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—Whittier.

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## Don't Give Bureaucrats Any More Powers!

### They Will Get Them If You Vote "Yes" at the Referendum

By ERIC D BUTLER

**Before electors are persuaded by high-pressure propaganda to give any more power to the Federal Government, they should carefully consider what such a step would mean.**

**In the first place, surely a few minutes' thought by any intelligent person should indicate that the granting of increased power to the Canberra Government really means that more powers will be delegated by the Government to an ever-increasing bureaucracy.**

During the last Parliament, Bills were being rushed through Parliament in a never-ending stream. It is ridiculous to suggest that Federal Members of Parliament already obviously over-worked and trying to legislate on matters, which could and should be handled by local Governments, should be asked to handle more legislative powers.

More power for Canberra can only lead to an increasing delegation of power to the bureaucracy. This bureaucracy then becomes the real government.

President Calvin Coolidge, of the United States of America, replying in 1926 to a deputation, which urged the granting of greater powers to the Federal Government of U.S.A., summed up the case against centralised control when he said:

#### U.S. PRESIDENT WAS RIGHT

"No method of procedure has ever been devised by which liberty could be divorced from self government. No plan of centralisation has ever been adopted which did not result in bureaucracy, tyranny, inflexibility, reaction and decline . . . The Federal Government ought to insist the tendency to be loaded up with duties, which the States should perform. It does not follow that because something should be done the National Government should do it."

Why should the electors of any one State in Australia have to wait on what the electors of another State think, before they do something about looking after their own affairs? If the idea is that no one should do anything until a majority is in favour of it, then we are heading for serfdom. The world planners want to extend the centralisation idea on a world scale, so that no part of the world will be able to do anything unless the rest of the world agrees. This would mean that nothing would ever be done — except that which the world planners desired.

#### CENTRALISERS ANTI-CHRISTIAN

All progress has been the result of action by individuals — minorities. Those who sneer at minorities might bear in mind that our

Christian heritage is the result of action by a minority. Christ was at one time a minority of One. It can be truthfully said that centralisation is an attack upon Christian ideas, because Christianity places emphasis upon the importance of the individual. But the centralisers, the planners, regard their fellows as a mob to be controlled and governed.

It is no use people denying that the bureaucratic planners at Canberra want more power for the Federal Government because they know that this means more power for them to plan the Australian people. We have the words of the planners themselves. For example, let us examine the following remark by Dr. Lloyd Ross, made at Canberra early in 1944. He said:

"But we need . . . the recognition of the need for more State control, State guidance, and State ownership."

What is this thing called "The State," which this Canberra planner says should have more control?

"The State" is, in reality, the bureaucracy. So what Dr. Ross means is that he and his friends should have more control, not only of the Australian people themselves, but also of the total resources of Australia.

#### THE PLANNERS' PROPAGANDA

It is dreadful to hear some people, so mesmerised by propaganda that they repeat political and economic slogans without the slightest idea of what they mean.

The planners say that the making of "profit" is wicked and that a man who employs a few dozen employees is an "exploiting capitalist." But the same planners are asking the people to give them the power to command thousands of people under the guise of "State" control. Dr. Evatt no doubt had this idea in mind when he said on February 11, 1944, that " . . . full employment cannot possibly be achieved unless some authority is empowered to determine how employment is to be expanded."

Australian electors who have so lost the spirit of independence that they don't feel that they can decide for themselves, in a democratic manner, if and how they should

expand employment, will, of course, vote "Yes" at the Referendum and permit "some authority" to decide this matter for them.

#### WHAT MR. CHIFLEY SAID

No doubt Mr. Chifley had this idea of establishing "some authority" to push Australians around after the war, when he addressed the Melbourne Trades Union Conference in June, 1944. Mr. Chifley said:

"It might be as well to be realistic about this great programme, as it might happen that when provision is made for these works they might not be a form of employment acceptable to some people. We are not going to develop this country if every man thinks he has to see the Town Hall clock every day and hold the hand of his wife every night."

Mr. Chifley was also reported in the Melbourne "Age" of December 1, 1942, as saying:

"After the war, to distribute equitably the additional wealth which full employment brings, we must have heavy tax rates. We shall need more direct and positive controls."

#### PLANNING FOR POVERTY

We certainly have plenty of direct and positive controls, but we are seeing little of the additional wealth Mr. Chifley mentioned. Are we likely to see any extra wealth if the controllers are given any greater powers? All our experiences of controls have convinced thinking people that increased controls can only lead to LESS wealth.

At a time when the housing position is desperate and there is still a shortage of many goods and services, Mr. Ward, backed by Sir Harold Clapp and other people who visualise themselves as large-scale planners, want to unify the Australian railway system!

What is urgently required is much more control by the electors, control over the spending of their own money, and much LESS control by the bureaucrats who are spending it for them.

No doubt it will be argued by the centralisers that they need greater powers in order to deal with monopolies. This supposes that the monopolies are opposed to centralised control at Canberra. If this is so, perhaps some advocate of centralised control can explain away the following re-

marks by Mr. Calwell, M.H.R., at Canberra on March 10, 1944. He said:

#### THE QUESTION OF MONOPOLY

"I refer to the 'Australian Industrial and Mining Standard,' which honourable Members opposite will recognise is a journal published by a section of the people who support their interests at election time . . . In a leading article entitled 'Powers Transfer Necessary,' in the issue of the 1st March, the following appeared: ' . . . The transfer of the powers to the Commonwealth will not create any new despotic authority, but will merely pass them to one Government which can exercise them uniformly and with an Australia-wide scope. . . .'"

The reference to the transfer of powers in that quotation concerned the proposal before the 1944 Referendum that the States should transfer the powers to the Federal Government without consulting the electors. The monopolistic Melbourne "Herald" also has consistently advocated this policy.

If all political and economic control is centralised at Canberra, this will result in bigger and better monopolies. It is ridiculous nonsense to suggest that the Government, whatever its label, could control these monopolies. The only people who could control the monopolies are the people who are controlling them now. When people talk about the Government taking over monopolies, they really mean that the monopolies are taking over the Government.

#### A SIGNIFICANT ADMISSION

As far back as 1944 the official organ of the Australian Labor Party, "The Standard," was forced to admit that the permanent Canberra bureaucracy was controlling the Government. In commenting on the public disclosures concerning the activities of the bureaucracy, "The Standard" said:

"The Labor Movement knows that it [the Government] is in no way responsible for the infringements [of liberty] taking place."

If the Federal Government cannot be held responsible for what the bureaucracy does, surely it is time that, rather than give any increased power to the Government, there should be a move to reduce the Government's power.

**The first step back to local responsible Government is a "No" vote on all three issues at the coming Referendum.**

## NOTES on the NEWS

**The "Sydney Morning Herald" of August 20 reports that a notice from the Egg Marketing Board, stating that "washed eggs will not be received for export," has surprised many producers who had responded to the Board's urgent demand for spotlessly clean eggs. It appears that a high rate of deterioration has occurred since the Board extended its activities to obtain eggs from distant places. To some extent this explains why larger quotas are being released for local consumption—doubtful eggs are good enough for Australians!**

As prescribed by wise Mother Nature, when the hen does her spot of work she deposits a protective film over the egg; but the egg Bureaucrats insisted that this protective film be, washed off, and then wondered why the eggs rapidly deteriorated. It has taken them all this time to realise what our grandparents knew—namely, that "washed eggs won't keep."

**HENTY HUMOUR:** An election circular issued on behalf of the Labor candidate for Henty (Vic.) is entirely devoted to quotations from leading Melbourne dailies—the "reactionary capitalist press." Remarks from a prominent Company Director and the "Herald" finance writer are used to praise Labor's control over inflation. Another quotation tells of Australia's unprecedented prosperity (?) and how few unemployed we have. The microscopic tax reduction is featured, and President Truman is quoted as warning against inflation if taxation is reduced. Then Sir Keith Murdoch is used to praise Dr. Evatt's foreign policy, which is certainly foreign to everyone except Dr. Evatt. It seems queer when Labor invokes the aid of the so-called capitalist press. What will Uncle Joe think of this?

**PHILIPPINE PURGES** Harold L. Ickes, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, tells us, via the New York "Post," that the newly liberated Philippines are being shackled by dictatorship. He says that President Roxas is a dictator who removes opponents by decree, thus making sure that only loyal Roxas men can survive. The situation in Central Luzon is particularly alarming; bitter clashes have occurred between Roxas and rival Parties, with heavy casualties on both sides. There are 90,000 American troops and 25,000 Filipinos on hand; these forces may soon be called on to quell disorders and protect the dictator's regime. This example of U.S. attempts to establish

self-government leaves no justification for American criticism of British efforts in India or elsewhere.

**TAXATION TENTACLES:** During the past five years, Johns and Waygoods Ltd., structural engineers, have paid £177,000 in dividends and £60,000 to reserve funds—a total of £177,000. In this period the company has paid £323,000 in taxes—for every pound paid to shareholders or reserves, nearly two pounds has been paid in taxation. Why nationalise industries when Governments can pocket the spoils this way without risk or responsibility? Even pugilists are working for Chifley and Co. ("the State"). The tax master will pocket nearly £2000 in amusement tax out of a gate of £6000, and another rake-off from the promoters—then some more from the contestants (Patrick and Miller in this example). Al Capone used to engage in large-scale rackets; but that was illegal, he was an individual! It was the U.S. tax master (not the police) who "got" him in the finish. Will the electors "get" the racketeers in this case?

**PREMIERS' PALAVER:** Secrecy and suppression marked this year's Premiers' Conference. Previously, the Press representatives and other public men were admitted, but this tradition has been reversed now that Labor Premiers are in the ascendant. When the unpopular wheat stabiliser

## Significant Political Pointers

**If the Australian daily press were really desirous of telling the Australian people the truth about Socialism — i.e., Monopoly control of everything and everybody — it would be giving the facts about how far and with what disastrous results the revolution has been carried in twelve months by the "British" Socialist Government.**

If this were done at present, it would help immeasurably to defeat the "Labor" Socialists at the coming elections—even if only to replace them with the "Liberal" Socialists.

But instead of an exposure of the most totalitarian Government the British people have had for hundreds of years, we are continually being told by the "capitalist" press—including the Sydney "Bulletin"—and Mr. Menzies, that the "British" Socialists are pursuing much more realistic policies than the "Australian" Socialists.

**Probably the most dangerous people in our midst are those who, while decrying complete centralised control of all political, economic and financial policies, foster the idea that a degree of centralised control is necessary.**

That is why public men such as Mr. Ward, M.H.R., are so dangerous at present.

Mr. Ward indicates that he is opposed to centralised control from an international source. But he wants centralised control of Australia from Canberra. Apparently he thinks that we can, to use Sir William Beveridge's famous statement, go "half way to Moscow," and then stop. The stark truth is, of course, that once the policy of centralised control is given momentum, it cannot be stopped at any fixed point. Having taken us "half way to Moscow," the Wards and others can be "liquidated" if they will proceed no further. A degree

of centralised control makes more centralised control "inevitable."

The "capitalist" press is playing the same role as the Wards. In the editorial in the Melbourne "Herald" of last Saturday an "attack" is made on socialisation, but half way through the editorial the following significant statement appears:

**"Of course, it is right that certain undertakings, which are of a monopoly character by their nature, should be owned by the people."**

This is, of course, undiluted Socialist jargon, which is appearing with monotonous regularity in the "capitalist" press.

**A typical example of how the innumerable Socialists and Communists working on the "capitalist" papers can "slant" news:—**

A report in Melbourne "Herald" of August 31 deals with Mr. Chifley's remarks to the Secretary of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Mr. A. E. Monk, on the question of Spain. The "Herald" report says:

"The Government will also favour U.N. as the proper body for the adjustment of situations, such as that in Spain, which are likely to endanger peace."

Without any supporting evidence whatever, this report directly implies that Spain is "likely to endanger peace." This subtle propaganda method is most insidious, and is being used to bemuse the Australian people.

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# NATIONALIST NEWS FROM THE U.S.A.

(Mostly Missing in the Daily Press.)

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, 15/7/46

MacKenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, journeyed to Washington some months ago for the express purpose of giving our Government the names of certain Reds and pro-Communists on our Government payroll who had been co-operating with the agents of Stalin in Canada. Some of those pro-Communists named by King are still on our Federal payroll.

The O.P.A. [Office of Price Administration] is a "dead duck" regardless of any future legislation passed. Attempts will be made to revive it, but they will be unsuccessful.

The atom bomb demonstration in the South Seas was somewhat of a disappointment. It did not do the damage that had been anticipated.

A Nationalist Rally on June 28 was addressed in St. Louis by Gerald L. K. Smith and the world-famed Christian Nationalist, Norman Jaquies [Social Credit], Member of the Canadian Parliament. Kenneth Goff, National Director of Christian Youth for America, was serving on the reception committee at the door. The head of the Communist Party for the City of St. Louis, whose name is John Rossen, struck Mr. Goff. The Red was immediately seized by the police and arrested. He comes up for trial July 10. Twenty other Communists, mostly Jews, were arrested the same night.

Ernest Bevin, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Great Britain, recently said that the reason the United States wants to open Palestine to 100,000 more Jews is because they don't want the Jews in New York City. Because of this statement Bevin is now being accused of being anti-Semitic. The "Daily Worker," the official Communist daily newspaper published in New York City, said recently: "Bevin sounds like Gerald L. K. Smith."

Communist Civil Servants: The machinery for keeping Communists and other subversives off the Federal payroll has almost completely broken down. The gate is wide open for Communists to land Government jobs and keep Government jobs. There is almost nothing to prevent it. Congressman Edward Rees, of Kansas, has been carrying on a fight attempting to introduce new legislation that would simplify the task of getting Stalin's friends off the payroll of the United States Government. Thus far, the patriotic Congressman has failed in his efforts.

Randolph Churchill, son of Winston Churchill, said on Wednesday, June 26, in a feature article written in Paris, France: "A great many leading American and British Jews have always opposed the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. They have felt that if such a State existed, anti-Semitic forces in the United States might urge the desirability of American Jews settling there too. Ardent Zionists may deny this, but they know it to be the truth."

Corliss Lament, whose father, Thomas Lamont, is the head of the House of Morgan (famous international banking firm), was recently cited by Congress for contempt because of his refusal to report to the Committee for the Investigation of Un-American Activities concerning his pro-Soviet activities and the activities of an organisation he heads known as the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., of New York.

Old clothes collected in the United States for relief to Russia are used for the purpose of smuggling secrets from America into the Soviet Union. Any information that an American Communist might desire to send to Russia can be sewed in the lining of an old suit and thrown in with tons of clothing, collected by the sentimentalists of America.

U.S. Senator H. F. Byrd, in emphasising the size of the national debt, which is about 275 billion dollars, pointed out that this total would equal about 55 times the total

## "DEMOCRACY IN RETREAT"

Hear—

MR. F. A. PARKER

on—

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at—

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

## SPECIAL APPEAL TO ALL READERS

Although our regular weekly income from sales is not yet sufficient to cover the increased cost of publishing an eight-page paper, we decided that, in view of the importance of the Referendum and Elections, we would publish four eight-page issues before September 28. Having seen the first three of these, readers will agree, we think, that we can produce a very attractive and interesting journal if we can have eight pages. CANNOT WE ALL STRIVE TO MAKE THIS A PERMANENT AND REGULAR FEATURE? It should make it easier for readers to get new readers. We can publish a regular eight-page paper after the Referendum if all readers will, over the next few weeks, make a really determined effort to do all in their power to increase our circulation. The circulation has of course been increasing slowly. But more than this is now required. How many friends or associates have you who will need the truth about the coming Referendum? Why not send in quarterly subscriptions for them? Do you buy two copies every week in order that you can give one away to selected contacts? These and many more things can be done. Another 1000 regular readers and we could continue as an eight-page weekly. Those who require free back numbers for distribution can obtain them either by writing to, or calling at, our office, 343 Little Collins Street, Melbourne. Also, we have plenty of last week's special eight-page Referendum issue, available at only 2/- per dozen, post free. If only every present reader will get just one more new reader, we will have much more than enough to publish an eight-page paper every week. SURELY EVERYONE WILL MAKE THE EFFORT. Our great fight won't be finished when we defeat the Referendum. An expanding paper is urgently required for this fight, the fight to save the remnants of our civilisation.

## PURCHASING POWER OF POUND

In the British House of Commons on June 20, Mr. Lipson asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer "if he is aware that increases in the prices of essential articles are causing hardship to persons of moderate fixed incomes; and what steps he proposes to take to check this inflationary process?"

Mr. Davies: "Is my right hon. Friend aware that today £1 will not buy what 4s would 40 years ago? Will he explain where the 16s difference has gone?"

Mr. Dalton: "I do not think that arithmetic is quite correct. I think my hon. Friend has somewhat exaggerated the inevitable consequences of six years of war."

value of the State of Virginia. Everything in Virginia is assessed at about five billion dollars.

Attorney-General Tom Clark is beginning to wake up to the fact that Communism is a real menace in the United States.

Gen. Carlos von der Becke, former Chief of Staff of the Argentine army, is leaving Washington, having failed in his mission to bring about better understanding between his country and the United States.

Bernard Baruch, who has been a mysterious and powerful figure in Washington, D.C., for 40 years, spends from \$25,000 to \$100,000 a year to publicise himself and keep his name in the papers in a favourable light.

Palestine: On Saturday, June 29, 375,000 Jews in Palestine were put under virtual house arrest and ordered to observe a curfew. One thousand leaders were isolated. Six thousand other Jews were arrested. The situation in Palestine is very, very dark and ominous.

A reliable rumour persists here in Washington to the effect that the Southern States will form their own Democratic Party between now and 1948. This will make it impossible for the Northern Democrats or the Northern Republicans to get a majority of the electoral votes necessary to elect a President. This will throw the election into Congress. The South will hold the balance of power and name the next President of the United States, who will be a Nationalist, a conservative, and one who has a high regard for American traditions, racial purity, and is dead-set against Communism and all forms of subversive politics.

Congresswoman, Emily Taft Douglas, of Illinois is co-operating with the B'nai B'rith and the Anti-Defamation League in an attempt to work out some sort of legislation to make it a crime to criticise Jews. All Bills that have been presented thus far have been obviously un-Constitutional. Congresswoman Douglas, on June 14, inserted in the "Congressional Record" [U.S. "Hansard"], on page A-3876, an article by Ely Louis Cooper, who attempts to prove in this article that anti-Semitism can be outlawed by a Constitutional Act. Cooper prepared the article at the request of the Anti-Defamation League headquarters in Washington, D.C. Before being inserted in the "Congressional Record," Cooper's article appeared in the national "Jewish Monthly."

Congressman Clare Hoffman, leading America Firster in the Lower House of Congress from Michigan, of course won re-nomination, but won it by the most outstanding victory of his public career. It will be remembered that the same Jewish elements who pressed for the indictment of the 33 alleged secessionists tried their best to effect the indictment of Congressman Hoffman in 1942.

## 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, Rinawood, Victoria.

## CURRENT COMMENT

By JOHN WELLER.

The following argument is offered in the official Referendum case for "Yes" in an endeavour to persuade the electors to hand over powers to the Canberra Controllers: —

"You will be able to hold your national Parliament responsible just as the workers in Britain and New Zealand can for giving you the best wages and conditions that industry can bear. You will be able to say, at elections, whether you are satisfied with what the Parliament has done . . ."

In what way do the "workers" of Britain, New Zealand, or any other country hold their "national" Parliament responsible? It is typical of the deliberately propagated nonsense of the times that responsible government is considered to be achieved by elections, held every few years, at which the hapless voter is allowed to choose whether he will be (metaphorically speaking) hanged, shot, or boiled in oil.

The idea that the ballot box is the focus of all democratic control is one which is carefully fostered as an essential preliminary to the Socialist (Slave) State. Hitler, it will be remembered, retained the ballot box. It is not sufficiently realised that this mechanism provides only the most crude, unsatisfactory and imperfect form of democracy, because it allows only for a mass decision, which must of necessity disfranchise, in that respect, the minority. Its application, therefore, should be strictly limited.

The greatest measure of genuine democracy is provided by the money-vote, which allows every individual a degree of freedom commensurate with his purchasing power. The fact that his purchasing power in the past has been arbitrarily and unduly limited is due to the activities of the manipulators who seek to undermine that freedom.

The attempt, which proceeds from the same source, to vest "full and unfettered" powers in a "national" Parliament is an attempt to disfranchise and enslave the individual by making him subservient to mass decisions arrived at by a misinstructed majority, who simply become the tools of the controlling minority. It is only in this spurious form that "democracy" becomes compatible with Socialism.

"After arriving at Warsaw by plane, the Director-General of U.N.R.R.A. (Mr. La Guardia) lunched with Government, U.N.R.R.A. and diplomatic officials. He arrived on one of Warsaw's so-called meatless days, but had the choice of nine hors-d'oeuvres, five entrees and four soups, besides fish, duck, chicken and turkey and five vegetables, and vodka, beer and wines." —Melbourne "Sun," August 23.

You begin to realise that if anyone has to starve, it won't be the bureaucrats. Austerity is just the thing—for other people.

Preview of the Socialist State: —

"The first revolt against Government direction of labour has come early. The Insurance Bill, which relies upon the fluidity of labour for implementing its policy of full employment and incidentally for preserving solvency, is not yet law, but already the servile sections of the Bill are making themselves felt. Last week employees of the aircraft factories of Short Bros., Rochester, held a protest meeting against the Governmental decision to transfer the firm to Belfast. They objected strongly to being uprooted from their homes and banished to Northern Ireland, where it is even doubtful that houses can be found for them. They have realised with a shock that the much advertised benefits of full employment carry with them an attitude towards human beings and the foundations of human life that is quite intolerable."

—"The Weekly Review," June 27, 1946.

## THE REFERENDUM MUST BE DEFEATED

### A Job For All Democrats

Mr. Eric Butler's recently published questions and answers on the Referendum, which appeared in the "New Times" under the title, "THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REFERENDUM," have, been reprinted and are now available as a large and attractive illustrated four-page pamphlet having the same title.

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# "SMEARING" PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

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

**Sir, —From what was written last week it is reasonable to conclude that "the press" is no criterion of what a man's conduct ought to be. It can be shown (and HAS been shown by the "New Times") that "the press" perverts news and prostitutes opinions, and that any so-called "exposures" are invariably of a nature to suit the policy of those who control news collection and news distribution.**

News of benefit to the people, such as the progress in Alberta up to last year, is carefully excluded.

The young lady's contention that I should reconcile my attitude towards Private Enterprise with what she has been reading in "the press" must therefore be rejected.

Apart from this, however, my correspondent made three particular points, as follows:—

(1) Whilst money and ownership are the basis for privilege and survival, men will fight for both money and ownership.

(2) She could not see how the proposals of Douglas would minimise the ultimate victory of lust and greed if these things are not stamped out from their very root.

(3) The co-operative rather than the competitive order must be brought about.

## OWNERSHIP AND INCOME

A man may own nothing but will have no anxiety about survival if his income of MONEY is adequate and assured. Ownership in the sense apparently put forward by the young lady is NOT necessary to survival OR privilege. If he has the money he has an effective claim to food, clothes, shelter, and use of all services, as he desires them. I personally have no desire to be an owner, but I have the strongest desire to have regular and uninterrupted access to the necessities of life for myself and those depending on me.

If we could personally contact the great bulk of the population we would find that almost all of them do not hanker after ownership beyond their home, but they would all admit that the struggle to get MONEY is continuous and hard. And so it is obvious, I think, that those who control the stuff for which we all have to fight are the controllers of the conditions under which we live. They are also the controllers of what is called "co-operation," for that can take place only within the financial rules as we find them.

## THE SCRAMBLE FOR MONEY

As to the second point, I confess that I have difficulty in understanding what is meant by the words "the ultimate victory of lust and greed." The terms have not been defined, but presumably the lady has in mind the existing practices by which businessmen go after profits while the going is good and the rest of us scramble in other ways for what we can get. The truth is that under the existing FINANCIAL POLICY all of us are studiously and purposely warned to be constantly preparing for the "rainy day." This rainy day is the evening time of life, the period of so-called economic depression, or the day when we are laid aside by illness. To meet the first, most of us fall into permanent debt to an insurance society and pay taxes for pensions; to meet the second, the businessman makes the most of his opportunities before financial restrictions are imposed upon him, and all of us are taxed to provide a dole for the poor old "worker" when he is thrown on the industrial scrap heap; and to meet the third, we have to "save," sub-

scribe to a "benefit" society, pay taxes for social "security," or meet the FINANCIAL strain in some other way.

All these things are the product of the financial policy, which controls us. They are NOT the result of what is called lust and greed within the individual; they are the result of conditions IMPOSED by certain persons. We must therefore identify these persons and remove the conditions.

## SOCIAL CREDIT WAY OUT

Under the Social Credit proposals put forward by C. H. Douglas there will be no fear of a "rainy day." Every citizen will be entitled to an increasing share of the benefits of an expanding economy, and that share will be distributed in money. There will be no mental anxiety about financial provision for the evening time of life. There will be no periods of economic depression, and the opportunities for profiteering will gradually disappear. The possibility of being laid aside by illness will no longer be a continuous nightmare experience for the rank-and-file of the people. What now appears to be the result of lust and greed will then be shown to have been the result of an alien and anti-Christian financial policy imposed on the WORLD by men actively working against Christianity. It will have been "stamped out from its very root," a root far different from that visualised by the lady who wrote to me. Social Credit is the only means by which this can be done.

## CO-OPERATION AND COMPETITION

As to point 3, co-operation could not exist without enterprise, and I venture to believe that less enterprise is found in Governmental instrumentalities than in private businesses. It is true that Governments are enterprising enough in imposing restrictions and burdens, but enterprise in the realms of production, development, invention and industrial progress is found mostly in non-governmental activities.

A lot is said about cutthroat competition, and few would argue that it is not the product of Satan. But this "competitive order" is imposed upon the people of the WORLD by a group of men seeking world control. They do not PERMIT co-operation. They prescribe that all international relationships shall be on the basis of buying and selling. The idea of one nation GIVING to another is unthinkable to them. Straight out EXCHANGES are forbidden, and everything that is done must be subject to the financial conditions imposed by the persons referred to. Talk of co-operation under present conditions is a waste of breath, but under Social Credit conditions it will be the order of the day.

**The immediate task is to prevent the concentration of more power into the hands of the group of persons now controlling financial policy, and the immediate means for preventing it is an overwhelming "NO" vote at the forthcoming Referendum.**

—Yours faithfully, BRUCE H. BROWN, 189 Hotham Street, East Melbourne, C.2. 1st September 1946.

# MR. LILICO DEFENDS UPPER HOUSE

(From the Burnie "Advocate," 26/8/46.)

**The bitter and untrue criticism of the Legislative Council's so-called "Tory" Members by the Premier (Mr. Cosgrove) probably had its genesis in the failure of his persistent efforts to induce the Council to pass what was then known as the Cosgrove plan, said Mr. A. Lillico, M.L.C., at the weekend.**

That was the reference by State Parliaments of most comprehensive constitutional powers by means of a departure from the democratic provision so definitely laid down in the Constitution, he said. "We were not concerned about the authorship of this plan for the infringement of the democratic rights of the electors; we were not there to look after the rights of the privileged class, as the Premier says the function of the Council is, but rather to see that this State Parliament would not stultify itself by usurping the democratic rights of the electors, who by their vote had brought into being the National Parliament, and who had the unassailable right, clearly defined in the Constitution, to amend it if thought necessary," he said.

"The electors were given the opportunity of making a decision, and turned the proposal down flatly. The Premier says the Upper House rejected the Bill to refer price control to the Commonwealth. The

Bill was defeated by 12 votes to four. However, an alternative that the State Government carry out the work as a State instrumentality was urged by many Members.

## RECOGNISED DANGER

"That there is a grave danger in the reference of such a power to the Commonwealth is admitted by the Federal Attorney-General (Dr. Evatt), who fought so vigorously to have the Cosgrove plan passed by the States. Speaking on the limited time reference provided for in the Cosgrove plan, Dr. Evatt said in Canberra on March 15, 1944: 'Since the convention was held men of authority and learning in the law have argued that doubts exist concerning the competence of the State Legislatures to refer power to the Commonwealth Parliament for a limited period under Section 51. It has been said that any reference for a limited period would be invalid. If it were ultimately held by the High Court that a reference of this kind was invalid, the whole edifice that we are seeking to erect to enable us to cope with the post-war period would be destroyed. I mention the point because of the peculiar and terrible danger which would await the Commonwealth Parliament if it accepted power by reference and that method ultimately proved unconstitutional.'"

"In spite of this grave warning by Dr. Evatt, and despite the fact that the State can effectively control prices by its own legislation, the Legislative Council is severely criticised for killing a measure which provided for a reference for a limited period of three years."

"The Premier says: 'Every energy my Government has will be exercised to pre-

vent any inflation in this State, and certainly to prevent any repetition of conditions during the period Mr. Campbell's Party was in power.' The Premier's Party has been in power for years in the State and Federal Parliaments, and during the past three or four years, during which the same Party was in power, the growth of inflation in fundamental matters has probably not been equalled in our history."

## Notes on the News

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tion question arose. Mr. Scully demanded a secret meeting. When the alarming increase in building costs question arose, Mr. McKell—whose State's costs are the highest in Australia—demanded a secret session. When coal supplies came up for discussion, Mr. Cain, with an eye to electoral repercussions, thought it wiser to exclude the Press. These are the men who preach democracy while practising Fascistic suppression of the facts. In similar circumstances their political rivals would doubtless do likewise, which illustrates the danger of granting more power to politicians of any Party. This should produce many "No" votes at the Referendum.

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**PRIVILEGED PERSONS:** Hugh Chevins, Industrial Correspondent for the London "Daily Telegraph," writing on the Socialist, "classless" Soviet State, tells of members of a highly privileged class who "enjoy incomes and standards of living on a scale of extraordinary affluence compared with the average wage-earner." He tells of a highly complicated method of payment, which even "the chief of the Soviet Trade Unions (Vassili Kuznetsov) did not understand." Further, he says: "The average wage-earner's income will not buy basic rations for a family with a wife and two children." (Melbourne "Herald," August 9.) This is just one more testimony to dispel the inspired propaganda, which has fooled many trusting people into believing that Socialism had improved the people's living conditions.

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**INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS:** Willingness is expressed by employers' and employees' representatives to get together in an attempt to remove the causes of industrial friction. It is just possible that this move will lead them to realise that the fault does not lie with either section, but with the existing industrial and financial economics. If their deliberations bring about a realisation that they have a common enemy, and they decide to unite efforts to correcting the financial policy, which sets employer and employee at each other's throats, then peace in industry may be achieved. If they realise that industry does not distribute sufficient purchasing power to purchase its production, it should not take them long to see that in order to overcome this fault, now money must be distributed to individuals to bridge the gap between incomes and prices.

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**BRITAIN'S BUREAUCRACY:** One year after the war for freedom, every British newborn baby must have an identity card. Although identity cards were introduced in emergency, this card is valid until 1962. Bread zoning for the first time in British history causes so much muddle and waste that pigs are having a banquet on waste bread alone. Meanwhile, according to Mr. Justice Stable, "in intolerable jargon, the Board of Trade issues unintelligible orders and then prosecutes poor wretches who cannot make sense of the senseless." The bureaucrats have practically destroyed Great Britain's soft fruit industry and made it uneconomic to collect the plum harvest. Presumably this is Great Britain's reward for saving Europe from Hitler and then helping to feed Europe while the new Red Despot takes over.

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**SOVIET SEA POWER:** Commenting on a report that Russia intends to become a first-class sea-power, the "Christian Science Monitor's" naval correspondent says: "The best obtainable information about the present strength of the Russian Fleet gives it 5 battleships, 10 cruisers, 100 submarines, 70 destroyers and a number of lesser craft. All the battleships are obsolete and the other vessels range from decrepit to modern." During the war there was a considerable amount of propaganda about the Russian Fleet, but like the Japanese Fleet, it was seldom sighted, and it certainly did not assist Great Britain in getting the millions of tons of vital supplies to Russia to enable her to turn the German tide on the Eastern front. On this showing it will take a few years for Russia to become a worthwhile sea power. —O.B.H.

## TWILIGHT OF PROPAGANDA

The special correspondent of the "Catholic Times," London, writing from Lowicz, Poland, says: "The people around me are showing not the slightest reaction. Their indifference is complete . . . the illusion of escape from politics has gone." (Quoted in "The Social Creditor," England, 6/7/46.)

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(Translated from a booklet by Louis Even, and published by "Vers Demain," Quebec.)

A dividend is not a salary. The salary is tied to labour. The dividend is tied to a capital, earned or inherited.

The national dividend, an amount of money given regularly to each man, woman and child of the country, is an integral part of the Social Credit doctrine, because Social Credit proclaims:

- (1) The existence of a common capital;
- (2) The right of each person to a vital minimum.

Science, applied, acquired and developed in the course of centuries, is a common capital, a common property. If each member of society does not receive from it a real advantage, from birth to death, there is frustration, injustice, theft of inheritance.

The national resources—such as our forests, our water falls, so important in Canada—are common capital.

And many other things constitute common capital. The Social Credit dividend insures to every person a minimum income from this common capital, without cancelling the reward of individual labour, because money thus liberated will go to those producing and distributing goods.

Each person has a right to life. And since, in our modern world, it is impossible to exercise this right to life without rights on production, taking the form of money, a minimum of these rights on production must be, in some way, guaranteed to each person, from birth to death.

In a country that can produce more than the citizens can consume, it is tyrannical to refuse to each at least a vital minimum. The national dividend excludes this tyranny.

## ERIC BUTLER'S TASMANIAN TOUR

During his tour of Tasmania under the auspices of the Tasmanian Retailers' Association, Mr. Eric Butler addressed meetings in Hobart, Launceston, Burnie, Ulverstone and Devonport. His addresses were designed to show that high taxation, bureaucratic controls and the Referendum were merely different aspects of a campaign of destruction emanating from international sources, such as the London School of Economics. Mr. Butler was given a splendid hearing at all meetings. He also gave five special radio talks.

The Tasmanian Retailers have had printed 50,000 excellent anti-taxation leaflets for distribution right throughout Tasmania. These leaflets urge electors to bring pressure to bear on their individual Members of Parliament to have all taxation reduced by at least 50 per cent.

Mr. Butler arrived in Melbourne by plane from Tasmania on Thursday night, and left for South Australia on Sunday night. Reports of the big "No" campaign in South Australia, in which Mr. Butler and Mr. John Weller are taking a leading part, will be published as they come to hand.

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