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—Whittier.

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The Truth About the Communist Conspiracy

Secret Fifth Column Activities

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

As a result of the growing number of strikes in all parts of Australia, more and more people are starting to discuss the Communist menace. Unfortunately, however, most of the discussion is useless—in fact, dangerous—as it completely ignores the fact that the Communists are only one set of plotters seeking a centralised World State; and further, that Communism is an international conspiracy the main activities of which are undisclosed to the public.

The secret directors of the Communist conspiracy know what they are about. They rely upon the activities of the known Communists to camouflage their existence and their policies. It is really pathetic to notice how many sincere anti-Communists never tire of pointing out just how few of the aggregate votes are pulled by the avowed Communists at elections.



MR. CHURCHILL

Then we have the alleged opposition to the Communists and Communism by the Labour Movements in various parts

of the world. For example, Mr. Churchill recently complimented Mr. Attlee, Great Britain's "Labor" Prime Minister, on his attack upon Communist propaganda. According to the Melbourne "Age" of October 26, Mr. Churchill said:

"I am of the opinion that we are fairly immunised against Communist propaganda. I do not think it is making headway in civilised countries."

When Mr. Churchill makes such remarks about Communism, he is deluding himself and millions of people who place reliance on his remarks. It was the Communist conspiracy, which defeated Mr. Churchill and his Party at the British general elections last year.

Some may disagree with this statement, and claim that it was the Socialists who defeated Mr. Churchill. Apart from the well-known fact that many so-called Socialists are disguised Communists, it is interesting to note that Professor Harold Laski, Chairman of the Executive of the "British" Labor Party, recently was received by the great Stalin himself, after which he (Laski) made the statement that Socialism and Communism are merely two roads leading to the same objective. Whether Mr. Attlee was sincere in his recent verbal denunciation of Communism or not, we cannot say. But we do know that the "New Times" published a photograph of Mr. Attlee giving the Communist salute in Madrid during the Spanish civil war. And we do know that Mr. Attlee said in the British House of Commons on October 9 of last year that he and his fellow-Socialists did "not intend to be left behind in any revolution."

What every loyal citizen in this and every other part of the British Empire must understand while there is still time left before the threatened Third World War or the



Mr. Attlee (left) giving Communist salute in Madrid during Spanish civil war. Next to Attlee is Gen. Maija, commanding Red Central Army.

International Revolution, is that the most effective activities of the Communists are conducted by secret agents and secret dupes working through the enormous bureaucratic departments now established in practically every country in the world. It is a fatal mistake, the very mistake the conspirators desire, for people to ridicule our statement that all Governments, irrespective of their labels, are compelled to pursue policies, which benefit the secret conspirators.

CANADIAN SPY TRIALS

In previous broadcasts we have made reference to the astounding disclosures of the Canadian Spy Trials, a subject to which we propose to devote a special broadcast in the near future. The disclosures in Canada proved that secret agents of the Communists were operating in practically all Federal Departments. There is little doubt that such secret conspirators are working in the Federal Departments in this country. We have plenty of evidence that all Federal Departments also have more than their share of known Communists. For example, the following appeared in the "Australian Social Creditor" of October 5:

"Recently, the filing system of the Australian Department of External Affairs was re-organised by a person of avowed Communist sympathies."

Now, the function of the economic "advisers" to all Governments is to encourage policies, which can provide the necessary conditions in which the known Communists, the controllers of the key

unions, can create strikes which lead to crises which then provide the economic "advisers" with the opportunity of putting forward arguments in favour of more and more centralised control. For example, during the Victorian transport strike it was suggested that the State Government should socialise all road transport.

Just how many of the economic "advisers" of the Australian and other Governments are secret Communists we do not yet know. But we do know that most of them have been suitably indoctrinated with the teachings of the London School of Economics, the Socialist institution financed by the international financier, Cassel. The London School of Economics has been a hotbed of Communist intrigue. Professor Laski taught there for many years, and sixty-seven of his former students now sit in the British Parliament. The financial policies which Laski's students persuade all Governments throughout the British Empire to adopt are essential for the Communist revolution.

FOOD AS WEAPON

Surely we do not believe that all this is accidental? No, it is part of an international conspiracy, which has as its immediate objective the destruction of the British Empire. This destruction was decided upon a long time ago. Mr. Churchill obviously knows about it, because he said in an address back in 1942:

"Let me, however, make this clear, in case there should be any mistake about it (Continued on page 4)

NOTES on the NEWS

Commentators on the American election describe the result as "a sharp swing to the Right in a Left-veering world," and say that the "New Deal," the Left-wing work of Roosevelt, is finished. Ex-President Hoover says:

"The election result shows that this is the first country to repudiate the road of the totalitarian planned economy, Socialism or Communism. We are now moving towards the goal of free men. This decision will have a profound effect on the nations that have been following us along the road to the Left."

If this prediction is correct, the world will be a better place to live in, but, whilst all freedom-loving people will be elated with the possibility, they will have to continue their efforts to make this vision a realisation—especially in Australia, where the disease of Socialism is deep rooted.

LANG'S LOGIC: The opening speech in the House by Mr. J. T. Lang, M.H.R., caused a sensation, and his charges against the Labor Party collapsed the "Address in Reply" Debate. He described Labor as the Right wing of the Conservative Party, and attacked it for not introducing, and even resisting legislation for the workers. He further illustrated the insincerity of Labor on the 40-hour week by pointing out that the Government refused to grant it to Federal employees not under Arbitration awards. The Government's action in sending workers to the Arbitration court whilst retaining wage pegging was described as a confidence trick. When concluding his speech he asked, "Where is the Labor Party?" and, ironically, none had the wit or the courage to reply; and so the Debate collapsed. It was a hard and well-deserved attack on the "Labor" set-up—or frame-up.

CONTROL CARES: The Melbourne "Herald" finance writer is deeply concerned because pressure of increased wage costs will make it impossible to hold ceiling prices; but he, like many others, has no constructive proposal, as to how wages may be increased without inflating prices, to offer. Apparently it is beyond his capacity to realise that extra money income can be provided direct to individuals, from the banking system, without going through industry at all.

Obviously, if these payments did not go through the industrial costing system, they would not be reflected in prices. It should be clear that unless this is done the present inflationary "wages-in-to-prices" system will wreck our society. It is fantastic to think that the solving of such an elementary problem of increasing income without increasing prices cannot be done.

BRETTON WOODS: The seven new Labor Ministers have received from Mr. Chifley documentary data to enable them to study the Bretton Woods Agreement. Anyone who has read the Agreement will know how cunningly it is phrased, and how the dangerous implications of this plot are concealed. Under these circumstances, "New Times" readers in the new Members' districts should immediately post to them the "New Times" issue of November 1st. It was specially produced for such purposes so don't fail to use it. Incidentally, the Melbourne "Age" of November 11 states that acceptance of Bretton Woods will still be possible after December, which is supposed to be the dead-line for ratification. This deadline business is merely "hustle-up" propaganda. If electors do their work and the plotters are defeated in December, we can still expect further attempts by the World Slave Staters to undermine our independence in the future.

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While one cannot agree with everything that Mr. J. T. Lang has said and done, one must concede him a certain amount of integrity lacking in most Party politicians.

Mr. Lang's strong attack upon the Chifley Government in his opening address at Canberra would appear to indicate that Mr. Lang is going to attempt to split the Labor Party on the issue of Mr. Chifley's financial and taxation policies.

In view of the Government solid majority, any division, which can be forced in its ranks, is a good thing.

There is, for example, a known division on the Bretton Woods issue, a fact which Mr. Lang and Mrs. Blackburn, both reputed opponents of Bretton Woods, may work upon if Bretton Woods is brought before Parliament.

There are also opponents of Bretton Woods in the Liberal and Country parties.

A strong electoral pressure over the next few weeks should compel the Chifley-Evatt group to drop Bretton Woods.

Probably the unkindest cut of all in Mr. Lang's address at Canberra was his reference to the Labor Party as the Right wing of the Conservative Party.

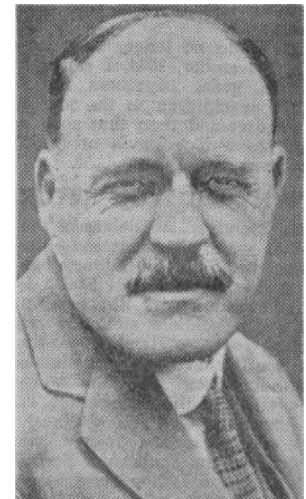
Perhaps it would be more correct to say that what Mr. Lang refers to as the Conservative Party is the Right wing of the Socialist Party!

Although Mr. Lang believes in Party politics he is, at the moment, obviously more of an Independent than a Party representative.

The effect of his address, which, of course, left much unsaid that could have been said, indicates what a genuine Independent of ability could do in the Federal House.

The statement by Mr. Menzies, that he had never seen a Government so paralysed by one opponent, is in direct contradiction to previous statements by

Mr. Menzies, that Independents have no use whatever. Apparently it is a different story when an Independent may help to



MR. J. T. LANG, M.H.R.

disintegrate the Labor Government and give Mr. Menzies a chance of becoming Prime Minister again!

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THE TRAGIC LESSON OF YUGOSLAVIA

The following is from the current "Reader's Digest's" condensation of a forthcoming book by Bogden Raditsa, who comes from an old Croatian family, was for many years a high-ranking official of the Yugoslav Government, in 1945 became chief of foreign press section of the Tito regime's Ministry of "Information," and is now engaged in journalism in New York:

All over the world the members of the Communist Party profess a passion for "democracy." In almost all countries outside the Soviet Union they try to join members of other parties in National Fronts, People's Fronts, Progressive Citizens' Committees, or the like, for the alleged promotion of "democracy." From my own experience in my own country I know the true meaning of this cunning and cynical strategy.

In 1945 I became chief of the foreign press section of the Ministry of Information of the present Yugoslav Government of Marshal Tito. This Government calls itself a People's Front. It came into existence as a proposed co-operative union of all political parties that were seeking a more democratic way of life for all Yugoslav peoples: Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Bosnians, Herzegovinians, Montenegrins, Macedonians. Included in this union was the Communist Party.

From the beginning the Communist Party aimed not at co-operation but at control. Little by little it absorbed all posts of power, open or hidden. The outcome was the very opposite of democracy. It was the extinction of freedom of speech, press and thought. It was the supervision of the lives



"MARSHAL TITO"

of all citizens by a new secret political police. It was arbitrary arrests, imprisonments, executions, massacres. It was a dictatorship of terror and death by a tiny clique.

"USEFUL INNOCENTS"

In the Serbo-Croat language the Communists have a phrase for true democrats who consent to collaborate with them for "democracy." It is "Koristine Budale," or Useful Innocents.

I was one of those Innocents. The story of my gradual awakening may serve as a warning to Innocents in other countries.

In 1943 I was stationed in New York as head of the press service of the Royal Yugoslav Government. I had served that Government since 1928 in Belgrade, in Athens, in Geneva, in Washington. I nevertheless felt that in pre-war Yugoslavia there had been too little democracy. In that mood I read the news that Marshal Tito's "First National Liberation Assembly" had made an electrifying Declaration.

This declaration was for a free and equal "federation" of all Yugoslav peoples. It was for "democracy." It breathed the spirit of a new country, reborn to freedom.

I weighed my duty to the old Yugoslavia and to the new. I preferred the Democratic Federated Republic of Yugoslavia to King Peter's Monarchy. I preferred Tito to Mikailovich. I resigned from my position and put my pen at the service of Tito in the American liberal press.

An article of mine in "The Nation" said: "A new Yugoslavia has arisen: a federation based on political, religious and social equality. As one humble worker, I feel that my support belongs to Tito's Partisans, because on their banner rest the hopes of my country."

I then could no longer bear to be in exile. In November 1944, I sailed from New York. In great happiness my wife had brought our children to the pier to see me off. We dreamed then that soon she would join me in a Yugoslavia of free men and free women.

"WHY DID YOU RETURN?"

When I arrived at Belgrade the signs of liberation were all about me—liberation by the Russians. Russian military heels clicked in all streets. Pictures of Stalin looked out from all windows. I did not much mind that Russian soldiers stole my watch from my hotel room. "Hand over the watch!" was a familiar order by Russian soldiers to Belgrade civilians. Watches were irresistible novelties to these liberators. But they were liberators—and fellow-Slavs!

In a public square ragged young men were dancing the traditional Serbian "kolo," though the words they sang were new: "Comrade Tito, when you go to Russia, Give our thanks to the Red Army, And tell Stalin that all our Serbian youth is for him."

Nor did I much mind that there was deep sadness in the greeting of many of my old Belgrade acquaintances. They said: "Why did you return to this hell?"

But they had been members of the Serbian ruling class, which dominated Yugoslavia between the two World Wars. Now they were poorly dressed and their eyes were full of fear. I pitied them, but I remembered their role in the evil past, and made myself think of the good, free future.

DOSSIERS FOR GESTAPO

My first alarm as to the freeness of that future came when I found that in order to be installed as chief of the foreign press section of the Ministry of Information I had to acquire a "karakteristika." Today no Yugoslav can get away from that secret documentary record of his political and personal actions. It follows him from locality to locality; wherever he goes it determines the treatment he receives from the authorities. If it is unsatisfactory he is barred from all public employment, which today is the major part of all employment. My "karakteristika" had been prepared by Sveta Nedelkovich, the personnel officer of the Ministry of Information, a member of the Communist Party.

Nedelkovich startled me by saying that there was a black mark against me for having written a book, "The Agony of Europe," published in Belgrade in 1940.

It was an anti-Fascist book, and it had been suppressed by the occupying Germans. Why should such a book be challenged by Nedelkovich, a Communist?

I was soon to learn. The book was anti-Fascist, but it was not pro-Communist. It was pro-democratic. Nedelkovich warned me that my attitudes in the future would be watched.

I was thus put on notice that in this new People's Front Government the non-Communist participants were expected to be satisfactory to the Communist participants. The others were to be the "Front" while the Communists, even if in the background, were to be the bosses.

"THOSE MEN WILL DIE"

When I suggested various non-Communist literary men for inclusion in my press section, they were rejected. I was told: "Those men will die. We need new men. The new men will take their place quickly enough."

"Those men will die." That sentence was to haunt me.

The new men began to be thrust into my office. One, Vuksan, came directly from the secret political police. He was to deal with foreign journalists yet he did not know even one foreign language. He started a secret police file for every foreign correspondent in Belgrade.

I did not want to be merely a figure-head. I spoke to my chief, the Minister of Information, Sava Kosanovich, now Yugoslav Ambassador in Washington. He was not a Communist; he was Secretary-General of the Independent Democratic Party. He, too, was encircled by "new men" and quite unable to help me. The actual manager of the Ministry of Information was his "assistant," Velko Korach, a Communist.

The situation was the same, I discovered, for every other non-Communist member of Tito's false People's Front—even for Ivan Subasich, the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Subasich had been a leader of Yugoslavia's largest democratic movement, the Croatian Peasant Party. He had signed the Tito-Subasich Agreement for bringing all Yugoslav anti-fascist elements into a "democratic" coalition. He had been urged into this agreement by Britain, and, to some degree, by the United States.

Now I saw that Subasich was not operating his Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It was being operated by Edward Kardelj, a Communist.

But I (as an Innocent) was still to make my most surprising discovery—about Tito himself. Tito holds the titles of Prime Minister, Defence Minister, Marshal. He is also a member of the seven-man Politburo of the Yugoslav Communist Party. He is thought abroad to be the ruler of Yugoslavia; but even Tito does not really rule; he is only a "front."

TITO'S "DEMOCRACY"

I was shocked to find Tito living in the White Palace, the former home of Prince Paul. The Communists had promised that the royal palaces would be given to the children of the workers and peasants. Now Tito was occupying the most luxurious of them all. It was distressing to have him point out to me the lovely old pictures on the walls as if they were tributes to his own artistic taste. He strove to gloss over his plunder with his smile.

Tito can smile. He can act. He dresses like Goering, gesticulates like Mussolini, tries to talk like Stalin. And he has that smile. It is a confident, vigorous, an almost violent smile.

Communism, like Fascism, requires a living symbol. Tito will smile for five hours on a reviewing stand while thousands of workers and Government employees and schoolboys file past him screaming "Tito is ours; we are Tito's. Ti-to! Ti-to! Ti-to!" It is materialistic totalitarianism enshrining a human god.

Tito's utterances are thought to be inspired. And they are. Every word he speaks in his public orations is written by two other members of the Communist Party's Politburo: Zuyevich-Tserni, the

Minister of Finance, and the Montenegrin Milovan Djilas, a friend of Stalin's.

Communism is government by bureaucracy; and Edward Kardelj is the mastermind of the Yugoslav bureaucracy, therefore of Yugoslavia itself. He is a Slovenian—a short, dumpy, dapper man, with scholarly eyeglasses. He used to teach school. He is an argumentative dialectician. He studied Communist methodology in Moscow. Now he is Vice-Prime Minister. He is also chief of all the personnel chiefs of all the Government departments. Twenty-eight of them meet with him each week to discuss the personal and political attitude of Government employees, from the standpoint of Communist Party theories and policies. Kardelj has represented Yugoslavia in the General Assembly of the United Nations and at the Peace Conference in Paris. Through his manipulation Moscow's vote in the United Nations controls the vote by Belgrade.

EXECUTE WITHOUT TRIAL

The Yugoslav secret political police force is known as the OZNA. OZNA means Department for the Defence of the People. It was organised by Russian specialists in espionage and liquidation. Its head, Lieutenant-General Aleksander Rankovich, is empowered to arrest without warrant, and to execute without trial, any citizen deemed to be "an enemy of the people."

OZNA has one section for control of civilians; another for control of the army; another for control of Yugoslavs in foreign countries; another for control of foreigners in Yugoslavia; and, finally, a very special section for control of the Government itself—that is, for the control of all Government officials, including Communists. The Communist Party actually conducts continuous espionage upon itself. It is like an onion. It is in layers. You have to peel off layer after layer before you come to the core. The core is a network of spies.

To control a country of 14,000,000 people OZNA employs 100,000 spies. It also commands the services of KOJ, the Elite Guard, which is like Hitler's special SS outfit, with 150,000 members in uniform—the best fed, best clothed, best armed military force in the country.

(To be continued.)

HOBART BROADCASTS TO BE SUSPENDED

Lack of Financial Support

THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN,

101 Collins St., Hobart.

November 6, 1946.

The Editor, The "New Times," Melbourne

Sir,—Next month will see the end of ten years of continuous broadcasting from 7HO, Hobart. This has represented a considerable expenditure of time and energy on the part of Mrs. Guthrie and myself; the funds have been supplied by a very small number of loyal supporters, and to these I extend my thanks and appreciation.

What the value of these talks has been few can guess; what would have happened in Tasmania if these talks had not been given no one can tell. We believed we had something of value to tell the people, and we backed our faith by this endeavour.

In our Referendum Campaign we distributed our literature to every township in Tasmania; very few people were interested in this campaign, and I was left with practically the entire expense. I am also personally responsible for the financing of the broadcasts, for which there is a considerable deficit. The cost of publishing the booklet, "Our Sham Democracy," was over £100; this, no doubt, will liquidate itself in two years' time (I hope), but meanwhile I am responsible for that debt, too.

In the campaign run by myself, and the campaign run by Mr. Wedd, M.L.C., there is a very marked tendency to leave all the difficulties to "George." This is dangerous, and does not lead to stable conditions; it helps to produce what is known as "machine" politics.

I would like any reader who has taken an interest in the campaign run by myself and my wife to help lighten, at least our too heavy financial burden. We intend to shut down our broadcasts until, such time as our debts are liquidated, and more help is available.

(Signed) JAS. GUTHRIE, Chairman.

MR. MYER AND WAYS TO PROSPERITY

(A Letter to the Editor from J. Bradshaw, A.F.I.A.)

Sir,—The Melbourne "Argus" of November 1 contained a full-page report of the address given by Mr. Norman Myer, Chairman of Directors, Myer Emporium Ltd., at the annual meeting of shareholders. Apart from detailed references to the operations and activities of the Company, the theme of Mr. Myer's address was that production ONLY is the basis of high wages, profits, and living standards, and that we have "no fairy godmother to work miracles for us."

Whilst no thoughtful person would deny that high production is indispensable to the enjoyment of high living standards, it is quite untrue to say that it is the ONLY basis of such standards. Only a superficially minded person would claim that it is.

Attention has previously been called in your columns to the fact that the reduction in the size of the daily papers enforced by newsprint rationing never prevented the allocation of extensive space for the reporting of addresses by chairmen of large corporations. It is rare to read in one of such addresses any words of wisdom. On the contrary, they almost invariably consist of statements, the incorrectness and emptiness of which have been demonstrated in the light of conditions obtaining throughout the world.

BUSINESS MEN ARE NOT ALWAYS WISE

We might do well to pause for a moment to reflect on the psychological aspect of the policy of featuring the occasional utterances of these business potentates. In some cases chairmen of directors take an active part in the management of the particular undertaking; in others, they do not. It may be that they are disinclined, or, as often is the position, that the number of business concerns in which they are financially interested is so large as to render impracticable their doing any more than attend meetings of the board, and make decisions on matters of policy. But the mental attitude intended to be developed in the minds of newspaper readers by the publication of their addresses—an attitude which, regrettably, is very widely prevalent—is that, by reason of their eminence in the business world, these men necessarily are competent to guide the rest of us in matters appertaining to social philosophy; that because of their possession of technical knowledge in respect of some industry, or their ability to successfully organise and administer a large business concern, they must naturally and logically be credited with an understanding of the mechanisms which govern the operation of the entire economic system. Now, it is no more logical to adopt this attitude as being in accord with reality, than to say that, because a person is a reliable and skilful car driver, he or she necessarily must fully understand the intricate mechanisms by which a motor car is propelled. The truth is, of course, that the qualities called for in the successful carrying on of a business undertaking are of a different character to those requisite to an apprehension of the prevailing conflict between business and economic philosophy on the one hand, and the reality of the completely transformed physical environment evolved by man's gradual conquest of "the inimical environment of Nature" resulting in the conquest of Scarcity on the other. Today, our struggle against "the inimical environment of Nature" has been replaced by a struggle against an inimical environment which man has made himself. (In using the term "man", I am not losing sight of the

fact that certain specific individual men are consciously engaged in perpetuating that struggle). But the prevailing business and economic philosophy or "culture" must be opposed and its sheer unworkability made manifest if the people who inhabit this modern environment, transformed as it is from "the inimical environment of Nature," are to escape from the frustrations, miseries, and deprivations by which they are tyrannically afflicted.

A DISASTROUS DOCTRINE

Referring to what I have termed "the prevailing business and economic philosophy," Will Dyson has expressed himself thus:

"That rule of life for all practical purposes is the Law of Business, THE DOCTRINE OF LIFE AS A COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION, AS A FINANCIAL PHENOMENON. That doctrine and its spiritual derivatives is the expression, in terms of practical morality, of the necessities of our ancient struggle with inimical Nature. THERE IS TODAY AN ATTEMPT TO FIT AN OVERWHELMINGLY PRODUCTIVE SUPREMACY OVER PARSIMONIOUS NATURE INTO THE NEEDS OF A PARSIMONIOUS PHILOSOPHY BASED ON NATURE'S SUPREMACY OVER US. THAT SUCH AN ATTEMPT CAN ONLY BRING FAMINE I WILL ARGUE LATER—THAT IT HAS TODAY BROUGHT A VIRTUAL FAMINE IS NOT TO BE CONTROVERTED." (My emphasis.)

There is, of course, a sense in which Nature still is supreme over us. That consists in the fact that Nature exacts from us an inescapable penalty for misuse of her gifts and forces, as can be seen, for example, in the soil erosion brought about by the prodigality of its (the soil's) misuse. Nature, in the operation of the laws underlying it, takes no cognisance whatsoever of the rules and conventions fashioned by human minds, not even of the so called "economic laws" dear to the hearts of those pestilential humbugs, the orthodox economists. Human life is the highest manifestation of Nature known to inhabit this terrestrial planet. We may be certain, therefore, that a business and economic philosophy which exalts a "Law of Business" embodying "the doctrine of life as a commercial transaction, as a financial phenomenon," and which ruthlessly subordinates human welfare thereto, will, in the nature of things, bring its own retribution. In one of his earliest writings, Major C. H. Douglas observed, "... over every plane of action with which we are acquainted, action and reaction are equal, opposite, and wholly automatic..."

(To be concluded.)

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FORTHCOMING ELECTION IN TASMANIA

The Independents versus the Party System

(Electoral Campaign talk by JAMES GUTHRIE, B.Sc., from 7HO last Sunday.

This week, the names of the candidates for the State Elections were published, and the list revealed more than the usual number of independents. This should make the election interesting, especially for those people who very much object to having their leg pulled by either the Labor or Liberal Party.

In the past, those people who objected to voting for either Party—that is, most of the intelligent voters—had to invalidate their vote, or vote for what they considered the lesser of two evils. Now they have an alternative: they can vote for an Independent. There appears to be a seat waiting for an Independent in each electorate.

I cannot understand why people should consider it reasonable that the country should be represented by two extremes: Labor and Liberal, or why, in the Federal Election, we should have been asked to choose between Mr. Menzies and Mr. Chifley. The whole thing smells too much of a stunt organised to stampede the young voters.

Party politics have proved a very expensive and very dangerous affair for Australia; the yes-men of the Parties, however, do very well for themselves, thank you very much, and they think Party politics a splendid idea!

CHANGE OF PARTY NO GOOD

But there is an increasing number of people who are beginning to realise that the party machine is one of the most dangerous and anti-democratic organisations we have; and I am satisfied that very few of the older members who helped to build up the Labor Party would have anything to do with the present Party machine. The Parties depend on young and ignorant voters to push them into Parliament.

The deterioration in politics and business, the increasing taxation and increasing costs, and the deterioration in quality of nearly everything produced are not solely the responsibility of the Labor Party, and anyone would be stupid to believe that this process of deterioration is likely to stop with a change of Party. There is not the slightest evidence to justify such a belief.

FALSE IDEAS OF DEMOCRACY

The sickly sentimentality of the "American" brand of "democracy," which has engendered the belief that a crowd of people putting a cross against some unknown man's name at election time constitutes democratic government, is not only horribly false, but is political dynamite.

For a Government to say to us after this election that it has been given the right to do just as it pleases, is something that has to be challenged at every step—if we don't do so, we are finished.

In England, the people have no Constitution to protect them against their Government, and no real House of Review; the result is that the people are worse off than they were during the war, and worse off than those in some of the conquered territories.

INDEPENDENTS ARE NEEDED

It is to be hoped that new independent blood will be introduced into the House of Assembly to break up the old gang.

A few independent men, like Wedd, can do a great job in the House, especially if they let us know from week to week what is going on. That the people appreciate this is evidenced by the crowded meetings given to Wedd and Loney as they tour the Island.

One or two good independents from each electorate would give Tasmania a new lease of life.

People are wasting their time when they argue that independents, when in Parliament, must form a Party.

A LESSON OF EXPERIENCE

It is strange how most political arguments leave out the vital item of experience. Experience has taught us, or, I should say, some of us, that when an organisation obtains great power over the lives of other people it becomes corrupt; it cannot escape, and no such organisation ever has escaped, this end. It is our job to get rid of it before it does too much damage. This job is a continuous one, demanding continuous action, and a continuous supply of fresh blood.

In the future, the emphasis must lie with those outside Parliament who are prepared to take an active interest in their country's affairs, and, by forming a strong public opinion, prevent Parliament meddling in things that don't belong to it. It is this, which constitutes a really democratic country, and the deterioration in government has been due to the fact that there is a great shortage of government influence.

POWER TENDS TO CORRUPT

In Russia, where everybody is under Government influence, criticism is, of course, impossible, and corruption and injustice have no limits. It is necessary, therefore, for all those who understand such things, to realise further that the ruling clique should have its powers strictly limited to definite spheres of activity.

The demand by the Socialists and Communists that the Government should control everything is merely a demand for a dictatorship along Russian lines. This is

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NOTES

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

QUARTERLY RALLY: A quarterly rally will be held on Saturday, November 23, at 8 p.m., in our rooms. All Adelaide readers of the "New Times" are requested to keep this date free and to make a special effort to come along to assist in making this meeting a successful one. In particular, we appeal to those readers who have not been in touch with this office recently to make an endeavour to be present. Actionists who have been in close contact with us are finding that with the passing of time and the continuance of unsatisfactory social conditions, more and more people are looking for a glimpse of reality through the darkness, which we alone, as a section of the community, seem able to see. In the course of the meeting the president will review the activities since the annual meeting, and members will be given an opportunity to criticise or to make suggestions for the improvement of the administration of the affairs of the movement.

BOOKS TO READ: "The Tragedy of Human Effort" by C. H. Douglas (shows how "the general principles which govern association for the common good are as capable of exact statement as the principles of bridge-building), price 6d. "The Answer to Socialism," by C. Barclay-Smith, price 2/6. "The Enemy Within the Empire," by Eric D. Butler, price 9d. (All plus 1d postage.) —F. BAWDEN, Honorary Secretary.

THERE IS MOVEMENT IN YOUR STATE

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The United Electors of Australia, 343 Little Collins St., Melbourne, Victoria.

The Douglas Social Credit Movement in Victoria, 1st Floor, The Block, Elizabeth St., Melbourne, Victoria.

The United Democrats, 17 Waymouth St., Adelaide, South Australia.

The Electoral Campaign, 101 Collins St., Hobart, Tasmania.

The D.S.C.A. of N.S.W. and The Electoral Campaign (N.S.W. Division), 3rd Floor, 296 Pitt St., Sydney, New South Wales.

The Electoral Campaign (Queensland), Room 14, 2nd Floor, 142 Adelaide St., Brisbane, Queensland.

Douglas Social Credit Movement of W.A., 544 Hay St., Perth, Western Australia.

FINANCIAL APPEAL'S GOOD START

OVER £200 ALREADY GUARANTEED

The Social Credit Action Group, which, as announced in our last issue, has launched an appeal for £2500 for next year's fighting funds, reports that the initial response indicates that this sum can be obtained. The total amount subscribed will govern the rate at which an eight-page illustrated "New Times" every week can be attained and the circulation more rapidly expanded. Not only is it desired to keep Mr. Eric Butler campaigning full-time, it is also desired to have several other full-time campaigners.

In last week's "New Times" it was pointed out that 1550 actionists contributing regular amounts ranging from 3d to 4/- per week could easily contribute the £2500 being sought. The table below sets out how many donors are being sought to contribute various weekly amounts and early progress results:—

Weekly Amount Needed.	Donors Required.	Acknowledgments.	Donors Obtained.	
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6d.	400			400
3d.	800			800

The guarantees of the donors acknowledged above total well over £200 per year. The fact that only 26 people have guaranteed this amount should stimulate thousands of others to make their contributions. In order to save time, labour and postage, contributors are urged to pay their donations for twelve months in one amount if possible; failing this, for not less than three months. 5/- per week is £13 per year; 4/- per week is £10/8/- per year; 2/- per week is £5/4/- per year; 1/- per week is £2/12/- per year; 6d per week is £1/6/- per year; and 3d per week is 13/- per year.

All payments to be sent to W. J. Carruthers, 32 Kendall Street, Ringwood, Vic.

SAY IT WHERE IT WILL COUNT

By Oscar Schisgall in "This Week Magazine."

One winter weekend my wife and I visited the Barkleys at the small New England College where he taught Latin. At dinner I mentioned how difficult it had been driving up in the blizzard when the snow blanketed my rear window. "I think the automobile manufacturers ought to put defrosters on the back windows, too," my wife said.

"Good idea," Dr. Barkley agreed with a smile. "Why don't you say it where it will count? Why not write to the manufacturers?"

My wife wrote to half a dozen and got cordial letters of acknowledgment. How influential her suggestion may have been, I don't know—but I do know that several cars have rear-window defrosters in their new models. And that has made me think again of the late Dr. Barkley and his passion for "saying it where it counts." He was the most inveterate letter-writer I've ever known. Hardly an issue could arise in Congress, the State Legislature, or local politics on which he didn't have an opinion. Formulating his opinion clearly he would write a letter about it to his representatives. If he read a book he particularly enjoyed he said it where it would count, in a letter to the author and publisher.

Some months after Dr. Barkley's death, I talked with the Congressman from his district. "I remember him well," said the representative. "He was a clear thinker; I don't recall anyone who, over the course of years, was more helpful in letting me know how the folks at home felt about things."

All this I repeated to Mrs. Barkley, and she listened with a wistful smile. "It would be a healthy thing for the country," I added, "if more people would speak up the way your husband did."

She nodded in a thoughtful way. Then she said, "Why don't you say it where it will count?" So I am.

BEHIND THE SOVIET PURGE

U.S. officials in the best position to judge fear they have confirmation that the Soviet Government has made up its mind that capitalism must be destroyed if Communism is to live. They have just completed a detailed study of the facts and background of the spreading purges within Russia. Their findings:

Soviet policy now is in the hands of—or at least the top policy decision has been made in favour of—those who take the line that (1) internationally Communism and capitalism cannot exist in the same world, and (2) internally those who deviate even slightly from this official ideology must be eliminated.

—"Newsweek" (U.S.A.), September 9, 1946.

BAD EFFECTS OF ARTIFICIAL "FERTILISERS"

"Rothamsted Research Station, England, was set up to test out this theory [chemical soil fertilisation] and small plots were laid out and treated with different, so-called balanced chemical fertilisers . . . They are very small-elongated plots, and not effectively separated from their surroundings, as earthworms and bacteria can migrate from surrounding plots. The soil was very rich originally; new seed has been introduced from outside sources, and had this not been done, the trials would have broken down years ago, as infertility of seed has been the outstanding first ill-effect of continued chemical fertilisation, the next result is failure in resistance to disease.

"Here is a report by Sir John Russell, Director of Rothamsted Research Station, dealing with these plots:

"The Broadbalk results show that, apart from disease, the yield of wheat can be kept up indefinitely by proper artificials." He then proceeds: "Diminishing returns from doses of nitrogen have begun to operate in Plot 8 and the straw is weakening and the plants easily tumble down. A fungus, recently discovered, accumulates in the soil, and is probably one of our coming tribulations, for it is spreading widely in the country."

—"The Wisdom of Organic Farming," by H. White in "Organic Farming Digest," Sydney, October 1946.

ERIC BUTLER'S BOOKS

"The Truth About Social Credit." A clear and concise exposition of genuine Social Credit principles, with a complete answer to the popular idea that Social Credit has something to do with Socialism. Price 1/-.

"The Enemy Within The Empire." Already tens of thousands of copies of this revealing booklet have been sold in all parts of the British Empire. Reveals how the rearmament of Germany was financed and the role of Dr. Schacht, the German Finance Fuehrer found "not guilty" at Nuremberg. Price 9d.

"The Money Power Versus Democracy." A comparatively small quantity of this excellent handbook for all democrats is still available. Price 9d.

The above booklets are obtainable from all Social Credit movements or from New Times Ltd., Box 1226, G.P.O., Melbourne. Include postage (1d per booklet) when ordering.

The Truth About the Communist Conspiracy

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in any quarter. . . I have not become the King's First Minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire. For that task, if ever it were prescribed, someone else would have to be found, and under democracy, I suppose the nation would have to be consulted."

What a pity Mr. Churchill didn't tell us more about the quarters in which there is interest in the liquidation of the British Empire. However, apparently Mr. Churchill had to be removed in favour of others more suitable for the work of destruction. The "British" Socialist Government is now imposing worse conditions on the British people than they had to endure during the war years.



STALIN

The international Communists are well aware of the value of food shortages to help further their revolutionary aims. We have no hesitation in saying that the present alleged world food shortage and the ruthless rationing of the British people by the Communist Food Minister, Strachey, and his international associates is part of a colossal racket.

Official figures prove that world food production is higher now than it was before the war. It is estimated that this year's American harvest is 50 per cent, above normal, and Canada's harvest 30 per cent, above normal.

Even Mr. Stokes, a Socialist Member of the British House of Commons, pointed out on February 14 of this year that whereas Great Britain had 3,000,000 tons of food stocks in 1939 early in the war, there were 4,200,000 tons of food in stock at the end of 1945. In spite of this, the British people were told that they had to endure further rationing. The international plotters used U.N.R.R.A. to

sacrifice the British people to the furtherance of building up Soviet Russia and her puppet States. Not only were large supplies of food poured into Russia and her puppet States; military equipment has, and is being, sent to Communist-dominated Governments whose spokesmen are openly proclaiming their intention of destroying the British Empire.

SOVIET AIMS

If we cannot see that all this, and much more, is definite evidence of an international conspiracy to pattern the entire world on Soviet Russian lines, there is no hope for us. Crippling taxation, financial rules which are divorced from the realities of the production system, bureaucratic sabotage, and Communist-inspired strikes are all parts of the one plan of campaign against us. The real Communist menace cannot be dealt with unless the issues we have been discussing are clearly understood. It is understanding, which is so urgently required at present.

Just as the local activities of the Communists have been deliberately confused in the minds of the people, so the real policies of Soviet Russia have been confused. The so-called "Capitalist" press has helped. Dr. Evatt never misled the Australian people more dangerously when he said at Canberra on March 26 of this year "the Soviet Union's policy is directed towards self-protection and security against future attack." There is no obscurity about Russia's real aims. They are laid down very clearly in two books written by Stalin himself, "The Problems of Leninism" and "The Foundations of Leninism." Stalin points out that Russia is merely a base from which the international conspirators work. The Canadian Spy Trials proved that the secret conspirators are at work in every country.

Stalin also quotes Lenin as saying that "revolution is impossible without a nationwide crisis (affecting both the exploited and the exploiters)." But the crisis cannot be provoked unless the controllers of the financial rules prepare the way. They have done this, and now we are on the verge of destruction.

How, then, can we fight to save ourselves?

To begin with, we must quickly spread the truth of what is happening. This can be done in many ways, but first and foremost, I suggest that, if you have not already done so, you should become a regular reader of the "New Times," thus keeping yourself informed of what is happening and thus be able to spread understanding among your fellows.

You can write to your Members of Parliament, bringing the facts to their notice. They must be made responsible.

And last, but not least, help us to continue financing these radio talks.

If you will not make an effort to help yourselves, no one else will make the effort for you. We appeal to you to pull together now in a supreme effort to stem the tide of disaster. The need is even greater now than it was during the darkest days of the military war. A great and critical battle has been joined. Can this battle be won? You alone can decide.

SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL POINTERS

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The "New Era" reports that, during the Federal elections, Mr. Menzies was asked at Leeton (N.S.W.) what was his attitude towards Bretton Woods. Mr. Menzies said that he had read the Bretton Woods Agreement, but that, although a trained lawyer, he couldn't understand it, and had therefore not yet formed an opinion on the matter.

This being the case, Mr. Menzies' electors should point out to him that the least they expect of him is that he refuse to ratify what he says he cannot understand.

The impudent attempt by "leading Melbourne citizens" and members of the Australia-Soviet House, to prevent Mr. J. J. Maloney from speaking on "The Soviet Myth Exploded" at the Melbourne Town Hall last Saturday night, is indicative of the manner in which the real Communist menace is camouflaged by prattle about "offence" to the representative of the Soviet Government and "bad taste."

The Canadian Royal Commission's report on Communist activities in Canada proved that the Soviet Embassy in Canada was a cloak for espionage activities. It was also discovered that many prominent Canadian citizens had been used, many of them apparently unconsciously, by Moscow's agents.

Mr. Keon, Victorian M.L.A., who arranged Mr. Maloney's meeting, is hereby warmly congratulated on his statement that he is going to try and have the Canadian Royal Commission's Report made public in this country.

"THE PARTY SYSTEM"

Hear —

MR. J. JOHNSTONE

on —

Thursday, November 21, at 8 p.m.

at —

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

Notes on the News

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RELIEF RUSH: Following the transport and metal trades' strikes, many thousands of workers deprived of employment as a consequence will be seeking sustenance under the terms of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act. Thus the confidence trick, misnamed a "benefit," will now be apparent to large numbers of workers. After they had taken along their "marriage lines," their children's birth certificates, their bank books (if any), and so on, and filled in the inquisitorial forms at the local Gestapo office, the strike would probably be over. If not, and provided the Commissar cannot find work for them, he may give them some of their own money back, less the enormous overhead cost of the bureaucrats, who are the sole receivers of any real benefits under the Act. Then, when the snoopers come around checking up, there will be some more understanding. Yes, workers certainly prefer to learn the hard way!

DEDMAN'S DEFIANCE: Speaking at the declaration of the Corio poll, Mr. Dedman is reported as saying: "The fact that Australia has not given the Government full support on the three Referendum issues will encourage it to again seek the Powers necessary for its plan." Seemingly it has not dawned on Mr. Dedman that the electors did not want the "plan," which explains why they did not give the Powers sought. Apart from the insolence and the stupidity of regarding the "No" vote as an encouragement, it would be interesting to know if the "further attempt" will be through another Referendum or the fascist method of bribing or enticing State Parliaments to betray their trust by surrendering the Powers to Canberra. Some form of treachery, using the latter method, will probably be the one, which electors have to guard against.

FRUIT FINANCE: A woman contributor in the press of October 15 comments on fruit prices thus: "Doctors urging patients to eat more fruit and vegetables are flying in the face of economic realities." If by that the writer means that wages are insufficient to buy total production, it is undoubtedly true; but the advice handed out on how to overcome this situation was quite divorced from realities. It was to "beware of unmarked articles, check prices with other shops or go to the market." Here we find the inference of dishonest shopkeepers being the cause of high prices, which, in the great majority of cases, is most unfair and, anyway, does not get at the seat of the problem. The same article quotes growers as "just getting along" and greengrocers as saying that "business is not what it used to be." The cold fact always bypassed by these superficial writers is that our present "wages-into-prices" system is inherently inflationary in so far as prices are always higher than wages. Growers, retailers and consumers blame each other for this situation, instead of fixing the blame where it belongs and insisting that supplementary incomes, which do not become costs on production, be provided.

FOOD FRONT: Despite the professed goodwill of the U.S. toward Britons, a small section of influential people in that country appear determined to place every obstacle in the way of food supply to the Mother Country. The food agreement just concluded between Great Britain and Argentina was the subject of a very violent attack by the Secretary to the Treasury, John Snyder. He said that this agreement violates the conditions of the recent loan, and that it gives Great Britain 83% of Argentina's exportable meat for the first year and 78% thereafter. We are now told that the French Government also pledged their country to support American trading grabs as a condition of their loan from U.S. It is worth noting how the big-shot financiers are still using the money mechanism to impose their policy, which, at the present time, is the weakening of Great Britain by starvation, under the supervision of the quarter-Jew, Strachey.

PREFERENCE POINTERS: Judging from press reports of statements by Socialist Sir Stafford Cripps, Empire Preferences will at least be severely pruned—if not abandoned altogether. As students of propaganda will expect, the way for this betrayal is being paved by inferences to the effect that, by so doing, depressions will be avoided. The converse implication, of course, is that Empire Preferences caused them! Here is a sample from the press of October 10: "Britain envisages that depressions will be anticipated and prevented. . . . We have expressed our willingness to consider an adjustment to our Empire Preferences in exchange for substantial tariff reductions in other countries." Departure from Empire Preferences is just another stage of the plot to destroy the Empire, and our Labor Socialists are very willing tools of the Master Plotters. Judging by the exodus from Great Britain, the plot is succeeding. —O.B.H.

A "HECKLE HOUR" DEBATE ON BRETTON WOODS

A debate on Bretton Woods will be broadcast in the "Heckle Hour" session from 3DB-3LK on Saturday, November 16, at 8.30 p.m. The speakers will be Mr. F. A. Parker, B.A., who will speak in opposition to the Bretton Woods scheme, and Mr. A. G. Adams of the "Sound Finance" Association. Readers are urged to publicise this debate as widely as possible. Those readers living in Melbourne are asked to endeavour to attend at the studio.

DON'T MISS THIS!

Plenty of extra copies of the Nov. 1 special Bretton Woods issue of the "New Times" are available to readers at the special price of 2/- per dozen, post free.

We strongly urge YOU to avail yourself of this opportunity to bring before your fellow citizens, as far as possible, the truth about "BRETTON WOODS." This matter is URGENT.

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MRS. BLACKBURN AND BRETTON WOODS

The following report appeared in the Co-burg (Melbourne) "Courier" of November 6: —

The Bretton Woods Agreement, and Wage Pegging were the subjects of an open discussion at the Blackburn Labor Hall in Sheffield-street, Coburg, on Sunday, November 3. The meeting had been convened by the Blackburn and Mutton Labor Supporters' Committee, and was held in order to give electors an opportunity to place their views before the new member for Bourke, Mrs. Maurice Blackburn, before she leaves for Canberra this week. Mrs. Blackburn had promised during her campaign that, if elected, she would consult with her electors at quarterly meetings, seeking their criticism and advice as to her actions in Parliament. Bearing in mind that the Bretton Woods Agreement must be ratified or rejected by December, it was obvious that her first quarterly meeting for discussion on this subject must of necessity be held before the opening of Parliament.

The Bretton Woods proposals were discussed at length by various speakers, none of whom were in favour of ratification. Most of them agreed that the outstanding feature of the scheme was the danger that the right to control our own financial business would in a large measure be surrendered to some outside authority, which could then, through financial control, dictate to us the terms under which we could manage the rest of our affairs. It was obviously a bigger and better attempt at financial interference than that of the 'thirties, introduced by Sir Otto Niemeyer, and known to the workers of Australia as the "Premiers' Plan" under which was imposed an enforced cut in wages at a time when Australia was producing the necessities of life on a scale more bounteous than ever before.

A resolution in the following terms was carried unanimously: — "That this meeting of Bourke electors request that Mrs. Blackburn, when the Bretton Woods Agreement comes before Parliament, vote for its rejection."

On the subject of wage pegging, it was evident that popular opinion regarded the results of price fixing as farcical compared with the reasonably rigid control of wages, and it was forcibly demonstrated that a rise in purchasing power of wages was the desirable objective. Mrs. Blackburn's policy plank of a rise in "real" wages (which was fully discussed during her campaign) was commented on as being along the right lines.

Mrs. Blackburn said she had noted the views expressed, and would bear them in mind while in Canberra.

Mr. Healy, the chairman, in closing the meeting, expressed his pleasure at the very orderly tone of the meeting.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE VICTORIAN TRANSPORT STRIKE

From "Freedom News-Weekly," Melbourne, October 30: —

A feature of the strike was the palatial car, recently purchased for him by the Railways Union, in which Mr. J. J. Brown, Communist Railways Secretary, traversed Melbourne streets surveying the hundreds of "hikers." As his salary continued during the strike, and Mrs. Brown also was employed as a clerk. Brown was not sharing the financial or transport troubles of the workers.

Peculiar feature of the car purchase was that while J.J.B. could find Union money to pay for it he had notified strikers that the Railways Union "was unable to pay them strike pay."

Highlight of the Yarra Bank meeting was the statement by a Tramway-man that the Strike Committee in his district had received its instructions for carrying on the strike direct from officials of the Communist Party. He challenged members of the Strike Committee present to deny his statement. No takers.

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