact that employers are disinclined to employ men over 50—sometimes men over 40. "Too old at 40!" Well, if industry can carry on with the "under-40" labour available, that should be all to the good; indeed, it is good to know that mechanisation has made this possible. The only aspect that warrants discussion is, how to arrange that displaced persons have sufficient incomes to purchase their share of the products of the machines. This should not be very difficult. If men need not work after 40, it would seem that science has thus far succeeded in the worthy mission of rescuing mankind from life-long toil. That being accomplished, it should be a simple matter to provide the financial means to enjoy the leisure. Investigation along these lines some time ago in U.S. disclosed that adequate production could be maintained by those within a much lower age group.

MORE MONOPOLY: The prolonged partial breakdown of electricity supply in most parts of Victoria has drawn attention to the failure and danger of the S.E.C. socialised monopoly. It is proposed to reconstruct the Commission, presumably into a bigger monopoly. This monopoly has £33,000,000 invested in it; yet it has not provided for natural expansion, especially in the country areas. The partial breakdown of Melbourne's gas supply, caused by the Federal Government, is also being used as an excuse for the State Government to take it over, presumably to complete the chaos. There is good reason to believe that certain breakdowns, etc., are engineered in order to create the excuse for socialisation. Strangely enough, there are some people who believe that socialisation of these and other industries will mean improved services at lower costs. They have only to examine the socialised

P.M.G., railways and tramways, and the S.E.C., to understand the fallacy of this belief—but apparently they will not look, and so we all suffer a little more.

PRODUCERS' PLIGHT: "Hansard" discloses that primary producers' debts to banks and pastoral companies were reduced from £300 million in 1939 to £240 million in 1945. Thus war-time prices (not Governments) permitted producers to reduce their debts by a mere £60 million. It is interesting to note that during this period £65 million was paid out in subsidies to primary producers, in addition to £12 million paid on potatoes and whole milk. It will be realised that it was not enough to be anything more in the last analysis than a bankers' benefit, mainly because most farmers paid the subsidies to the bankers as part payment on their debts. Incidentally, owing the Commonwealth Bank hasn't helped the farmers.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL GAP: The fact that no submission has been made to the King is taken to mean that Labor is keeping its nominee dark until after the elections. Trevor Smith, in his Melbourne "Herald" Round-Up, says: "If some people have the right impression, Dr. Evatt has not dropped his keenness to become Australia's Governor-General." On the other hand, others suggest that Evatt's turbulent egotistical nature would not permit him to retire to such relative obscurity. Having regard to Evatt's particular fervour for everything non-British, it is difficult to see how he could become a direct representative of the King. But, depending on Labor being returned, it may be a long-range plan which envisages him as a representative, not of the King, but of Uncle Joe.

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Significant Political Pointers

Dr. Evatt's statements at the Peace Conference have been much publicised by the world's press, which continues to hail this international Socialist as the champion of the small nations. Dr. Evatt's alleged concern about the small nations and justice can be best judged by his attitude towards all those nations bleeding under the heel of the Soviet monster.

In spite of his recent verbal clashes with Mr. Molotov, has not Dr. Evatt told us that he believes that the Soviet leaders desire nothing but peace?

Did he not uphold Russia's policy during the Greek crisis, when the British were roundly abused because they would not hand over that unhappy small nation to bloodthirsty gangsters?

Has he not played Russia's game in the inspired attempts to have the Franco dictatorship in Spain replaced with a Red dictatorship, a dictatorship which would be in a powerful position to threaten British security?

What word of protest has Dr. Evatt ever uttered on behalf of Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Bulgaria, Albania and other European small nations, dominated by the Communist butchers?

Has anyone ever heard Dr. Evatt express any concern about the manner in which the Serbian patriot, Mihailovich, and others have been brutally murdered? Dr. Evatt's posturing as the champion of the small nations is a classical example of the hypocrisy which is fed to the deluded peoples of the world by the international news monopolies.

It is reported that Mr. de Valera desires Eire's entry to the United Nations' Organisation.

The writer of these notes always thought that de Valera was supposed to be a friend of the southern Irish people.

"The Communist Parties of the British Empire have a tremendous responsibility, as they now live and work in aggressor countries."

—Mr. R. Dixon, Assistant General Secretary of the "Australian" Communist Party, in April last.

Some more significant facts about the world food position:

Mr. John A. Shaw, Ethiopian Consul-General in New York, is reported in the "New York Times" as follows:

"Ethiopia is able to send large quantities of wheat and beef cattle to England at one-third to a half of the price that is being paid for the same exports from the U.S.A. Ethiopia wishes to exchange or sell these foodstuffs to Britain for sterling, but, it seems, the U.S.A. wants Ethiopia to be paid in dollars."

Mr. Shaw also states: "The food is available, and it is a simpler matter to deliver it from Djibouti or Massawa (Ethiopian ports) than from U.S.A., Atlantic or Gulf ports, thus effecting great savings in transport and costs."

This information is further evidence of the fact that the "British" Socialists don't
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NATIONALIST NEWS FROM THE USA.

In the "Australian" daily press, practically all cable "news" from the United States is selected and/or "slanted" (before or after transmission, or both) according to the Internationalist, pro-Judaic viewpoint. Therefore, for the information of our readers, we publish the following exclusive items provided by the Nationalist News Service (but it does not automatically follow that we endorse all the persons and policies associated with the N.N.S. or kindred organisations):—

WASHINGTON, 26/6/46.
Fred Rose, Jewish Communist member of the Canadian Parliament, sentenced this past week for conspiring with Russian agents to steal atom bomb secrets for Stalin, is alleged to be tied in with numerous Reds and fellow-travellers in the United States of America. Some of these Communists will try to escape to Russia, but they are being watched very closely by the F.B.I.

A western publisher is planning to re-publish "The international Jew" as it was originally published by Mr. Henry Ford. He is laying the groundwork necessary to publish the book without any legal interferences.

Governor Earl Warren of California is being fought bitterly by the Zionist movement in America because he refused last year to sign a paper calling on Britain to alter her policy in Palestine. Warren is now one of the "big four" possibilities for the Republican nomination for the Presidency. In his recent campaign to be elected Governor of California by seeking the nomination on both the Democrat and Republican tickets, Mr. Warren was endorsed by the California America First Party Committee, and was given open support by Gerald L. K. Smith.

The Honorable John Bricker of Ohio will very easily win the election for United States Senate. This will put him in line for the Presidency. At present, among Republican insiders, Bricker tops the list. He is a good Nationalist, he is for America first, and he is anti-Communist.

State Senator Jack B. Tenney, smeared by the Communists, the tyrannical Jews, and the tyrannical minorities in California, was re-elected to the State Senate by winning the nomination on both the Republican and Democratic tickets. He has accomplished great good in California by exposing subversive activities. His Committee, which he heads, has been referred to as the California "Rankin" Committee.

Every Congressman endorsed by the America First Party for re-nomination in the State of Michigan, was victorious in the primary, which was held on Tuesday, June 18.

A report concerning the alleged participation of certain public officials in a conspiracy to deny Americans the right of free speech and free assembly was filed this week with the Attorney-General of the United States, Mr. Tom Clark.

United States Senator Hugh Butler, in Nebraska, was supported for re-nomination by Gerald L. K. Smith, and Governor Griswold was supported for nomination against Butler by ex-Governor Harold Stassen, of Minnesota. The issue was one involving Internationalism vs. Nationalism. Governor Griswold was one of those appointed by Mr. Roosevelt to help write the San Francisco Charter for World Government. When Mr. Smith and the America First Committee endorsed Butler, the poll of public opinion showed that he was losing. On the Sunday night prior to the primary, Walter Winchell gloated over the radio that the endorsement of Smith was the "kiss of death" for Butler. Butler, supported by Smith, defeated Griswold, supported by Stassen, by nearly two to one.

President Truman is very angry at Associate Supreme Court Justice Jackson for indulging in an open brawl concerning Supreme Court matters. Jackson is the first Justice in American history to reveal what went on in a private conference of members of the Supreme Court.

United States Senator Shipstead, of Minnesota, has been endorsed for re-election by the America First leaders of Minnesota. Mr. Shipstead will have a hard fight because he is running in opposition to the Governor of Minnesota, who is a very popular Scandinavian. Stassen is supporting

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the Governor (Thye), hoping that he can take credit for the Governor's popularity and restore his face, which he lost in Nebraska. Of course, if Shipstead wins, Stassen will be completely repudiated. If Shipstead loses, it will not necessarily be a victory for Stassen, although the Internationalists and the World Government crowd will play it up as such.

One million dollars a day will be raised by a special Jewish committee operating out of New York City, for 35 days. The announced purpose of the campaign is to raise money for the welfare of Jews in Europe, in Palestine, and for refugees coming into the United States.

Eugene Talmadge is slated to win the campaign for Governor of Georgia because he is running strictly as a white man's candidate. Recent rulings of the Supreme Court have greatly strengthened the Negro vote in Georgia, and there is considerable fear in that State that Negroes will come to power. Mr. Talmadge actually believes that Georgia might elect Negro United

States Senators and a Negro Governor unless the white people, as he says, wake up,

Millions of dollars will now be spent to smear Britain's Foreign Minister, Ernest Bevin. Reason: He uttered one sentence displeasing to international Jewry. This sentence was: "The reason the United States favours permitting 100,000 European Jews to enter Palestine is because they don't want too many more Jews in New York City." This has brought down upon Bevin's head the scorn, hate and contempt of organised Zionist Jews the world over.

Ambassador Nikolai Vassilievich Novikov, of Russia, made his first public appearance in the United States at a banquet given for him in Detroit the night of June 12. Most of those attending were local Communists and Russian Jews (according to the "Detroit Free Press"). When the Mayor arose to welcome the Ambassador, he said: "All of Detroit welcomes you, Mr. Novikov." At this juncture a spokesman for a group of young nationalists, who had attended the banquet, leaped to his feet and cried out so all could hear: "You don't speak for us, Mr. Mayor. This meeting is treason! You are sitting at the table with the spokesman of America's enemy." Great excitement developed. The challenge that the young man threw out was publicised in big headlines on page one of the Detroit papers the next day. The committee of young men, however, left the meeting, and were not identified by the press. The spokesman was Don Lohbeck, associate editor of "The Cross and the Flag," a Christian Nationalist publication.

YOUR FINANCIAL HELP IS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Don't Leave It To "The Other Fellow"

The Victorian Social Credit Action Group has already—

- (1) Kept Mr. Eric Butler "in the field" full time.
- (2) Financed the two weekly radio talks over 3CS Colac and 3MA Mildura. (Excellent results are being achieved by these talks).
- (3) Financed the construction and distribution of 50 "New Times" poster boards for Melbourne newsagents.
- (4) Financed the weekly printing of "New Times" posters for these boards.
- (5) Financed the extra cost of two of the eight-page pre-Referendum issues of the "New Times."

The main result of all this work has been a steady increase in the circulation of the "New Times" and a widespread exposure of the forces wrecking our society.

BUT A MAJOR EFFORT IS NOW WANTED

Social crediters have got to play the leading role in not only defeating the Referendum proposals, but also in forcing a widespread public exposure of the forces behind the Referendum.

The Social Credit Action Group urgently requires finance to conduct the big fight ahead.

All social crediters who are behind in their regular contributions to the Action Group's funds—and there are many who are apparently "leaving it to George"—are urged to bring their contributions up to date NOW.

But more than this is required. Donations, however large or small, are requested from all those who have not so far contributed. The amount of work the Group can do will only be limited by the amount of finance YOU send.

All donations for the Action Group should be sent to: Mr. W. J. Carruthers, 32 Kendall Street, Ringwood, Victoria.

NOTES ON THE NEWS

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MATERNITY "MUDDLE": Due in part to the closing of private hospitals (brought about by governmental policies), shortage of staff and beds, public maternity hospitals are unable to cope with the much-needed population increase. Some private hospitals have been closed down by bureaucratic health officers insisting on certain accommodation standards, while public hospitals are allowed to herd expectant mothers like sheep. While space is a factor, we still find useless Government Departments occupying premises which could be converted for maternity needs. Staff shortages are not sufficiently acute it seems, to warrant offering adequate payment to nurses! All in all, it goes to show that "public" undertakings, including hospitals, break down very easily. Meanwhile politicians are more concerned with importing an alien population.

MELTING-POT MEMORANDA: Confidence-men in New York are busy fleecing what are termed "dollar-drunk" Yanks, selling them atomic bomb shares, U.N. sites and kerosene "hooch." This news comes from Don Iddon's syndicated Diary. He also says that "with the restoration of Price Control, the black market is back and booming," which proves the proposition that bureaucratic arbitrary price-fixing makes the black market. Another U.S. report says: "Of every 1000 men drafted into the Army, 178 are rejected as mentally diseased. One American in every 20 now living, will spend some time in a mental hospital. In 20 years, U.S. scientists expect 16,500 senile insane imbeciles pouring into State hospitals every year."

WORLD WORKERS: The proposal for a World Federation of Trade Unions was denounced by Mr. George Meany,

secretary of the American Federation of Labour. He described it as "a world-wide fifth column sponsored by Russia for the purpose of inculcating world Labor with the views of the Soviet world policy." He also pointed out that "the W.F.T.U. claims 66 million members, of which 27 millions are Russians, but in reality, Russia and the countries she controls have about 70% of the Federation votes." No wonder Molotov worked very hard to have this body recognised and admitted to consultative committees of the United Nations. Fortunately, to-day we have greater access to international news and moves than we had after the 1914 carnage; thus the international gangsters' task is more difficult. Just the same, they are well in front. But they are riding for a fall.

ZIONISTS' ZEAL: The British Government's exposure of the Zionist conspiracy to send trained Jewish revolutionaries to Palestine offsets some Zionist leaders' verbal disapproval of lawlessness. Evidence of this organised plot was given some time ago by Lieut-General Morgan (head of U.N.R.R.A. in Germany), who was promptly cashiered by Jewish Mr. Lehmann, then Chief of U.N.R.R.A. Now we are told that food, clothing, medical supplies and transport for the "underground railway" is provided by U.N.R.R.A., which is now controlled by Jewish Mr. La Guardia. A report on this in the Melbourne "Sun" says that a large proportion of the illegal immigrants come from eastern Europe, and not from displaced person centres in Germany, Austria or Italy. The Jewish revolutionaries are provided with forged visas which are paid for from a central fund. These are facts and they come from sources which no intelligent person would describe as anti-Semitic. —O.B.H.

CURRENT COMMENT

By JOHN WELLER.

"Why are dictatorships ultimately inefficient?"

"The answer is an old one, Power corrupts."

"People too often think in abstract terms. When individuals fail in their social function or are oppressive in performing it, people are apt to say that the State will do it better, as if the State were a benign impersonal agency. But the State, in fact consists of persons too; to take power away from individuals and concentrate it in the hands of the State without institutional safe guards against its abuse is simply to give certain individuals a power so great that they are corrupted by the exercise of it."

"Dictators are simply men who, profiting by such abstract thinking, and posing as saviours of society, while still supported by popular emotion, destroy the institutional safeguards and abuse the power. The corruption, the inefficiency, the loss of success and resort to naked power then automatically follow."

—Major H. R. Trevor-Roper, British officer who investigated the circumstances of Hitler's death, in an article in N.Y. "Time" Magazine.

The attempt to destroy institutional safeguards, which precedes outright dictatorship, is precisely what is happening in Australia. The coming Referendum is a further attempt to concentrate more powers at Canberra, to concentrate it in the hands of the State without institutional safeguards against its abuse. If the move is successful the automatic result will be to allow "certain individuals a power so great that they are corrupted by the use of it."

RATS AND BUREAUCRACY

"Rat-catching: The total number of people employed in the rat-catching department of the Ministry of Food is 298 and the cost is £108,000. 169 of these are engaged in administrative and clerical work, and 104 of them in catching rats.—(Parliamentary-Secretary, Ministry of Food.)"

—The London "Times," June 28

RUSSIAN FOOD POLICY

With an alleged world shortage of cereals receiving widespread publicity, it is interesting to speculate on the position of Russia, historically a grain-exporting country and controlling the chief food surplus-producing countries of Eastern Europe.

According to the Washington "Post," a prominent member in the U.S. Administration's food programme states that "Russia is playing hard power politics with food," and points out that Russia (1) is not contributing a ton of cereals to the pool needed to avert mass starvation in the immediate crisis; (2) has refused to inform other nations what stocks of cereals are available in the surplus-producing areas under her domination; (3) has declined to state what the wheat prospects are in these formerly rich grain areas; (4) has declined information as to what extent Russian military forces are living off the occupied countries and (5) has withheld information on how much food has been removed from under Russian control.

GETS U.N.R.R.A. JOB

Professor J. B. Brigden, financial counsellor to the Australian Legation at Washington, has been elected vice-president of the Council of U.N.R.R.A. at the conference at Geneva.

Australians may recall that Professor Brigden became prominent in upholding the Casey National Insurance Scheme, which was defeated by the electors. Since then his career has steadily progressed.

PETROL RATIONING FARCE

The farce of petrol rationing has been further demonstrated by the deputy-president of the Australian Automobile Association, Mr. J. A. Paterson.

In a check of twelve garages, members of his association had found eight of them selling petrol illegally, three at a black market price of 5/- without tickets and one at 4/- without tickets. Which seems to emphasise clearly enough that controls create black markets.

Rationing of petrol could only effect a problematical saving of four million gallons a year, which represented a saving of £100,000. The administration of petrol rationing would cost £200,000. Comment is superfluous.

A "HECKLE HOUR" DEBATE

Saturday, August 31, at 8 p.m.

Station 3DB-3LK.

Subject: "Is a 'Yes' vote on the three Referendum questions desirable?"
Affirmative: Mr. C. W. Sandford endorsed Labor candidate for the Senate.
Negative: Mr. J. Bradshaw, A.F.I.A., secretary of Citizens' Rights League.

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ARGICULTURE TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

(From "Country Life Stock & Station Journal," Sydney, 28/6/46.)

Edward Faulkner, practical American farmer, has discarded the traditional mouldboard plough for the disc. In his book, 'Plowman's Folly, he claims deep ploughing and burial of surface trash restrict bacterial action and plant decay. Distribution of soil moisture is also adversely affected.

Increases in fertility and productivity are claimed for discing-in green crops, stubbles, or surface trash. Surface run-off and erosion are also minimised by these processes.

Investigators in Iowa compared soy-bean yields after Faulkner's method of soil preparation against those obtained following mouldboard ploughing. They found Faulkner's method of soil preparation resulted in heavier crops; saved one-third to one-half of the man and machine power required by mouldboard ploughing, and reduced erosion by 70 per cent.

Recent research elsewhere has shown that traditional methods of farming have resulted in a steady decline of soil fertility in land observed over the last half-century; when mouldboard cultivation has been constant. Depletion of nitrogen and organic matter and loss of soil structure are the critical factors.

MORE HUMUS IS NEEDED

Organic matter is the food of nitrogen-fixing bacteria which live in the soil, and obtain oxygen and nitrogen from the air. When they die, nitrogen in their bodies is available to plants as food.

Air moves most freely in the top few inches of the soil. The more organic matter in this region, the greater is the number of bacteria and the quality of nitrogen produced. However, mouldboard ploughing buries it too deeply.

Organic matter is the source of humus. Soils deficient in humus are poor in texture and structure. Water does not penetrate them readily, nor is it retained by them. When adequate humus is present texture and structure are satisfactory, and the soil is permeable to water and retentive of it.

Green crops, stubble residues and trash provide organic matter. Shallow discing of this material into the surface soil provides optimal conditions for nitrogen production and maintenance of organic matter. The incompletely buried material also checks surface run-off and evaporation.

EXPERIENCE IN AUSTRALIA

Farming with interludes of a short-term clover growth is an Australian parallel. Imagine my humility on encountering the following item in my newspaper of Aug. 9.

"Eight Bills were passed in 40 minutes in the early hours of this morning."

to Faulkner's system; productive clover pastures replacing green crops. These are broken up with disc or tined implements for autumn preparations for winter cereal planting. There are thus rotations of clover pasture with cereal crops.

Increases in soil fertility and productivity by these methods have been amply demonstrated at Victorian experiment farms. Soil analyses have shown that, nitrogen content increased by 30 per cent, during a five-year period under clover pasture. On adjacent plots, where the soil was under a wheat-oats-fallow rotation during the same period, there was a decline of 13 per cent. Cereal crops sown on autumn cultivated clover land out yielded those sown on a carefully prepared fallow by up to 50 per cent., at a greatly reduced cost of soil preparation.

Unfortunately, the scope of clover rotational farming has climatic limits in Australia. But within them, greatly increased returns have already been obtained by progressive farmers. Alternative rotations are under trial in dry areas.

IMPORTANCE OF ANIMALS

Experiments in the Victorian Mallee include the sowing of oats for winter grazing. After the crop is finally grazed down in the spring, the stubble is worked with a tined implement and the land left in a ridged condition during the summer. In the autumn it is sown to wheat. Wheat yields so far have been satisfactory and fat lambs, weaned off the winter oats have added appreciably to farm income.

Australian methods of organic farming differ in practice from Faulkner's, but are alike in principle. Both have as their objective improvement of soil fertility and production.

As an integral part of Australian farming rotations, the grazing animal gives added stability and diversity. There can be no sound farming without animals, and there should be no management of animals which does not include farming. We must maintain the fertility of our heritage. The recording angel, I should have said that some of them aren't particularly bright—even if you couldn't actually sell them the Town Hall or Police Barracks. And here they are showing up in a

fact, to use a mathematical expression, one appears to be a function of the other. If that be so, it would appear that if we were to abolish one, the other would disappear. It is a most titillating thought, although the implications of such an event are somewhat elusive for the radio-conditioned mind to grasp, involving as they do the notion of a world of culture without debt or restrictive laws.

But we needn't bother about anything like that. It would be prevented by a "Disabling Bill" of obscure but potent origin and honourable Members and Senators would "pass" the disenabling in marathon mood.

COUNTRY MEETINGS IN VICTORIA

On Tuesday, August 13, Messrs. John Weller and John Johnstone started their "No" Campaign in Victoria with a meeting at Wandin. Despite the cold night, there was a fair attendance, and a very satisfactory sale of literature. Mr. Jim Mooney, of Seville, organised the meeting.

A meeting in the City Hall, Ballarat, was addressed by these two young men on Wednesday, August 14. There is a small but keen group of social crediters in the City, and after the meeting, the formation of a Voters' Policy Association was discussed. We hope to hear more in the near future from this group. Mr. Weller and Mr. Johnstone were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lannen whilst in Ballarat.

A very cold night and a ball influenced the attendance at the Stawell meeting on Thursday, August 15. A small but attentive audience listened to the speakers, who, after the meeting, obtained information which is a damning indictment of Federal administration in Northern Territory, and indicates the cynical disregard of individual rights displayed by the Canberra Bureaucracy.

A resident of Darwin who owns property in Darwin has had it "acquired" by the Canberra Government. Despite the grave housing shortage, the Government has allowed a Filipino to set up a barber's shop in one of this Stawellite's residences, a Chinaman to establish a store in a second, and an Australian to convert another—a block of flats—into a garage. These tenants pay rent at the rate of 3% of the capital value, to the Administration. The owner, who has no claim on any of this money, would have to pay a similar rent to the Government were he to go and live in one of his own houses.

Surely such evidence should be further warning of what can occur when the Canberra Bureaucracy is all-powerful.

The speakers were the guests of Mr. J. McMurtrie in Stawell.

On Friday night Messrs. Weller and Johnstone addressed a very lively meeting, organised by Mr. G. Schubert, in Warracknabeal.

In all centres, the local papers have given plenty of space to reports of the meetings, literature has been sold, and new subscribers to the "New Times" obtained.

The itinerary for further meetings is as follows: Minyip, August 19; Murtoa, August 20; Horsham, August 21; Woomelang, August 22; Mildura, Redcliffs and Merbein, between August 23 and August 28; Werrimul, August 29.

ERIC BUTLER'S ACTIVITIES

Mr. Butler arrived in Victoria from New South Wales on Monday, August 12. Small meetings were held in Kiewa, Dederang, Myrtleford and Buffalo River. "New Times" readers were obtained and literature was sold. Mr. Mark Mongan, of Osborne's Flat, is initiating a Voters' Policy Association to ascertain from candidates for the Federal Elections what attitude they are going to adopt towards a policy of drastic tax and bureaucracy reductions.

Mr. Butler arrived in Melbourne on Friday afternoon, August 16, and spent his first week-end at home for two months. On Monday evening, August 19, he addressed a small meeting of supporters in Melbourne. No doubt the short notice of this meeting was responsible for the small attendance. On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Butler left for Tasmania by air.

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CORANGAMITE VOTERS' POLICY GROUP

A Voters' Policy Association for the Federal Electorate of Corangamite (Victoria) has been formed. The secretary is Mr. Bert Spencer, of Colac, and the chairman is Mr. Eric Butler, of Piron Yallock.

In a letter to candidates at the coming Federal Election, the secretary points out that it is the function of electors to formulate policy and the function of the Member of Parliament to re-present that policy. The Corangamite Voters' Policy Association believes that an immediate reduction in all taxation by at least 40 per cent, and a reduction of the bureaucracy to the 1938 level is a policy with which the overwhelming majority of electors agree. Candidates who will not give a written assurance that they will work for this policy are to be campaigned against.

Candidates have also been informed that any advocacy of greater powers for Canberra will be regarded with strong disapproval by members of the Voters' Policy Association.

The local press and the Colac radio will be used by the Voters' Policy Association to inform Corangamite electors of the attitude of candidates to the questions submitted to them.

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.

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MARATHON—IN THE MODERN MANNER Those Lightning Legislators at Canberra

By "FOOTLE."

It seems to me that we are sometimes apt to malign our politicians somewhat light-heartedly. I mean, considering the humble origin of many of them, some of their performances are remarkable. But we are not always told about them; consequently we are liable to be less than just when politicians are mentioned.

If we can't be generous about the question, we should at least ask ourselves whether we, with our equipment, could aspire to control our fellow-man in all his phases. We would, I think, admit at once that none of us has the brains and only an odd one has the cheek.

I am practically certain I couldn't even read a Bill in an average of five minutes.

Admittedly I am not typical; I am apt to get lost in speculation as to what it is all about assuming I ever get past the preamble. I really do much better if someone explains the thing to me. As a matter of fact, it usually takes me some weeks of experience to get to the bottom of a particular section of any enactment which is of immediate concern to me, such as, for instance, the "Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Bill."

What I usually discover as a result of such experience is that the termites have been at it again; the beautiful solid conception has been eaten away to a shoddy husk by the "official regulation" bug.

Read "Farms for Fighting Men" and then see men fighting for farms, and you will get the idea.

How can I measure my admiration for the chappies who can perform the feat of actually "passing" eight Bills in forty minutes? What blokes they must be!

Bless my soul, one of the organisations I belong to takes longer than that to fix the date of its next meeting!

There must be something in politicians that I have missed on those occasions of casual contact. Between you and me and

legislative Marathon that would have made the late Herr Adolf Schickelgruber-Rothschild appear to be walking backwards!

All the same, Members of the House of Reps. do not appear to be the title holders, if my daily paper is to be believed, for:

"Racing against time to complete the parliamentary session by Friday, the Senate to-day (Aug. 7) created what is believed to be a record for legislation in the Senate by passing nine Bills in a little more than ten minutes."

Passing legislation in the Senate in moments like these must resemble one of those games in which someone fires a question at you and you have to reply under certain conditions before the questioner can count ten. Quite exciting!

I had no idea that matters concerning us as intimately as Income Tax, Pensions, Arbitration and Atomic Energy Control, which were among the Bills passed, could be reduced to the dimensions of a parlour game. Which just shows you how much I know about it.

Mind you, no one is saying what Senators could do when properly extended. The reasons given for their outstanding celerity on this occasion is that it was desired to complete the parliamentary session by Friday (Saturday being bath night). On the form showing, we should be entitled to expect something really handsome in a moment of national stress.

It is just possible, of course, that honourable Members and Senators had quietly studied up the contents of the Bills, and are out of order in being presented to us as the world's lightning legislators. It may be possible, but I don't insist on it.

We have travelled far from the Decalogue. Legislation is something like the National Debt: it has the same tendency to astronomical dimensions; in

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THE REFERENDUM AND INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS

(A letter to the Editor from BRUCE H. BROWN.)

Sir,—Question No. 3 to be put to the people at the forthcoming Referendum is known as the "Industrial Employment" question, and is designed to give the Federal Parliament power to decree terms and conditions of employment in industry. This is a most important matter. The proposal refers to the wages that shall be paid and the conditions under which we may employ or be employed.

It is well-known that friction occurs between employers and employees, but it is not so well-known that this friction is the direct result of FINANCIAL conditions. The trouble does not come from unreasonableness on the part of either party, but from force of economic circumstances. A little honest thinking will show the truth of this.

The employee naturally and quite properly desires to obtain progressive improvements, and these can only come to him under the present set-up in the form of higher wages, shorter hours, annual holidays, and better working conditions. He therefore expects his Union to demand them from the employer. On the basis of physical reality, all the current demands are perfectly reasonable and could be complied with. But these questions are not determined by physical realities.

POSITION OF EMPLOYERS

It would be true to say that most employers would gladly grant these things IF THEY COULD DO SO WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THEMSELVES. It has to be remembered, however, that every business is successful or unsuccessful according to its FINANCIAL RESULTS, and consequently every employer is obliged to consider a demand from the Union on the basis of its FINANCIAL effect on his business. If to grant the demand would make his financial position more difficult he must perforce resist it, just as any one of us would do in similar circumstances.

But before we can consider the question honestly we must clear our minds of all nonsense about the so-called fabulous profits made by employers. A few do seem to do better than moderation could support, but these are not typical of the great bulk of employers. The simple fact is that if all profits were distributed equally amongst employees it would make very little difference to the contents of the pay envelopes.

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

So when an employer receives a demand for increased wages he has to face the position that he must either do with fewer employees, reduce the quality of goods, or accept an increase in the cost of running his business. Most employers desire to maintain the standard they have established, and consequently they would be forced to seek additional financial accommodation at the bank, which, if granted, would in turn mean that more bank charges would have to be added to the extra wages cost. And so, in order to avoid insolvency, the employer would have to put his prices up sufficiently to recover not only the extra wages, but also the extra bank charges. That helps to explain why wages are always chasing prices.

Exactly the same applies to the other

Shorter hours mean more employees or less output, unless machinery is introduced to maintain or increase the volume. More employees mean more expenses. Less output means lower turnover and falling returns, unless the price for the diminished output is increased. More machinery means greater capital and maintenance costs.

Clearly, therefore, it is all a question of FINANCE, whereas the spokesmen for both employers and employees make it out to be a question of hostility or refusal to "share." The tragic joke is that the quantity of money usually available to the community is purposely kept so short that everyone is forced to struggle for an inadequate share of an insufficient supply. Even Governments, municipalities, churches, etc., have to join in the unseemly fight for MONEY, and as yet only a few people understand how power is being exercised through the manipulation of the money supply.

More annual holidays and all sorts of other amenities are governed by FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

A DANGEROUS POWER

It would therefore be most improper (apart from the direct centralisation of power) for the Commonwealth Parliament to decree industrial conditions which would seriously press business men financially (unless the financial system were first rearranged so that the employer could readily get the money required to meet the conditions imposed). The result could only be ruin for all the employers operating on a smaller scale, and the extension of MONOPOLY for those working on a larger scale with private financial institutions to support them. That is one of the purposes of Socialism, but unfortunately it is not yet widely understood. Actually, MONOPOLY is one of the world's greatest dangers.

After reading the foregoing, and the two preceding letters on the subject of the Referendum, it will be obvious that the proposals as put forward by the Government make no reference whatever to FINANCE, the thing that controls all three of the questions to be put. Consequently it is not unreasonable to say that the genuineness of the Referendum is open to doubt.

If you vote "Yes," and the present financial methods are continued, it is as certain as the sunshine that you will be regimented to do as you are told or starve. At the present juncture the only way to strike a blow for your own freedom of choice and liberty of action is to make yourself acquainted with the nature of the plot afoot, see that the threat is understood clearly by your friends, and vote "NO."

—Yours faithfully, BRUCE H. BROWN, 189 Hotham Street, East

SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL POINTERS

(Continued from page 1.)

benefits the workers desire to obtain. want increased food for the British people: they want permanent rationing controls in order to turn Great Britain into another Soviet Russia.

There has been considerable restlessness in the Australian meat industry for some time, the general feeling being that meat rationing is a costly farce and should be abolished immediately.

In the press of July 19, Mr. T. A. Herbert, Secretary of the Meat Allied Trades Federation, is reported as follows:

"Meat rationing has outlived its usefulness. There are large quantities of meat in store in N.S.W. that are not up to the standard required for export, and which have not been released to the public because of the restrictions imposed by rationing, which could end now. Much of this surplus could be sent to Britain, but any sheep carcass weighing over 72 lbs. is rejected as being too fat for British consumption."

Senator Fraser, Socialist Minister for Trade and Customs, has warned butchers that they will be prosecuted if they distribute meat without coupons. Electors now have a chance to strike a blow at this totalitarian nonsense.

The following realistic statements are from a leaflet recently published by the Face The Facts Association in Great Britain:

"British democracy is being replaced by totalitarianism. Freedom is being substituted by controls. Controls always lead to tyranny."

"For 20 years the Tories have put forward a Socialist policy. For 20 years the Tories have failed to supply their supporters with answers to Socialist plans for a TOTALITARIAN BRITAIN. While the Socialists have been quilled into believing that Socialism is Democratic. . . .

"Get rid of this totalitarian government! And this is how to do it: In every Division in this country there are a few fearless citizens. It does not matter to what class

Melbourne, C.2. 18th August, 1946 or to what party they belong. GET THESE CITIZENS TOGETHER. Arrange a public meeting and ask your Member of Parliament to attend it in order to receive your instructions as electors. . . . Tell him you are not concerned with the interests of his Party, but with the future of Britain, which is also YOUR future. Inform him that YOU and not his Party are paying him a thousand pounds a year to represent you, and that you find it necessary to instruct him as to how you shall be represented."

This type of democratic action is what is urgently required in all parts of the British Empire.

Professor Laski, notorious anti-British revolutionary of the London School of Economics, close personal friend of Dr. Evatt, and chairman of the "British" Socialist Party, has been visiting Russia.

The Australian press of August 10 reports that Laski was received by Stalin, with whom he conversed for two and a quarter hours.

No doubt they discussed the progress of the Socialist revolution in the British Empire. What a pity Dr. Evatt wasn't also present, in order that he could tell of HIS work in the campaign of disintegration!

There has been some very clever propaganda in this country, concerning the Jewish land settlements in Palestine. These settlements have been held up as models of democracy! "Sulla" writing in the Melbourne "Advocate" of July 31, offers the following revealing information:

"We are frequently told of the wonderful material achievements of these (land settlement) communities—but we hear less often of how they are organised. The 'Kibbutzim' have been established along the coastal fruit-growing belt, on the frontier and in the Jordan Valley—some of the sites being chosen for political rather than agricultural reasons. They are constructed on a basis of complete Communism, involving the negation, not only of property, but of family life. No wages are paid; even clothes are drawn from a common store—usually shirts and shorts for both sexes. Married couples

have a private room allocated to them, with furniture from the communal store. Children are reared in separate babies' and children's houses, where parents can visit them—but their upbringing is in the hands of nurses and teachers, who give them an education which is usually entirely secular. Members can leave the Kibbutz after due notice—but they can take nothing with them; so that they must begin again in complete destitution.

"In fact these communities are hives in which the personal way of life is eliminated, and the human type standardised systematically in the pattern of godless Communism."

"These machines have been turning out the young Palestinian terrorist Jews of today, who will govern the country to-morrow if the Zionists have their way."

"Are we to believe that the men who set up this system and the men who are trained in it have any concern with human liberty and democracy as the British and Australian understand those words? * * *

Mr. Crossman, speaking on Palestine, in the British House of Commons on July 1, said:

"The Jewish Intelligence knows all about the British while the British military seems to know nothing about the Jews. The Jewish Intelligence Service is among the best in the world. It is extremely difficult to operate in that country against the Jews. One military commander told me that every order of his was in Jewish hands within 24 hours."

Mr. Crossman was a member of the Anglo-American Committee which reported on Palestine. * * *

"The Jewish Standard" (England) of July 5 contains the following accusations against the British in Palestine:

"In Latrun and Athlit camps mass torture is being practised on thousands of Jews. . . . The victims are first being beaten up, and then given enemas, being pulled by the sexual organs, and stones put under their arms for hours in order to help the interrogation. . . ."

While Mr. Calwell and other pro-Jewish and anti-British elements in this country may believe such nauseating rubbish, decent Australians will be excused if they now start to doubt whether the anti-Jewish atrocities in Europe were as bad as the Jewish propagandists would have us believe. —E.D.B.

RUSSIANS REGARDED AS GUINEA PIGS

Attitude of "Friends of the Soviet Union"

The following is condensed from a recent New York "Times" letter by Eugene Lyons, formerly American United Press correspondent in Moscow for several years, author of the books, "Assignment in Utopia" and "The Red Debacle," and editor of the American "Mercury" in the last few years:—

In observing foreign opinion on the affairs of the Soviet Union for a good many years, I have been struck by a phenomenon so persistent that it might reasonably be formulated as a law of behaviour:

The greater the tolerance for the Soviet regime, the greater the contempt for the Soviet people.

It is obviously difficult, if not impossible, to be "friendly" towards a dictatorship and its subjects at the same time. The Soviet boosters accomplish this feat by convincing themselves that the subjects in this case are a despicable lot, who neither know nor care about political liberties and actually like being terrorised. Thus it happens that fervid "friendship" for Soviet Russia in the official Moscow-sponsored sense has become equivalent to derogation of the Soviet population and high-minded approval of their martyrdom as noble "sacrifices" imposed on a sub-human species by its super-human masters.

That contempt shows up in the familiar assertion that Bolshevism, though self-evidently unacceptable to us, is neatly suited to the Russians.

It is manifest in the generous readiness of self-styled "friends of the Soviet Union" to sacrifice any number of millions of Russians as if they were less than guinea pigs in the interests of the "great experiment" over there.

We find it more explicit in most of the "pro-Soviet" books by foreigners. One of them asserted that Stalin's ruthless methods "were most fitted to the Russian character and folk-way in that they established Asiatic absolutism."

Another assured us that "without an ironbound dictatorship Russia could not survive, for it is the only thing the Russian people know and understand."

A third developed at length the thesis that Russians have neither a "genuine understanding" of nor a "desire" for freedom, and no interest at all in civil or political rights.

The assumption is that Russians and other Soviet populations have no bothersome appetites for liberty and can be managed only with whips, concentration camps and execution squads!

Such methods might be hard on the refined sensibilities of other peoples, but they are relished, or at any rate not resented, by the strangely masochistic Russians!

The cream of the cruel jest is that those who hold such insulting opinions of the Russians consider themselves honestly with a touch of exaltation, authentic friends of Russia. And that by definition makes them "liberals" and progressives" as distinguished

SOCIALISED AIR-LINES; MORE BUREAUCRATS

The Commonwealth Department of Civil Aviation, assuming that Australia is condemned to nationalised air transport whether Australia wants it or not, is out with grand new plan of "decentralised organisation", under which Australia, its island territories and the British islands in the South Pacific are to be divided into five big regional directorates, each with a whole department to itself and giving fealty or homage or something to a central h.q. in Melbourne.

At least, that's the way Melbourne "Herald" sees it, adding that it "will mean employment of hundreds of engines, architects and other professional personnel, as well as a wide variety of technicians," and cataloguing the regions: S.A.; Victoria; the Riverina and Tasmania; the rest of N.S. Wales, Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands; part of Queensland south of a Rockhampton-Cloncurry line; Westralia; the N.T. and south to Mt. Irwin (S.A.); North Queensland, New Guinea, the Solomons and islands in Australia's region of the British Commonwealth air plan. There is more about regional directors and recruitments and transfers of officers and staffs and training and so forth though nowhere is there any mention of anyone with an aeroplane.

Australia already has a parcel of "decentralised" organisations for transport by train, tram and bus, all with vast departments and headquarters and directors and commissioners and whatnot, with Federal and State Ministers for Transport and enough power to run an empire.

But these times nowhere in Australia can a passenger in train, tram or bus for long journey or short, urgent or otherwise, expect to be accommodated without (a) standing in a queue for hours; (b) struggling for a place on the vehicle; and (c) taking a long chance of ever reaching the destination, whether the latter be merely their work or an inter-State city or town.

That is to say, an ordinary passenger. Politicians and Government employees are different. One of the politicians is already suggesting free travel for his tribe in the socialised planes, and that is only a step to free passages for politicians in socialised steamers.

from "reactionaries" and "crypto fascists" who suppose that Russians not only deserve freedom, but would recognise the thing and could take it without ill-effects.

Presumably Soviet citizens, including the fifteen million or so in forced labour colonies and isolators, enjoy the terror under which they exist and have no desire eliminate it?

Presumably they are content with prescribed thoughts, political liquidation, blood purges, mass deportations, the hostage system, universal mutual espionage, punishment without open trial, regimented education, coerced collectivisation and the rest of the totalitarian blessings?

These friends who challenge us to "understand Russia" apparently regard a broadminded acceptance of the bizarre Russian liking for enslavement as basic to that understanding!

Unhappily, the Russians themselves possessing no civil rights, lack also the right to refute such libels on their national character.

Anyone acquainted with Russian history must be aware of the passion with which thousands of Russians fought and died for personal liberties.

Russian literature, from Pushkin to Gorki provides endless proofs of the intense Russian desire for political rights as well as for freedom in other dimensions. The circumstance that Russia to-day has ten times as many political prisoners as the rest of the world put together indicates the ruthlessness of the of the dictatorship—but also the obduracy of the Russians in resisting ruthlessness.

The alleged "friends" whose friendship rests on contempt are doing a terrible disservice to the Russian people.

In effect they are loading the people of the U.S.S.R. with responsibility for a system and policies of which they are not the authors but the victims.

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