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

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## No Limits to Power-Grabs Unless Checked

### Revolution and the Referendum

By ERIC D. BUTLER.

"The tendency of Government is to increase [its] power," said Lord Bryce. It is a matter of history that once a policy of centralising power is given sufficient initial momentum, it will tend automatically to gather strength.

It is amazing how many, even widely read people, cannot learn the lesson from the past—that all policies of centralised control, which when taken to the conclusion result in the gangster control which operated in National Socialist Germany and Guild Socialist Italy, must first be given momentum by those usually referred to as the "moderates."

The first major steps towards centralised control are the hardest. But, once the people have been persuaded to take these first steps, the way for further steps is made easier.

#### THE OLD "KERENSKY" ROLE

When the evils of such first steps towards centralised control manifest themselves, the "moderates" either have to reach out for greater control or be swept aside by those who are more ruthless in their demands for power.

It has been the same in every revolution; the overwhelming majority of those who pave the way to revolutions and rule by gangsterism are dispensed with as soon as they have served their purpose. But no revolution is possible without them.

The coming Referendum is a typical example of how the "moderates" in Australia—most of them, no doubt, unconsciously—are working for the centralisation of control, which can then be used by the internationalists, who want a centralised policy of world control.

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It is not suggested that local centralisers are all under the direct control of the

internationalists. These local centralisers even have their feuds among themselves, which only helps to create confusion. For example, it is well known that Mr. Calwell has no love for the big city press, particularly Sir Keith Murdoch's Melbourne "Herald." But both Mr. Calwell and the Melbourne "Herald" foster the centralisation policy. Mr. Calwell's views are well known, but what of the Melbourne "Herald"? In an editorial in the "Herald" of January 10 of this year, the following appeared:

"Few people do not agree that an extension of Federal power is necessary for a better order of economy and for post-war tasks of national development. But there can be no stability for planning unless such powers are established on a sound and unchallengeable basis."

The Melbourne "Herald's" policy may not be to centralise power as last as Mr. Calwell and others desire, but, nevertheless, it helps the general policy by fostering the idea of centralisation among those who do not take heed of Mr. Calwell's views.

#### SELF-GOVERNMENT IN PERIL

Once it is clearly grasped that all centralisation of policy inevitably leads to de-

mands for further centralisation, it can be seen how the defeat of the Referendum is not only necessary to prevent the concentration of more power at Canberra; it is necessary to prevent the creation of conditions which will then be used as an excuse to centralise control at Washington or Palestine or somewhere else.

Those who do not think that the granting of more powers to the Federal Government at the Referendum would lead to demands for more and more powers, have apparently forgotten the history of the manner in which local government, the only check against gangster rule, has been progressively destroyed in Australia.

The continuance of Uniform Taxation by the Federal Government is a direct blow at the sovereignty of the States. And yet when first introduced and subsequently, it was promised that Uniform Taxation was only an emergency imposition. The history of Federation from its very inception has been one long story of broken promises made by those working to wrest powers from the State Governments.

#### POWER-LUSTERS' TRICKERY

Before the States would enter Federation they rightly demanded certain definite guarantees. They were chided because of their lack of faith, but were given guarantees—for five years. Examine the Federal Constitution and note the repetition of the phrase, "during a period of five years and thereafter until Parliament otherwise provides."

The small States were very apprehensive before Federation. Until 1898 they clung to a constitutional guarantee giving the States three-fourths of net Customs revenue, without any time limit. But they gave way under pressure, and accepted a limited guarantee in a new clause which provided that "during a period of ten years . . . and thereafter until the Parliament otherwise money if asked for was to be paid to the States."

Before the end of the ten years the States had lost the surplus revenue similarly guaranteed, and after 1910 the three-fourths share of customs revenue also.

The small States were similarly tricked on the Senate question. Sir Frederick Holder said: "We must insist upon having a Senate to guarantee the interests of the smaller States." As a Constitutional safeguard, the Senate has been rendered useless—by the Party system. On the Uniform Taxation issue,

CONSTRUCTION COSTS: Mr. Oswald



MR. CALWELL

it was tragic to see Senator McKenna and other Labor Senators from Tasmania upholding a move designed to destroy their State.

#### A "NO" VOTE NOT ENOUGH

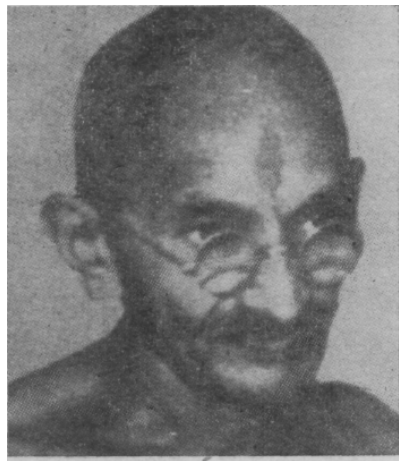
Reviewing the history of Federation, it is obvious that not only must the Referendum proposals be rejected on September 28, but that the electors of Australia must take active steps to build up safeguards and checks against the "tendency of Government to increase power." Unless this is done, the centralisers will merely ignore the decision of the people, as they did after the 1944 Referendum, and continue with indirect attacks on local government.

Centralisation of power must be attacked everywhere. Firstly, by a ruthless exposure of those using the "tendency of Government . . . to increase power" to further their own policy of international control—the World State. Secondly, by building up non-Party voters' groups in every electorate—State and Federal—for the purpose of bringing each Parliamentary Representative under the direct control of his electorate.

## Significant Political Pointers

Events in India since the inception of a "democratic" Government have shattered some of the beliefs of many people, in this and other British countries, who derived most of their ideas about India from Leftist writers who carefully fostered the idea that once the British stopped "oppressing" the Indians they would enjoy peace and prosperity.

What most of the advocates of the end of British rule in India did not know—their Leftist "educators" saw to this—was that the term "Indians" camouflaged the fact that the 400 million inhabitants of the subcontinent of India are comprised of vastly different types and that the so-called "self-government" proposals mean in practice the domination of large minorities by the so-called representatives of the Hindu majority.



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The recent wave of riot and bloodshed in India is evidence of the fact that the Moslems and other minorities fear that they are going to be oppressed. The following significant despatch has been sent from New Delhi by the "Daily Mail" (England) correspondent:

"As one who saw the advent to power of the National Socialists in Germany, I can only compare the present determination of Congressmen to consolidate their position in office with that of the Nazis in 1933."

It is reported by the "Daily Mail's" correspondent that Sadar Patel, the Home Minister, "is a man renowned for ruthlessness."

"There is another source of this Moslem consciousness of inferiority. The Hindu

community is much more the adaptable and advanced. It was the first to welcome Western education.

"In finance and big business, the supremacy of the Hindus amounts almost to a monopoly. With few exceptions, the banks and insurance corporations are in their hands . . ."

—H. J. Brailsford, in the "American Mercury." (Quoted in Sydney "Bulletin," September 4.)

"The subject of what is commonly called India (which is as descriptive a reference as a reference to Europe) is, of course, much too large to be dealt with in detail here, but certain facts are essentially relevant to a grasp of the larger picture.

"The first is that the Indian Congress (significant title) is not, and never has been, representative of more than the most insignificant fraction of the indigenous population. The second is, that it is known to be, and to have been for many years, financed from the same source as was the Russian Revolution . . ."

"Why has the Labour Socialist Party, the friend of International Finance, persistently meddled with the Indian question, of which it knows nothing?"

—C. H. DOUGLAS, in "The Big Idea."

In spite of the American Government's recent condemnation of the shooting down of American 'planes by some of the Communist "Tito's" Yugoslavian fighter pilots, press reports state that U.N.R.R.A. supplies for Yugoslavia continue to be shipped from America.

Obviously the "Tito" Communist gang has good friends in America.

It will be recalled that it was in Copenhagen that Professor Toynbee gave his famous speech in which he said that he and his friends in the Institute of International Affairs were doing their best to destroy the national sovereignties of the peoples of the world—and all the time "denying with their lips what they were doing with their hands."

The Australian press of September 6 reports that at a conference of delegates to the International Food and Agricultural Organisation, held in Copenhagen, Sir John (Continued on page 3.)

## NOTES on the NEWS

The illogical position of voters trying to balance Party policies and Party loyalties is forcibly illustrated in the present election, especially in the case of Labor voters, who are asked to forego tax reductions which they naturally desire, or else transfer their votes to their so-called political rivals.

Under the Party System they are obliged to vote for a Party they do not want in order to obtain a desired result. And if they vote Liberal to obtain tax relief they also vote for strong-arm tactics to break strikes—and so on. It does illustrate the need for electoral machinery whereby voters can vote on each issue and not be obliged to swallow the bad pills, and the doubtful ones, as well as the desirable pill—if any.

Barnett, commenting on the cost of houses, shows some realism when he says: "Under present conditions the bulk of the workers will never earn enough money to buy their own homes." That is, of course, obvious to those who have considered the economics of the situation. It looks as if it will not be long before workers will not be able to rent houses, even the cheap-jack types being built by the Housing Commission. These houses will be occupied by the higher income group who otherwise would have built better class dwellings. So, the position is that a levelling-down process is operating; in due time, workers even on £6 to £7, will have to occupy Army huts or packing cases—unless, of course, our money system is suitably altered. At present we are building down to the money level. This process must be reversed.

**CAPITALIST COLLIERY:** The Black Jack coal mine in Tamworth, N.S.W., is a small mine employing only 70 men, and has produced more than a million tons in 46 years. Now, when the big southern mines are closed, this mine is operating and providing power for light, heating and transport, plus a surplus for State Railways. Black Jack has used electric coal cutters for some time, but more modern methods are under consideration. The main factor in the mine's success is said to be the excellent relations between the management and employees. When this news gets about

there will be a determined effort to socialise it in order to eliminate the example of efficient private enterprise. Socialised monopolies do not permit competition because it would illustrate their inefficiency.

**COMMUNIST COMPLAINT:** Russian newspaper "Pravda" complains of insufficient education of members of the Communist Party in the Soviet, and adds: "The greatest task is the education of Communist consciousness among the workers and the liquidation of all that remains of capitalism from human understanding." (Melb. "Sun," September 9.) From this it is clear that despite nearly 30 years of official propaganda and endless purges, liquidation of millions of people and the imprisonment of many more millions, the desire for freedom still lives; it also illustrates that the Soviet Fascist leaders fear the impact of the outside world on those Russian soldiers who were fortunate enough to obtain a glimpse of it. It is reported elsewhere that the Soviet leaders fear the return of these soldiers, who will know what a lie Communism is; doubtless they will be earmarked for the next purge.

**SCIENCE AND SOCIETY:** At a science conference recently concluded in Adelaide a "Committee on Science and Society" was formed for the purpose of studying every day problems.

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# MONOPOLY AND THE REFERENDUM

(An E.C. Broadcast by JAMES GUTHRIE, B.Sc., from 7HO last Sunday.)

**Last Sunday, we stated that monopolies are one of the most destructive and dangerous evils of modern society, both politically and economically; we further stated that monopolies are instruments of exploitation from which the people have no direct escape. In this country the biggest and most dangerous monopoly is the central bureaucracy in Canberra; other monopolies only exist with the permission and the protection of the Central Monopoly.**

The well-known Socialist, Bertrand Russell, in his book, "Power," says: "In the majority of [large American] corporations, all the directors together usually own only about one or two per cent, of the stock, and yet, in effect, they have complete control."

The writer goes on to show that the shareholders of the big corporations have very little say in the election of directors, and the directors elect themselves and their successors.

On page 301 of the same book, "Power," Bertrand Russell states:

"The situation is in no way essentially different when 'the State' takes the place of a corporation; indeed, since it is the size of the corporation that causes the helplessness of the average shareholder, the average citizen is likely to be still more helpless as against 'the State.' A battleship is public property (whatever that means), but if, on this ground, you try to exercise rights of ownership, you will be soon put in your place."

## A SOCIALIST'S ADMISSION

Bertrand Russell (a Socialist), on page 303 of the same book, goes on to say:

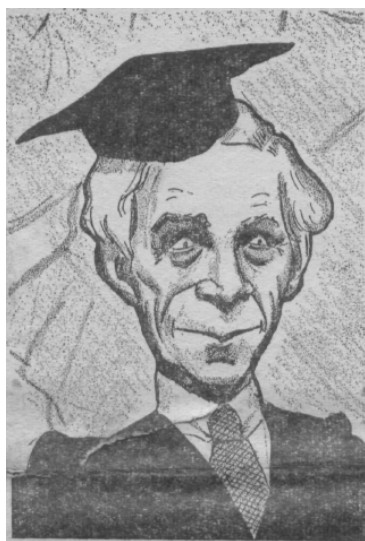
"Marxists, having retained, as a result of the authority of Marx and Engels, many ways of thinking that belong to the 'forties of last century, still conceive of businesses as if they belonged to

trahised autocratic rule must function through a human machine of delegated authority, a pyramid of graded officialdom, each layer subservient to those above and overbearing to those below. Unless there are brakes of genuinely democratic control and the corrective of a hard-and-fast legality, to which everyone, even the anointed of the Lord, is subjected, the machine of power becomes an engine of oppression. Where there is only one employer, namely, the State, meekness is the first law of economic survival. Where the same group of officials wields the terrible power of secret arrests and punishments, disfranchisement, hiring and firing, assignment of rations and living space—only an imbecile, or someone with a perverted taste for martyrdom, will fail to kow-tow to them."

"If concentration of power in a single organisation—'the State'—is not to produce the evils of despotism in an extreme form, it is essential that power within that organisation should be widely distributed, and that subordinate groups should have a large measure of autonomy."

For Australia, this means that the States should retain the powers given them by the Constitution, and that the Federal Government should be given only those powers which are absolutely necessary; it means that in the coming Referendum the answer to all three questions is "No."

Russell, the Socialist, shows us in detail



BERTRAND RUSSELL

individual capitalists, and have not learnt the lessons to be derived from the separation of ownership and control. The important person is the man who has control of economic power, not the man who has a fraction of the nominal ownership.

"Under any form of socialism which is not democratic those who control economic power can, without 'owning' anything, have palatial official residences, the use of the best cars, a princely entertainment allowance, holidays at the public expense in official holiday resorts, and so on and so on. And why should they have any more concern for the ordinary worker than those in control have now? There can be no reason why they should have unless the ordinary worker has power to deprive them of their positions [which he hasn't]. Moreover, the subordination of the small investor in existing large corporations shows how easy it is for the official to overpower the democracy, even when the 'democracy' consists of capitalists."

"Not only, therefore, is democracy essential if State ownership and control of economic enterprises is to be in any degree advantageous to the average citizen, but it will have to be an effective democracy, and this will be more difficult to secure than it is at present, since the official class will, unless very carefully supervised, combine the powers at present possessed by the Government and by the men in control of industry and finance, and since the means of agitating against the Government will have to be supplied by the Government itself, as the sole owner of halls, paper, and all the other essentials of propaganda."

## LESSON OF SOVIET RUSSIA

On the following page the writer, quoting Eugene Lyons, gives this description of Socialist Russia:

"Absolutism at the top implies hundreds of thousands, even millions, of large and small autocrats in a State that monopolises all means of life and expression, work and pleasure, rewards and punishments. A cen-

## REFERENDUM DEBATE

A public debate on the Referendum proposals will take place in the Dandenong Town Hall on Thursday, September 26, commencing at 8.15 p.m.

Marshal Tito and his Communist henchmen in Yugoslavia are teaching the children that U.N.R.R.A. is the name of a province in Russia from which they are getting their supplies.

how, when all political and economic power is concentrated in the hands of what is called "the State," a terrible instrument of tyranny is produced, unless some means is devised for controlling it.

## MARXISTS AND MONOPOLISTS

Russell shows how the Socialists and Communists, and, in fact, the entire Leftist movement, following the leadership of Karl Marx, concentrated their hatred on ownership and failed to study and understand the meaning and power of control. This mistake, and it has proved a tragic and bloody mistake for the world, and especially for Europe, has been fully exploited by those who are using the Socialist and Communist movements, and these people are the directors of the great international monopolies. The greatest financial monopoly in the world today is Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York, and its political representative is Bernard Baruch, the virtual controller of the atomic bomb.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., by now, I suppose, control several thousands of millions of pounds capital, and this was the gang which financed the Russian Revolution, and, no doubt, supplied most of the gangsters who are running riot in Palestine, India, Egypt and Greece.

The directors of the great monopolies are a very closely-knit brethren: They are well organised, and they have a highly skilled general staff. The New York gang, which came from Germany, probably have been in existence for well over 100 years. We know that they are violently anti-British, and they are definitely out for world control.

In order to bring Australia under the control of this gang it is essential that the Australian Constitution should be wiped out, and the Labor Party of Australia has been entrusted with this job, and that is what the Referendum is for, and that is the reason why we are going to vote an emphatic "NO" to each of the three questions.

# 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, 5/8/46

The Republicans are expected to win a majority in the Lower House of Congress this fall. Most of the new Republicans will be Nationalists.

The Honorable Norman Jacques, Member of the Canadian Parliament, recently delivered a radio address in Ottawa, Canada, praising the Nationalist Movement in the U.S.A. and emphasising the need for Christian Nationalism. On July 29 Mr. Jacques spoke in Chicago. He was introduced by Mr. Frederick Kister, National Director of the Christian Veterans of America.

The Communist wing of the C.I.O. has seized complete control of the P.A.C. since the death of Sidney Hillman. The P.A.C. will eventually be the foundation of a pro-Soviet political party.

F.D.R. and his henchmen were to blame for Pearl Harbour, according to the minority report brought in by the Pearl Harbour Investigating Committee over the signatures of U.S. Senator Homer Ferguson, of Michigan, and U.S. Senator Owen Brewster, of Maine.

U.S. Senator Arthur Vandenberg was accused on July 20 by the "Daily Worker" (official Communist organ), of being tied in with Gerald L. K. Smith in an anti-Communist "plot." R. J. Thomas, vice-president of the U.A.W.-C.I.O., who recently returned from a visit to Moscow, where he addressed his audience as "Comrades," is quoted as the authority on the subject.

U.S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler is being urged by friends to run for the Senate this fall on an Independent ticket. It was quite natural that he should be defeated because he sought nomination on the Montana Democratic ticket. The Democratic Party in Montana is dominated by Left-wingers. Wheeler was endorsed by Harry Truman, Colonel Robert McCormick, Robert LaFollette, John L. Lewis, and Gerald L. K. Smith.

German Jews insist that they receive better treatment on the Russian side of Germany than they do in the English and American zones.

Congressman John Rankin possesses confidential information, which establishes beyond any doubt that Communist traitors are attempting to organise the workers in the atom bomb factory at Oakridge, Tennessee.

James Roosevelt is being groomed as a Presidential candidate for 1952. It is hoped that by that time a new pro-Russian party will be formed. Young Roosevelt is much more pro-Communist, if possible, than either his father or mother. He addresses Communists and brags about it.

Earl Browder, it is believed, has now brought back the secret instructions of Stalin to the American Communist Party.

The Yugoslavian citizens are not being told that U.N.R.R.A. gets its food, clothing, etc., from the U.S.A.

Jewish organisations are trying to prevent the New York "Daily News" from getting a permit to operate a radio station; spokesman Chief spokesman for the Jewish groups is the American Jewish Congress, headed by Rabbi Stephen Wise. Keen observers here in Washington believe that Jews who have been denied certain freedoms in Europe are unwise in attempting to deny those freedoms to certain Americans with whom they may disagree.

Election of Eugene Talmadge as Governor of Georgia and the re-election of Theodore Bilbo to the U.S. Senate is just the beginning of a tidal wave across the South in opposition to 13 years of Eleanorism [Mrs. Roosevelt is Eleanor], New Dealism, etc. Politicians attempting to popularise the intermarriage of blacks and whites are likely to soon be eliminated from positions of prominence and power.

U.S. Senator James Mead, in investigating the Garsson profiteering empire, has bitten off more than he can chew. His exposure of Congressman May and others seems to be leading the investigators into territory occupied by powerful New Dealers. Some think that the spotlight has been turned on profiteers in Illinois so that there won't be too much time to investigate the real big shots in New York State before the election this fall. Mead is running for Governor of New York State.

Scandal and libel, too coarse and crude to reprint here, were used by the Communists, the New Dealers, and certain Jewish organisations, in their recent campaign against U.S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler in Montana. U.S. Senator Edwin Johnson, of Colorado, said: "The writers of these lies should be horse-whipped in public." Senator Johnson is a temperate man. His proposed punishment gives some idea as to the viciousness of the lies circulated against Wheeler, whose personal character is above reproach.

Stalin's henchmen in Germany have erected a giant monument to Nikolai Lenin in the hometown of Martin Luther.

Cardinal Hlond, of Poland, recently made a Cardinal by Pope Pius XII, in a pastoral letter, said: "It is an actual fact that the Jews fight against the Catholic Church, they are free-thinkers, and constitute the vanguard of atheism, bolshevism and revolution. The Jewish influence upon morals is fatal, and the publishers spread pornographic literature. It is also true that the Jews are committing frauds, practising usury and dealing in white slavery. . . . One does well to prefer his own kind in commercial dealings, to avoid Jewish stores and Jewish stalls in the markets, but it is not permissible to demolish Jewish businesses."

# Referendum Pointers

As some people do not seem to have grasped the fact that those asking for increased powers for Canberra desire to destroy the States, the following two statements by Labor Members will prove of interest:—

"I think that, sooner or later, through the process of taxation and other processes that are available to this Commonwealth Parliament alteration of the Constitution will be forced upon the people whether they are willing or not. The tendency will be to so strain the powers that the Commonwealth possesses as to make local government, as at present employed, impossible."

—Hon. F. Brennan, during 1944 debates on Referendum Alteration Bill.

"I do not believe in the maintenance of the present States; the policy of the Australian Labor Party is that complete power should be vested in the Commonwealth Parliament, which should then delegate certain powers among provinces. We do not believe in the sovereignty of the States."

—Hon. A. Calwell, at Canberra, on March 27, 1946.

Those who believe that the "big capitalists" are opposed to greater powers for Canberra should find the following statement by Mr. Calwell on March 10, 1944, very instructive:

"I refer to the 'Australian Industrial and Mining Standard,' which honorable Members opposite will recognise as a journal published by a section of people who support their interests at election time. . . . In a leading article entitled 'Powers Transfer Necessary,' in the issue of March 1, the following appeared: . . .

The transfer of 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. . . ."

"There is no limit to the audacity of elected persons."

—Dr. H. V. Evatt, in "The King and His Dominion Governors."

This statement was made, of course, BEFORE Dr. Evatt became a Federal Member.

"What Lord Hewart sought to emphasise and what we should remember is that our rights and obligations are being decided by officials who interpret the laws which they themselves have framed, frequently again without ordinary judicial safeguards of open hearings, sworn evidence, and reasoned and published decisions. . . . All over the world, the emergence of the Social Service State has resulted in a hypertrophy of functions which has literally overwhelmed Governments, and while the Governments disclose with every move their inability to handle those functions effectively they are constantly craving for fresh spheres of power and influence."

—Professor F. A. Bland, in "Planning the Modern State," published in 1937.

The Commonwealth Year Book of 1937-38 reveals that the cost of Parliamentary Government in Australia is 3/11 per head of the population. This includes both Federal and State Governments.

The cost of the State Parliaments averages approximately two shillings per head of the population.

And yet some uninformed people talk about "the great financial saving" if the States were abolished. If they were, the Federal Government would have to take over the work now being done by the States. It can be safely predicted that this would mean INCREASED financial costs.

## HOW TO VOTE "NO"

Indicate your vote in respect of EACH of the THREE proposed amendments to the Constitution—which will be separately submitted on one ballot-paper—by placing the number 1 in the square, opposite the word "No" and the number 2 in the square opposite the word "YES."

## A PUBLIC DEBATE

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL

SUPPER ROOM

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27, AT 8 P.M.

SUBJECT—

"SOCIALISM THE ONLY PRACTICAL NEW ORDER?"

AFFIRMATIVE: DR. A. H. DOBBIN  
NEGATIVE: MR. BRUCE H. BROWN

## "SOCIAL CREDIT AND THE REFERENDUM"

Hear—

MR. E. J. GROGAN

on—Thursday,

September 26, at 8 p.m.

at—

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

# THE LATEST INSIDE TURF GOSSIP

## A REVIEW OF PROSPECTS FOR THE ELECTION CUP AND REFERENDUM HURDLE

By "DURHAM"

Racing is in the air! With the approach of the Royal Melbourne Show, with its trotting events, potato and flag races, etc., and the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, there is intense anticipation and excitement in the hearts of all sporting men and women.

But perhaps the most interest, and certainly the greatest attendance, will attach itself to the Election Cup and Referendum Hurdle to be run on the same day—September 28th—at the Nationwide Course at Allstates.

Turning our attention first to the Election Cup, we see that the field for this event is formidable. It may be helpful to punters if a short review is given concerning the form of some of the more prominent candidates and the prices bookies are giving.

First "favourite" is Ben's Bubble, a wily colt starting at 17 to 1. Emphasis is given by leading bookies to the fact that this price is final, and punters wanting a farthing more are merely indulging in wishful thinking. It is impossible, they say, to give more liberal terms—so that's that.

Although one bookie (we won't mention his name) at South Melbourne did stick his head out with longer odds and nearly had it bitten off. The rush in his direction was terrific—mainly by opposing bookies wishing to cover-up.

Next best price is given about the second favourite, Folembob, offering at 20 to 1. Folembob is an old stager with plenty of experience, and is expected by his supporters to make a smart run at the finish, thus beating Ben's Bubble by a narrow margin.

Opponents of Folembob say he hasn't a dog's chance, and that there is a catch in the price offered about him. They say that if a miracle happens and he does win, his backers won't receive all their money. In fact they will be lucky if they end up with a 10 to 1 payout.

Third favourite, and offering the best odds amongst the "class" competitors, is Artful Artie at (hold your breath!) 28 to 1. This is the best price obtainable on the field for years. Skeptics are saying that anyone offering that price about a nag competing in a field with Wardebt

and Social service is well and truly mad—it just can't be done. But there you are, miracles do happen!

However, win who may, punters can rest assured it will be a grand race. Winners who have a wad to collect will no doubt be eager to put it all up on National Debt or Interest Bill, those two squeeze-blood twins by Deduction out of Pay Envelope.

So much for the Election Cup. The Referendum Hurdle has only three starters—the only survivors from an epidemic of disease that swept through the Evatt stables in 1944. Evatt originally trained 14 wild-eyed half-breed broncos, but the tricks and treachery of the other eleven have been concentrated in these three.

Ostensibly tame looking and harmless, this string from Evatt's stables have more kicks than a mule.

Let us take a brief look at them. First there's Farmers Frenzy by Board Bore out of Scarcity. It is said that a handful of wheat will hobble this nag before it leaves the barrier.

Then there is Free Medicine, by Dead-out of Danger. A dose of Socialistic syrup used to get this old crock up to the barrier is likely to cause collapse at the 3-furlong post.

Finally there is Wage Slave, by Carrot out of Reach. This starter is an old rival of Basic Wage, who at his last 200 starts has finished one meeting behind Cost of Living, a flighty mare who is always well out in front. To bolster up the price about Wage Slave, it is being suggested by unscrupulous bookies that "bob each way" punters have got to put their money on this nag if stability in the turf business is to be maintained and if desired improvements at the course are to be achieved.

# Political Pointers

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Orr put forward a case for the establishment of a World Food Board. Great Britain's Food Commissar, the pro-Communist Mr. John Strachey, is in favour of the project. The Jewish Mr. La Guardia made a "fervent appeal to the conference to take immediate action to establish a World Food Board."

This proposal is an attempt to establish permanent world monopoly of all food.

**Australian primary producers should realise that the proposal to transfer control of the marketing of primary products to Canberra is the first big step to bring them under the control of the world monopolist.**

In "Smith's Weekly" of August 31, socialist Brian Fitzpatrick says rather significantly that "In some respects the position of citizens of Soviet Russia 20 years ago has a likeness to the present situation of citizens of capitalist Australia."

Mr. Fitzpatrick argues that the Russians had to go short of consumable goods while they built up the capital plant whereby they could ultimately produce consumer goods. He says we are in a similar position in Australia, that we are producing the capital goods with which we will soon produce a flow of consumable goods.

The fact of the matter is, of course, that the concentration on the production of capital goods and big public works is an attack upon the present standards of living of the people. It is an indisputable fact that a proper utilisation of the EXISTING capital resources in Australia would soon lead to a very much higher standard of living and a shorter working week.

Mr. Fitzpatrick proudly proclaims that unemployment figures are low. They were also low in Hitler's Germany, while production of capital goods—i.e., "guns before butter"—was expanded at the expense of consumer goods. A similar policy is obviously being imposed on this country. Mr. Ward's proposal to spend £300,000,000 unifying the already out-of-date Australian railway system is one example of the large-scale planning now advocated in all the "best" circles.

**As we listen to the large-scale planners, we can only wonder how our simple forefathers were able to feed, clothe and house themselves so much better than we do today.**

**The taxation reduction proposals of Mr. Menzies and his associates is undoubtedly one of the cleverest frauds presented to the Australian electors.**

Unless Mr. Menzies has been convinced of the soundness of Social Credit financial principles—most unlikely!—where is the money to come from to maintain existing social services and extend child endowment to the first child?

There is no doubt that Mr. Menzies can reduce taxation immediately by 20 per cent. But what is obviously proposed is the financing of social services, including child endowment for the first child, by the "contributory" method.

No matter whether people surrender their money to the bureaucracy via taxation OR "Contributions," the result is exactly the same—serfdom. Mr. Menzies is merely promising even more socialism than Mr. Chifley offers—and, incidentally, that is why Mr. Menzies is advocating a "Yes" vote on the Social Services proposal at the Referendum.

**While the people in Great Britain are drastically rationed by the world food controllers, people elsewhere are living well.**

Apparently the world food racket has now reached the stage where the international plotters no longer try to conceal how food control is being used to bring the British people to their knees. In the Adelaide "Advertiser" of September 3, under the heading, "Britons Go Abroad For Square Meals," the following appeared:

"Chief object of British holiday-makers who go abroad just now is a good square meal. In Ireland they feed like kings, eating twice a day their British weekly butter ration, followed by all the meats, fruits and cream their unaccustomed stomachs can withstand. In the Channel Islands they find the largest lamb chops in memory—and no queues for anything save the cinema. In Switzerland and parts of France and Scandinavia they wallow in good things."

"If the unified system [of government] is going to be such a blessing to, say, Western Australia, apparently New Zealand would have been more advanced if it had remained a colony of New South Wales (as it originally was) and been absorbed as a part of the union of Australian States, under a system of unification. There is nothing absurd in this parallel. It has already been pointed out that New Zealand is over a thousand miles closer to Canberra than are certain parts of Australia, and its capital only half as far away as Perth. Still, most people on reflection will agree that the above contention would be a rank absurdity: for even under a federation, closer union of New Zealand with Australia, in 1900, was deemed inadvisable."—D. H. Drummond, in "Australia's Changing Constitution." —E.D.B.

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# A NEW REFERENDUM LEAFLET

The article by Eric Butler, which appeared on page 3 of our August 30 issue, under the headings, "A BASIC ISSUE TO BE FACED AT REFERENDUM" and "THE POWER-LUSTERS HAVE LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG," has been reprinted in a large illustrated two-page leaflet.

In addition to the article and accompanying picture of Dr. Lloyd Ross (with the same inscription underneath), the new leaflet contains the item from same, issue, which depicted and quoted Mussolini and Dr. Evatt in agreement; also the pictures of Dr. Coombs and Hitler complete with inscriptions as per same issue.

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# Chifley on Credit

Federal "Hansard" (page 2442) provides the following item of parliamentary proceedings on July 12, 1946:—

**MR. LANGTRY:** "I understand that approximately £400,000,000 of bank credit was made available for war purposes at the interest rate of 1 per cent. If so, will the Prime Minister consider obtaining, from the same source and at the same rate of interest, all money required for soldier land settlement and home building? If Commonwealth Bank credit was available to help in winning the war, why should it not be forthcoming for the rehabilitation of ex-service men and women?"

**MR. CHIFLEY:** "It is true that a considerable sum of money was made available in the form of bank credit for the purpose of carrying on the war, but only because that was the last financial resource available for the heavy expenditure associated with the war. If the proposal, which has been suggested to the honorable member by certain bodies were adopted, and bank credit were made available without limitation, the result finally would be a complete depreciation of the currency and the utter financial collapse of the country. It is true that in certain circumstances, which I do not propose to discuss now, it is eminently desirable to make a considerable amount of bank credit available, but this is not the time to do that. As a result of the large sums of money that have accumulated in this and other countries, the community has been given an excess of purchasing power. This is tending towards general inflation, from which the world, in part or in whole, is now suffering. It is true that some bank credit should be made available in any circumstances, but a responsible government has to give thought to the effects, of the issue of such credit beyond the minimum requirements. If it were made available for homes of ex-servicemen and women, others would have just as great a claim to similar assistance, with the result that credit would be issued without limit and complete inflation would ensue."

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## A REFERENDUM MEMO FOR LABOR VOTERS

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1933: MENZIES advocates altering Section 51 of the Constitution to allow him More Powers over Industrial Conditions.

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Corio: Wallace, F. H.  
Fawkner: Rettig, H. S.  
Gippsland: Williams, W. T. G.  
Indi: Chanter, J. E.  
Melbourne Ports: Holloway, E. J.  
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Barton: Hohnen, G. A.  
East Sydney: Dougherty, I. N.  
Cook: Fairbrother, F. G.; Preacher, F. S.; Brittain, A. A.  
Lang: Paget, J. R.  
Macquarie: Sutton, J. J.  
Martin: Jacobs, F. M.  
Newcastle: Dark, E. C.; Clarke, A.  
North Sydney: Hughes, W. M.  
West Sydney: Ivey, M. A.  
Warringah: Godfrey, G. F.

#### South Australia:

Barker: Eddy, D. R.  
Wakefield: Riech, F. W. C.

#### Tasmania:

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Franklin: Falkinder, C. W. J.

#### Queensland:

Brisbane: Ward, G.  
Lilley: Mocatto, G. H.

### THE SENATE

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W.A.: Swaine, F. C.  
Queensland: McEachern, C. A.

### PARLIAMENTARY PRAYER

(To the Editor)

Sir.—Reciting the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of Parliamentary meetings is quite in conflict with the spirit of the day and the intentions of most politicians. It is a wonder that the Minister for Commerce or the Treasurer has not moved that the words of the prayer be amended by substituting "sell" for "give" and that following the word "bread" there be inserted the words "at the price fixed by the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner inclusive of excise and/or other taxes if applicable." — Yours, etc., "Professor," Melbourne.

## "Political Indecency" and the Melbourne "Argus"

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

Sir, —I regard Mr. Chifley as the poorest Commonwealth Treasurer we have had, and his attitude towards the Bretton Woods plot and the sovereignty of Australia makes him entirely unacceptable to me as an Australian representative. Since he has been Treasurer, debts have gone up, taxes have gone up, and the standard of living has gone down.

The incentive to produce has been taken away and the lowering of the purchasing power of money has forced the organised industrialists to fight and strike for more wages. All those things are the result of financial POLICY, and that has come largely under the control of the Federal Treasurer so far as Australian conditions are concerned.

But my dissatisfaction along the foregoing lines does not relieve me from the necessity of supporting him when he publicly speaks the truth. He did that in Melbourne on Monday night, 9th September, when he said that the members of the Commonwealth Bank Board in 1931 "drove thousands of Australians into poverty and degradation." That is exactly what they did do, and the fact that some of those members have since died is no reason whatever why they should be excused from any further reference to it. If the people are not told of what was done and by whom it was done how will they ever be able to protect themselves against those who would do the same sort of thing again?



MR. CHIFLEY

In an editorial on 11th September entitled "Political Indecency," the Melbourne "Argus" contained the following: —

Mr. Chifley is Labor's greatest authority on finance. No one knows better than he that the depression of the early '30's was world-wide; that no body of Australians, not even the Labor Government in power at the time, could either engineer or stop this global catastrophe.

The editorial also said that by stating that the members of the 1931 Bank Board "drove thousands of Australians into poverty and degradation," Mr. Chifley, "to score a mean political point, deliberately fouled the names of seven good Australian citizens whose reputation for integrity and devoted public service is beyond question."

There are three important statements in the editorial, which in my view are worthy of brief comment. They are that the depression was world-wide; that the Labor Party was powerless to stop it in Australia; and that it was a global catastrophe.

### BANKING CENTRALISED

The depression was worldwide because the authors of it intended it to be world-

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wide; and the mechanism by which it was made world-wide was the Central Banking System. That Central Banking System was the work of German Jews. It was "established" in country after country, and each one took its lead from Wall Street. When the Wall Street manipulators caused the Stock Exchange to crash in 1929 that was immediately "reflected" in other countries through the "Central Bank." On the basis of economic realities there was no need whatever for this deliberate manipulation to be made world-wide, and had Sir Denison Miller been alive and still in charge of the Commonwealth Bank there would have been no depression here. He knew how to prevent a depression, and had actually done so in 1920-21.

The Labor Government was not in power at the time of the depression, and no one knows that better than the editor of the Melbourne "Argus." The Labor Government was merely in office. The U.A.P. had a majority in the Senate, and it was in the Senate that action was taken to prevent the Government from giving effect to its counter-depression measures. The editor of the "Argus" also knows, or should know, that the Chairman of the Bank Board admitted before the Senate that he received regular "advice" from the Governor of the Bank "of England," and that Sir Otto Niemeyer was sent as an emissary of that institution to see that we toed the line. Professor Douglas Berry Copland was a great help to him in that. It was the members of the Commonwealth Bank Board who refused credit to the Government and forced the catastrophe upon the innocent and trusting people. Whether the "reputation" of these men is beyond question or not, they did a very great disservice to the people of Australia, and will never escape responsibility for it.

### CENTRALISATION DANGER

It was a catastrophe and it was global. Both these facts should remind us forcibly of what can be done against us when power is centralised and wielded by a few men not held accountable for their actions. The present day representatives of the 1929 rogues are at it again, and after curtailing

## STEPS IN A POLITICIAN'S PROGRESS

By "FOOTLE."

Once or twice in my lifetime I have toyed with the idea of politics. Two things have deterred me: one, the impossibility of getting an audience; the other, a shrinking from association with politicians.

Politicians aren't like other men. The outstanding men in other fields are, like poets, born not made. Politicians seem to be made not born.

What I mean is, you so often come across the chappie who starts out in evangelistic fervour to clean up the Augean stables, so to speak; he neither drinks, smokes, marches in step with a band nor offers a policeman a raspberry; his pants are neatly patched with a piece of his wife's or his mother's apron, and his hat is turned up all round. Poor but honest, if you get what I mean; life is real, life is earnest; Sunday was made for hot roast and Monday for washing day. Then what happens?

One day he makes a speech at the domino-spotters' union and is acclaimed a coming man. He points out in homely terms all the grievances and hardships that have struck everyone else. Either he has the wit to realise that it isn't any use mentioning any other sort of hardship or hasn't the wit to think of any others. Anyhow he becomes a union official and subsequently an endorsed candidate in the sacred cause of toil and the inalienable right of his fellow man to life, liberty and the pursuit of toil. He gives a sacred pledge to his electors that, come rack, come rope, he will do as he is told—by his executive.

The electors, who for some reason don't see anything funny about this, vote for him whether they like it or not. The alternatives are too exhausting even if perceived.

### IT'S CALLED DEMOCRACY

I must admit I find our democracy a little hard to take, in the matter of the ballot. For instance, out of three candidates I might consider one to be almost tolerable, but to make my vote valid I am obliged also to vote, in order of preference, for a brace of ginks not fit to shake hands with a hangman. So, as the bloke I vote for is unfailingly and decisively defeated, I find I have helped to relative affluence for the next three years a bloke I would like to see swimming with half a ton of rock tied to his neck.

No one can tell me why I have to vote for someone, the thought of whom spoils

credit accommodation to businessmen in the United States the Wall Street manipulators have again forced a crash. Attempts may be made to "reflect" that here, but there is no reason whatever why there should be any curtailment in the circulation of Australian money in Australia. This "global" business must be exposed and defeated, and the Melbourne "Argus" would be showing much more "decency" if it devoted its influence to the exposure instead of seeking to defend the reputations of local agents of alien enemies.

Let us all take the warning in time and defeat every move designed to bring about greater centralisation of power.

—Yours faithfully, BRUCE H. BROWN.  
189 Hotham Street, East Melbourne, C.2.  
15th September 1946.

### DOUBLE DISSOLUTION, Etc.

EDITORS' NOTE: Further to our correspondent's reference to the Senate, we append Section 57 of the Commonwealth Constitution:—

"57. If the House of Representatives passes any proposed law, and the Senate rejects or fails to pass it, or passes it with amendments to which the House of Representatives will not agree, and if after an interval of three months the House of Representatives, in the same or the next session, again passes the proposed law with or without any amendments which have been made, suggested, or agreed to by the Senate, and the Senate rejects or fails to pass it, or passes it with amendments to which the House of Representatives will not agree, the Governor-General may dissolve the Senate and the House of Representatives simultaneously. But such dissolution shall not take place within six months before the date of the expiry of the House of Representatives by effluxion of time.

"If after such dissolution the House of Representatives again passes the proposed law, with or without any amendments which have been made, suggested, or agreed to by the Senate, and the Senate rejects or fails to pass it, or passes it with amendments to which the House of Representatives will not agree, the Governor-General may convene a joint sitting of the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

"The members present at the joint sitting may deliberate and shall vote together upon the proposed law as last proposed by the House of Representatives, and upon amendments, if any, which have been made therein by one House and not agreed to by the other, and any such amendments which are affirmed by an absolute majority of the total number of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be taken to have been carried, and if the proposed law, with the amendments, if any, so carried is affirmed by an absolute majority of the total number of members of the Senate and House of Representatives, it shall be taken to have been duly passed by both Houses of the Parliament, and shall be presented to the Governor-General for the King's assent."

my breakfast, and I certainly haven't been able to find a reason myself—or at any rate a reason which doesn't bring on dyspepsia. I was always taught that a pessimist is one who, of two evils chooses both, so I suppose you can make pessimists of people by forcing them to choose both evils, and that is probably why electors as a race are pessimists.

Presumably someone must have thought out our little ballot swindle—and, on the face of it, he didn't think it out to help



us. But, if you point out a thing like that to a politician what does he do? Either nothing at all or else he contrives to abolish preference altogether, as in Queensland. So long as a thing is simple enough no seasoned politician can ever see it. Yet how would he like it next time he went to a restaurant if the waiter refused to take his order for sausages unless he agreed to take either tripe or poloney as alternatives? No tripe or poloney, no sausages! That's the situation in a nutshell. We hunger for meat; we get trips. We yearn for a man; we get a politician.

### THE TRANSFORMATION

To return to our wowser in the patched pants and hat of saintly rectitude. In a few

## Notes on the News

(Continued from page 1)

The scientists decided that they "can no longer stand apart in laboratory and lecture room from the world." Many people have suggested that scientists should cease their investigations for new ideas and devote their energies and talents towards seeing that known discoveries are used for the benefit of mankind. Much can be said about this matter, but one point needs special notice: Many present-day so-called scientists are employees of the Government ("The State"), thus to a large degree they are beholden to "The State" and therefore are not free men as scientists should be. In these circumstances they may be merely used, perhaps unsuspectingly, to further the false philosophy that "The State" is more important than the individuals who constitute the nation.

**BUILDING BONUS:** America's super Mass-production has not been allowed to solve the simple job of providing adequate housing, and the position of the homeless is said to be tragic—yet U.S. is reported to be exporting some of her pre-fabricated houses. The position is so bad that the Government proposes to stimulate production by introducing a subsidy plan for payment of premiums to producers of building supplies as an incentive to obtain more output. This development is quite interesting as it amounts to a national production bonus, which if handled in a certain way might be regarded as a limited form of national dividend. If this subsidy were paid to individuals from new money—not taxation or loans—it would have distinct possibilities. This idea could be fostered here in relation to our industrial problems; such an idea conveyed in relation to a known and near problem has a chance of registering.

**UNION UPSET:** Following a dispute caused by the English Transport and General Workers' Union (T.G.W.U.) refusing to work with members of the National Passenger Workers' Union (N.P.W.U.), the London Passenger Transport Board has declared for a closed shop for the T.G.W.U., and all workers have now to join this Union or get out (centralisation again). The N.P.W.U.'s 5000 members have been advised not to be intimidated by the Board's threat. The reason for this coercion may be found in the fact that N.P.W.U. is opposed to Party Politics, and believes that Unions should confine their energies to securing better conditions for members, and refuse to devote funds or energies for political vote-catching, members are quite free to vote for whom they desire without any question of disloyalty to the Union.

**ATOMIC ALARM:** The fear complex developed by "atomic" propaganda is now being used as a reason why "America as a 'strict necessity' may have to wage war for world conquest to prevent the production of atomic bombs." This report was noticed in the Sydney and Melbourne press and doubtless was syndicated throughout the world to get the people softened-up to the Big Idea. The Atomic Bomb was not specified in the "Protocols of Zion" as an instrument in the plot for One World Government, but that's about the only idea overlooked; in the light of this development, a study of "The Mysterious Protocols" makes very illuminating reading. Supplies of this book are available in all States at 2/7d posted. —O.B.H.

years what do we find? Only too often a maroon-coloured gentleman owning a couple of hotels and a string of racehorses; one with a pretty wit at public meetings and the gift of extracting the maximum of applause from his audience in return for the minimum of information. He has discovered there's such a thing as knowing too much, but that his audience will never be guilty of it. He has found it easier to establish a bond of fellowship with his listeners by affecting to be as dumb as they, than by trying to impress them with superior knowledge. This humility is an old but reliable prop of the public showman. Few have scorned it. Winston Churchill, for instance, when Chancellor of the Exchequer, disclaimed any vital knowledge of money. Montagu Norman, that modern wizard of finance, protested he was lost in the tunnel of depression and could discern no light. Our own Mr. Menzies, one time Attorney General, disclaims any knowledge of the implications of the Bretton Woods Agreement.

And we like them for it! If a barber were to mutilate our scalp and confess "in all humility" he didn't understand barbering we would punch him on the nose or insist on shaving him with bread saw. If a doctor poisoned us through some trifling error of medicine, we (or our executors as the case might be) would not find his humble ignorance such an engaging quality.

But we don't seem to mind in the least what politicians do to us; we let them lie and cheat and take away our self-government from us—and admire their astuteness or high spirits!

So I've given up the idea of politics. I'm not humble enough and I don't belong to a union. And anyway, my wife wouldn't bother to patch my pants for such a venture.