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Now, when our land to ruin's brink is verging. 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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A Post-War Problem to be Faced

Madness of Orthodox Economics

(Radio Talk by ERIC D. BUTLER over 3CS, Colac.)

It has been truthfully said that we live in a mad world. Mad people have no contact with reality. In this talk we propose to deal with one manifestation of this madness, a manifestation with which we have dealt in previous talks, but which cannot be over-emphasised.

Early in February of this year, Viscount Bruce, Chairman of the International Food and Agricultural Organisation Commission, was reported as saying that the world was heading for a depression which would make the 1929 crash look mild by comparison— unless the nations effectively co-operated to enable consumption to keep up with expanding production.

Consumption, of course, depends upon ef-fective purchasing power in the hands of individual consumers to buy what they de-sire. Purchasing power is directly related to monetary policy, and this matter should and could be easily controlled by the people of any one nation without consulting the and could be easily controlled by the people of any one nation without consulting the people of other nations. It wasn't lack of co-operation between the nations, which prevented many Australians from getting access to adequate food during the Great Depression of 1930-33. This food had been produced in Australia, and much more could easily have been produced, but there was a shortage of purchasing power because of the restrictive financial policy imposed upon the people by the local representatives of the international financial groups. the international financial groups.

Viscount Bruce says that he bases his Viscount Bruce says that he bases his prediction of depression upon the fact that after the first World War "agricultural and industrial production was stepped up" as a result of improvements in methods of production during the war but that this production failed to find an expanding mar-ket in the post-war period.

An expanding market depends upon ex-panding purchasing-power, but, while we maintain our present financial rules, this expanding purchasing-power cannot result from improved methods in production which result in more and more production taking place with less and less manpower.

We hear a lot about increasing efficiency in industry, particularly from those who, although they say they are opposed to socialistic schemes of compulsory work for all, also maintain that there must be full employment. But increasing efficiency can only mean greater and greater production with less and less purchasing power distributed to those actually engaged in pro-duction. Taken to its ultimate conclusion, increasing efficiency can only result in a



VISCOUNT BRUCE

handful of people producing a stream of goods, beyond their own requirements, which no one will have money to buy. But, many listeners will say, even before the war industry did manage to dispose of most of its production. Yes, it did, although it must not be forgotten that many pro-

NOTES on the NEWS

FOOD FRONT: Among the press headline screams for food for desperate Britishers appeared this item: "Sardines, rice, bananas, tinned fruits and stacks of fresh vegetables were being fed to Japanese war criminals at Rabaul." (Melbourne "Herald." March 28.)

In addition to this, some of Britain's food supplies are still being diverted to ex-enemy countries in Europe and elsewhere. Meanwhile the Red Cross is running a "Food for Britain" appeal. Surely it is reasonable in the circumstances to insist on a guarantee that all food given or sub-scribed for will go to Britons, without fur-ther offsetting diversions, and not to Europe or Japanese war criminals. Such a guaran-tee would certainly stimulate the response to this appeal. It would be even better if more facilities were given, such as free postage, so that individual Australians could more readily send parcels direct to indi-viduals in Great Britain.

BREAD BUREAUCRATS: It is leasing to learn that the Victorian Country is

stations stifling discussion. This is in no way different from the Hitler technique of only permitting the public to hear what the Fuhrer thought good for them to hear. The situation is more dangerous when, as here, the Government and the A.B.C. pretend to believe in free discussion.

BRETTON WOODS: Now that our poli-ticians have betrayed Australia to the fin-ancial molochs by ratifying Bretton Woods, the following Gallup Poll finding discloses the following Gallup Poll finding discloses how innocent trusting electors are involved in dangerous commitments without having any knowledge of them. The Poll disclosed that 51% had no knowledge of the pro-posal and only 10% gave a reasonable de-scription of the plan; when asked if they favoured ratification, 10% were in favour, 5% opposed, and 85% were undecided or unacquainted. This proposal did not ap-pear in any political Party election policy, so no Party could claim a mandate for it. That is another alarming example of all political Parties treating their employers (electors) with supreme contempt. (electors) with supreme contempt.

ducers and retailers went bankrupt. But ducers and retailers went bankrupt. But the only way in which the production of modern industry can be sold is by pro-viding consumers with some extra money outside the production system. This hap-pens in wartime, when we have large numbers in the forces and the munition factories. As we all know, or should know, those in the forces and munition workers making goods to "give" to our military enemies, were largely paid with new money created as the war proceeded. created as the war proceeded.

During peace-time an attempt is made to get extra money into the hands of con-sumers by all kinds of public works, the finance for which is borrowed from the finance for which is borrowed from the banking system and written up as a per-manent debt against the community. But even this has proved unequal to the task of ensuring that Australian consumers have sufficient purchasing power to buy total Australian production. The result has been that, like so many other countries, we have had to try to export more than our im-ports—to get what is termed a "favour-able trade balance." able trade balance.

It may be argued that it is physically impossible for us to consume all of some things that we produce. That is so—al-though we could consume much more than most people realise—but unless we export for the sole purpose of getting, in exchange. goods that we cannot produce in this coungoods that we cannot produce in this coun-try, what sanity is there in a policy of producing more than we can consume our-selves and which other people do not want because they are also trying to export more than they import?

In the physical sense, a "favourable trade balance" can only mean that a nation is exporting more than it is importing. It is very significant that those countries, which have developed the industrial arts the most are the very countries most concerned about this export mania. America is the classiest this export mania. America is the classiest example. America can easily produce everything that she requires—it wouldn't matter if every other country were to sink beneath the sea, there would be no physi-cal reason why the Americans could not enjoy the very highest standard of living. But because of the very efficiency of American industry, increased considerably during the war years, and the insistence on the mad policy that full employment is the primary purpose of life, America is already taking steps to increase her exports but not her imports.

Now, it is obvious that countries like America must look around for markets in "hose countries we call backward. These "backward" countries can be persuaded to take great quantities of exports from the (Continued on page 4)

Significant Political Pointers

A political commentator writing in "Truth" which is very pro-Labor, says that the two recent bank mergers in Australia are results of the threat by the Commonwealth Government to use the powers embodied in the banking legislation passed in 1945. "Truth's" commentator says that the Government welcomes the recent bank mergers, as it will make easier the complete centralisation of the Australian banking system.

The objective of the controllers of the Federal Government is clear enough. (The writer of these notes outlined it in his book-let, "The Truth About Social Credit.") The Sydney "Bulletin" (which claims to be anti-Socialist.) referred to the two bank mergers and commented as follows in its issue of April 2: "The proposed merger of the Oueensland

"The proposed merger of the Queensland National Bank with the National Bank of Aus-tralasia is a step in the right direction. It is in keeping with the modern trend of bank-ing, which is toward concentration of busi-ness into the hands of larger units."

Exactly. So that the policy of greater monopoly can be completed by the establish-ment of a State Monopoly. This will place the control of the local financial system firmly under the control of alien internationalists. The advocates of nationalised banking are



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other things as well. With his property handed over to the public or the community, the individual is at the mercy of the public's decisions, in the making of which he plays a less than negligible role It is indeed a very great wrong that economic independence should be threatened by the ownership of property by too few. The answer, however, is to multiply and general-ise the ownership of property" The foregoing extract is from a recently published book, "The Pendulum of Politics," by an English writer, Mr. Aubrey Jones. In a review of the book, the English periodical, "Nineteenth Century and After," writes: "It is the most hopeful piece of political writing that has appeared from the 'Conservative' side for a long time, and it is desirable that it should reach the widest possible public." Also: ". . . he is unlike the average 'Con-servative' of today whose political creed is half 'Liberal' and quarter Socialist."

servative of today whose political creed is half 'Liberal' and quarter Socialist." The fact that Mr. Jones was educated at the infamous London School of Economics and, according to himself, was at one time a typical "progressive," would seem to prove that even the most vicious conditioning cannot prevent some individuals from breaking through to a perception of reality. Such individuals are the hope of our civilisation.

PETROL, DOLLARS, 'PLANES

From the Sydney "Bulletin" of April 2: "On top of the report that petrol ration-ing would 'go on indefinitely,' a 'news' item from Canberra stated: 'The Government is now working closely with the British Government on the dollar conservation plan, and has decided on the tightening up of petrol usage in preference to adopting, for the time being at any rate, more dollar economies mes. "By aspersion, the Government is attempt-ing to cast blame on the long-suffering motor-ist for excessive dollar usage. Yet, without the grace to blush, the same Government has ordered five spanking new 40-seat Convair 240-passenger airliners from America, which will cost many thousands of those precious dollars each. That in the face of Britain's desperate struggle to retrieve economic stability by exporting everything economic stability by exporting everything from beef extract to aeroplanes! "The Government airline (Trans-Australia Airways) has any one of half a dozen British Arrways) has any one of half a dozen British aircraft to choose from, including the Hand-ley-Page Hermes, the Avro Tudor II and the Airspeed Ambassador, which more than match the performance of the Convair. Any of those manufacturers' names has an un-forgettable link with the Battle for Britain, and there have been even at the mechanic and their planes have proved themselves in war theatres the world over.

Party realises that the proposed new body to control the bread industry is only another step along the road to bureaucratic socialism. Commenting on this proposal, Mr. McDonald, leader of the Victorian Country Party, said the recommendations of the commission "appeared to be the same old story of more controls and restrictions," and "complaints about lack of hygiene could be off activated and the with the activation of the state of the s effectively dealt with by enforcement of existing laws." Between the Health De-partment, Pure Foods Act and the Factories Act there is ample machinery to ensure clean, wholesome bread, and under no circumstances should another Board be set up. This would be a topical and valuable sub-ject matter for electors' letters to State Members.

BROADCAST BANS: Sydney newspapers disclose that two programmes for the A.B.C. Forum of the Air have been cancelled on the grounds that they may em-barrass the Government. Questions are also being asked as to how the Government got a preview of the programmes, and who issued the deferment order. The subjects of the banned debates were Asiatic Immi-gration and Overseas Trade Policy. Here we see the evil of Government propaganda

"EDUCATION" ESTIMATES: asmanian Workers' Edu "EDUCATION" ESTIMATES: The Tasmanian Workers' Education Association, which now receives £3700 from the taxpayers through Parliament, is accused by Dr. C. N. Atkins of using these grants for political propaganda purposes. Dr. Atkins quotes some of the lectures given by the W.E.A., and as further support of this he also pointed out that the President of the Hobart Trades Hall Council had been appointed secretary of the W.E.A. The grant had been increased to the above amount for the appointment of two The above amount for the appointment of two new tutors; yet, one of the best lecturers had been dismissed because he did not fit in with the new regime; and this, despite many requests asking for his services. All in all this appears to be a wellsubstantiated accusation, which doubtless also applies to Victoria and elsewhere. (Continued on page 3)

COMMONWEALTH BANK H.O.

among the greatest menaces that we have in this country at present.

ATOMIC-BOMB PROPAGANDA

Most of the propaganda about the atomic bomb has been obviously designed to create fear. Fear is used to stampede people into doing what they would normally oppose.

It will be recalled that one of the most frightening predictions made about the atomic bomb was that it would create ster-ility and that there would be freak births.

The Australian press of April 1 published a small item in which it was stated that records in Japan show that the birth rate in Nagasaki, where the second atomic bomb was dropped in Japan, has actually showed an increase compared with previous Also, there is not one recorded freak birth as a result of the bomb.

PROPERTY AND INDEPENDENCE

The private possession of property is the guarantee of economic independence; it is, therefore, also the guarantee of spiritual freedom, for once one is tied to others for one's bread one may, since bread is the foundation of all, be forced to toe the line on

"Here is a chance to practice economy instead of preaching it, and without penalising the motorist—who doesn't buy more gallons of petrol at today's prices than he has to. —A.J.M. (Vic.)."

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THE MENACE OF "POLITICAL ZIONISM"

(Speech by N. Jaques, Canadian M.P., at Los Angeles, 9/12/'46.) (Concluded from last issue.)

But ALL Jews are not political Zionists. Let me quote an eminent Canadian Jew, Dr. Rabinowich, in an address to the Canadian Club of Montreal. Said Dr. Rabinowich: -

"I am a Jew through and through. It is essential that this be understood. What has prompted me to appear before you is the desperate needs of my people in Eu-rope and the utter confusion of thought and values which is not only prolonging their eufforing but hes fired a train of ourset suffering but has fired a train of events potentially disastrous to Jewry, to the peace

of the world as a whole. "To the non-Jewish world, the silence of all but political Zionists about the situation in Palestine must be difficult to un-derstand. This silence may be ascribed to three reasons—confusion, intimidation and disgust. The confusion is not difficult to understand. Intimidation? I refused to understand. Infimidation? I refused to believe it for some time—persecution of Jews by Jews seemed to be beyond rea-son. I, now, know it to be a fact. In Palestine the infimidation is complete. Outside Palestine the intimidation is complete. Out so complete, but it is by no means negligible.

"According to political Zionists one is either one of them or a traitor to his People. On Saturday," Dr. Rabinowich continues, "on the most sacred day in Jewish life, I was denounced from a pulpit for appearing before you today without the faintest knowledge of the subject-matter of my address. Since them I have received my address. Since then I have received five death threats, which latter I shall com-

Pletely ignore. "All Jews are Zionists, but there are two types of Zionism—Religious and Political. The Religious Zionists are absolutely opposed to a Jewish State, and the basis of their opposition is their Religion. The Political Zionist extremists' only objective is the Jewish State. To that end they have distorted facts and suppressed truth, and, as they have in the past, they are now using the suffering remnant of their People as a tool for their own Political ends." own Political ends.

That was the statement of an eminent Jew speaking for those of his People who are opposed to Political Zionism but who, for that very reason, are the victims of in-timidation and persecution by their fellow

Jews What, then, is anti-Semitism? An obvious answer would be to define Semitism. An owned y, Semitism is the claim by, and for, the Jews for special consideration, privileges and preferred treatment based on the belief, or claim, that the Jews are a "Chosen Decele"

People." One special privilege claimed is exemption from criticism, and any criticism of the Jews is, in fact, resented and denounced as anti-Semitism. This claim for the Jews has become a blackmailing racket, which stifles free speech, controls the press and muzzles members of Parliament and of Congress.

gress. Now, the belief in a "chosen people" is not confined to the Jews. Various races have "fallen" for the idea—the Germans and the Japanese being the latest. Only the Jews have succeeded in implanting this belief in the religion of their intended vic-tims whom Zionists plan to control by tims whom Zionists plan to control by means of an international, world govern-ment which is being imposed on the peoples of the world by every means, not the least of which is the propaganda of anti-Semitism directed against any, and all who ac-tively defend their national sovereignty, the Christian religion, and a Christian cul-ture and way of life. That is, all but the subjects of Saint Stalin, for does he not "liquidate" all guilty of anti-Semitism?

TENFOLD RISE IN TAXES

The average Australian taxpayer paid nearly 11 times more tax in 1945-46 than he did in 1913-14. In 1913-14 tax collections amounted

to £23 millions, or £4/14/4 a head. In 1945-46 tax collections were £378 millions, or $\pounds 51/0/5$ a head.

Figures issued by the Acting Common-wealth Statistician, Mr. J. Barry, show the increase in the amount of tax collected, since before World War I.

£1,000

The figures are: ----

Strangely enough the Jews show an ob-stinate desire to leave the protection of their patron Saint for the terrors of anti-Semitism outside Russia.

Palestine is another proof of "Semitism" and its power to exploit international rivalries for its own benefit by stirring up international jealousies and ill feelings. Let me quote from a ill feelings. Let me quote from pamphlet handed to me as I was speak-



MR. ERNEST BEVIN Accused of imperialist campaign to wipe out

Jews! ing on Palestine last August in the House of Commons.

House of Commons. According to this pamphlet— "Palestine lies crushed under a regime of brutal terror for the past many months. Under the pretext of suppressing terrorism, the British Labour Government, under the leadership of Attlee and Bevin, have begun a campaign to wipe out the Yishuf, in order to strengthen British Imperialist domination over the peoples of Palestine and the Near East. It is tragic to note, that since the crushing of Hitlerism, To the truth, and the truth shall make you that since the crushing of Hitlerism,

In that statement, Mr. Attlee had added that shortages would have been less if "Bri-

tain" had been more selfish and grabbed more for herself at the expense of her friends in other countries.

After referring to the "shortage" of food in "Britain," the "Argus" proceeded to a de-nunciation of the Chifley Government for

its having failed to play a part in arresting the decay of the team spirit, for doing no-thing to "stop the rot."

Readers of the "New Times" are aware of the international forces of disintegration,

which are behind the sufferings of the people of Great Britain. On the assumption that the "Argus" is really sincere in its professed regard for our kinsfolk, I wrote

to its Editor the letter hereunder, which has NOT been published.

HYPOCRISY OF MELBOURNE "ARGUS"

More Crocodile Tears for "Britain"!

By J. BRADSHAW, A.F.I.A.

The Melbourne "Argus" (22/3/47) published a leading article en-titled, "Britain's Leanest Hour." It commenced by quoting the follow-ing recent statement of Mr. Attlee: "We will show the world today that

British democracy [?], by SELF-discipline [?] and the team spirit, can overcome our economic troubles."

Great Britain, pretended friend of world Jewry, has been the first power to strike a blow with the full force of her armed might against the Jewish people. The sudden raids of June 29 can only compare sudden raids of June Jewish people. The sudden raids of June 29 can only compare with the brutal and anti-Jewish terror of the Nazis in the various ghettos in Europe at the time of Hitler's domination." Thousands of copies of that pamphlet have been distributed, and if anybody here is inclined to believe it, let me hasten to add that the pamphlet was issued by the Cartier Council of the Labour Progressive Party in Montreal. You will understand the point I am making when I tell you that the Labour Progressive Party is a Communist party, and that Cartier, in Montreal, was represented in the Canadian Parliament by Fred Rose, alias Rosenberg, the chief agent in Canada of the Soviet Spy Ring, recently sentenced to seven years in prison, as a traitor and a spy who was scheming as a traitor and a spy who was scheming and plotting to steal the atom bomb, and other vital secrets, to hand over to Moscow. Remember Cartier and Fred Rose when you read or listen to Zionist

propaganda. To sum up: Political Zionism has one real aim and purpose—a world State and world control. And its methods? A lying propaganda, in order to breed hared be-tween the American and British peoples, and a worldwide conspiracy against Bri-tain. The Zionists' strongest weapon is the cry of anti-Semitism, which they shriek at any critic of their policies. This cry is al-ways echoed by their Communist comrades, who find it useful as a means of frighten-ing and blackmailing their Jewish victims to force them to pay for Communist proto force them to pay for Communist pro-tection. Anti-Semitism in America is a Communist racket. The truth is, as Dr. Rabinowich has testified, Zionist terrorism over non-Zionist Jews is complete, just as the prisoners in the terror camps of Buchenwald had been under the absolute control of Communists since 1941 control of Communists since 1941. There is not, nor can there be, Jewish persecution by the American, British, or any other people so long as we retain our Christian ideals and beliefs. But, political Zionism and Communism are denials of Christianity; both are anti-Christian.

There is overwhelming evidence to prove the connection between Semitism, Political Zionism, Marxian Socialism and Commun-ism. All are based on the belief that a

The "Argus" willingly lends itself and its columns to superficial party political dis-putation aimed at dividing the people on questions of no importance. It is careful,

however, to exclude any matter, which might awaken its readers to the fact that

system, have degenerated into our enemies, into servants of alien, enemy powers. Citi-zens who realise the truth of the foregoing should associate with one another in order

to mobilise resistance to Government policy,

in order to reverse the conditions obtaining where under individual electors neither get what they think they vote for, nor vote for what is imposed on them.

THE SUPPRESSED LETTER

(To the Editor, the "Argus.")

Sir, —The "Argus" leading article, "Bri-tain's Leanest Hour" (22/3/47), underlines the deplorable situation in which our kins-

folk find themselves. It seems unfortunate,

Political Pointers (Continued from page 1.)

BUREAUCRACY IN GT. BRITAIN

"Today there are no reserves of labour, and the main reason for this is that since and the main reason for this is that since April, 1939, the percentage of non-industrial civil servants has risen from 399.6 per cent, to 709.4 per cent. "This 180 per cent, increase in adminis-trative men and women at a time when the labour problem is so acute, would be ludi-crous were it not so terrifying. "Where are they all being employed? In

crous were it not so terrifying. "Where are they all being employed? In October 1946, the Minister of National In-surance, who already had a staff of 7000, amounced he would require a further 25,000. About the same time Ministry of Agriculture called for an additional 1750 officers to run its War Agricultural Committees. During April and July this year the Food Minister increased his staff by 9395, and as if in sym-pathy the total number of civil servants rose by 13,499. "This is where the productive labour of the country is going. Here is one of the

the country is going. Here is one of the main reasons why Mrs. Smith continues to look wistfully at her worn carpets and shoddy clothing. Far from being producers we are rapidly becoming a nation of bureaucrats.

-Sir Graham Cunningham in "The Voice of Industry," England, December 1946. Bureaucracy before production is also the main governmental policy in Australia.

THE SOCIALIST LAND-GRAB

Australian landowners who do not be-lieve that there will ever be widespread nationalisation of land in British countries should carefully study what is happening in Great Britain.

Commenting on the "British" Socialist Gov-ernment's Town and Country Planning Bill and the Farm Control Bill, introduced by the Jew. Silkin. the American news-magazine, 'Time," writes that this legislation is the most sweeping "since the Soviet Govern-ment's decree of forced collectivisation of the peasants (1929)."

"Everything in it has one aim-to facilitate national planning of all land use for 'national' purposes. The word 'land,' as used in the Bill, really means 'property,' whether it be one of the Duke of Westminster's vast London holdings or some small farmer's plot in the path of a new satellite town."

"These Bills do not nationalise urban or rural land outright. But they finally and firmly assert prior Government interest in all land and its uses, and subordinate all private interest to the Government. Silkin's Bill revolutionises the whole basis of tenure and use of British land. Private individuals may continue to own property and use it for profit (unless and until the national or local Government chooses to take it from them, at a price set by the Government). But from the day when Silkin's Bill takes effect, private owners may not alter its present use or sell it for any other use with-out Government permission. If permission is granted and property value is thereby in-creased, the Government (not the owner) gets the profit 'in whole or in part.'

"If any government planning measure—or simply a Government refusal to permit any change in the use or ownership of a given property—reduces the value of the land in question, the owner is not entitled to compensation by the Government. Any com-pensation he may get comes to him not as a vested right but as a favour from an in-dulgent Government.

"The cost of all this will be staggering, but the White Paper makes no overall esti-mate, and says that none is possible. Total compensation to be paid property owners, whose land value is decreased by Government planning or restrictions, is arbitrarily set at a measly £300,000,000 Silkin's plan-ners expect revenue from land-'betterment' charges (mandatorily paid the Government by owners) to total many times this sum.

"The Bill generously provides that private interests may finance and carry out develop-ments planned by Government authorities when and if that seems fitting to the Gov-ernment. Government-owned lands, like the recently nationalised million acres of coal lands, are exempt. Furthermore, compen-sation will be paid to injured owners in Government bonds. Owners must pay the Gov-ernment in cash. No coldhearted free enter-

what the plotters do in Great Britain today, they attempt to do in Australia tomorrow. Australian landowners would do well to or-ganise to preserve their freedom—NOW. —E.D.B.

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In concluding its editorial expression of dissatisfaction with the attitude of "the Government" regarding the stepping-up of production which would enable Australia to give more aid to "Britain," the "Argus" said: "We cannot leave it to the Government, which cannot even govern. All selfrespecting Australians must set themselves to the task. The clarion call must go out to the from other mouths than that go out silent Mr. Chifley. On a matter like this, which is in no sense political, leadership out of Parliament is entirely legitimate within the framework of democracy."

In other words, the "Argus" is urging individual Australians to exert political pres-Sure in order to change Government policy. Coming from the "Argus," I submit that such a statement is blatant hypocrisy! The "Argus" has more than once editorially attacked any attempts by pressure groups to bring about a change in official policy. Yet, here we see this self-righteous organ of the daily press urging its readers to oppose "the Government."

Apparently the "Argus" has disregarded Mr. Churchill's injunction to the British people that "we must obey the Government"

The evidence marshalled in existing Social Credit publications conclusively proves that, with few exceptions, our visible Gov-ernments are but the instruments of the secret Government by which all policy is dictated.

however, that an excellent article should have commenced with a eulogy of a recent statement of Mr. Attlee. At Southport, England, in 1934, Mr. Attlee was reported as having uttered the following words: — "We have absolutely abandoned any idea of nationalist loyalty. We are deliberately putting a world loyalty before loyalty to our country."

The policy and actions of the Govern-ment led by Mr. Attlee prove that those were not mere words. There is a well-calculated plan underlying the actions of the Attlee Government. From a substan-tial body of evidence supporting this con-tention, I submit the following: —"The Lon-don Evening Standard" (21/2/'47), under the headline, "The Way Ahead—Official: Cabinet Issue Pattern For Everyone's Life," summarises the Government White Paper, "Economic Survey for 1947," in the fol-lowing words: "Hard toil, many shortages, drastic power cuts: foreign labour to be brought in: Women back in industry." On the same page the paper quoted reports on brought in: Women back in industry. On the same page the paper quoted reports on an interview with Sir Stafford Cripps: "Sir Stafford Cripps, asked at a London Press Conference today whether the fuel crisis affected the Economic Survey, said: 'We took into account recent events before the White Paper was published."' His statement is an admission that the fuel "crisis" was no accident. It was deliberately engineered. Lord Cranbourne's speech in the House of Lords demanding the dismissal of House the Minister responsible (Mr. Shinwell), contains an important lesson: —"No Govern-ment spokesman in Monday's debate attempted to answer the great abiding criti-cism, that, if what has been allowed to happen is not a condemnation of a particular Minister and Cabinet, then it must be a condemnation of the whole theory of planning the production of society.

Your condemnation of the Chifley Government might well have concluded with the warning that the prevailing chaos shows the same trick is being worked here, though it seems that the preparations are less ad-vanced than in England. Meanwhile, Mr. Attlee matches Mr. Chifley's obdurate silence with the declaration that his Government will go ahead with its full programme of Socialism, leading to abject servility. It is not yet too late for responsible citizens to mobilise effective resistance to that programme.

Malsh Street, South Yarra, 25/3/'47.

COMMENT FROM "VICTORIOUS BRITAIN"

(From "The Social Crediter" March 15, 1947.)

A stage is approaching in the affairs of this country at which comment becomes increasingly difficult by reason of conflicting priorities. If we are to take the Administration at its own valuation, no competent ability has previously been applied to the affairs of these islands or the vast Empire which grew up round them; but we are now in the hands of experts, and they are showing us what brains and a training in Trades Unionism and the political Testament of Sir Ernest Cassel synthesised with Karl Marx and distilled by the London School of Economics can do. We are now Planning in a Big Way.

The first step was to insist on Greater Production and More Hard Work for Every-one. Without stopping too long to consider the million bureaucrats appointed to hin-der the degreeping number of extual met the million bureaucrats appointed to hin-der the decreasing number of actual pro-ducers, we made such strenuous efforts to produce electrical gadgets that the country has been practically shut down (we will consider alternative explanations later) because the misguided public insisted on using them. So no more are to be sold except for export for export.

But it is fairly obvious that we are not going to export them to the United States or Canada, which make unlimited electrical gadgets better and cheaper than we do. So we are sending them somewhere else. (Whiree, rah, rah.) Bearing in mind that electrical gadgets require much imported raw material, which has to be paid for, and electrical gadgets require much imported raw material, which has to be paid for, and that production itself takes power, let us contemplate the full beauty of Planned Achievement. Forty-two per cent (£590,000,000) of our imports are coming from the dollar area, and only fourteen per cent, of our exports (£132,000,006) will be set against them. This leaves a bill for about £460,000,000 per annum to be paid to the dollar area, which is quite considerably composed of the raw material we have thrown into "soft" currency credits in coun-tries from which, apparently, we do not wish to import. If we were not in the hands of Experts, we should suggest that the major portion of these credits will be, or is irretrievably lost. So that the ap-parent result of our last year's work is to do 100% of it for 14% pay, the pay being largely the raw material with which to do 150% work next year for 10% pay. On the basis of this brilliant performance, every-one's pay is to be raised, to avoid inflation.

Bearing in mind the foregoing evidence of our Brilliant Political and Economic Re-vival, Clarence, perhaps we may enquire of you, whether the current crisis is due to:

- (d) Lack of coal.
 (2) Lack of electrical plant.
 (3) Whether if we had suddenly acquired more electrical plant, the miners would have mined more coal to work
- (4) Why, with half the consumption of electrical energy in 1920, a trivial amount in 1900, we were far better
- (4) Why the miners are to have special privileges when the trouble is lack of electrical plant (or isn't it)?

Turning for a moment from economics to politics, we pause to consider the fact that we are having war waged on us in Palestine. At the same time nearly every key position in this country is either held key position in this country is either held or controlled by the co-racialists of the people who are murdering our soldiers, thus preventing them from fighting back, these positions having been won mainly by fraudulent book-keeping. From a land, which is not theirs, and has been occupied by the frace claimante the British are to by its fresh claimants, the British are to be driven into the sea. From islands which be driven into the sear from islands which we thought were ours, we are not to de-bar, still less to expel those co-racialists who are attacking us the world over, and arranging to transfer our assets elsewhere Truly the British are a strange race.

The increasing divergence from that at-titude which Francis Bacon so brilliantly envisaged—"a just and legitimate familiar-ity between the mind and things"—is no-where more strikingly exemplified than in the Socialist cum-Chatham House-Arnold Toynbee chatter on the subject of National Sourcements As a commentary on it let Sovereignty. As a commentary on it, let us consider Turkey, which has a total popu-lation of about nineteen millions. She is maintaining and equipping a standing army of over 600,000, the size of Germany's army

pence per month, yet more than half Tur key's Budget goes for military uses. That is because the Turks will endure anything rather than lose their national sovereignty. *

The "Sunday Times" is easily the most sober and responsible of the newspapers sold on that day—we often wonder why it does not advertise that it is not published on weekdays—and it is therefore the more astonishing that it should emit such non-sense as that embodied in the first parasense as that embodied in the first para-graphs of its leader of March 2, which it entitles "Crisis in Leadership." Properly discounting the facile explanations of the present situation given by Mr. Shinwell and others like him, it remarks, "The cause lies much deeper. . . It lies in a chronic tendency for consumption to outrun pro-duction, for purchasing power to exceed the goods available to buy."

We acquit the author of that statement of conscious misrepresentation. What he means, but does not convey intelligibly, is that the whole industrial effort of this country is being perverted, so that it does not convergence the commence of the country is being perverted, so that it does not adequately supply the consumers' mar-ket: while the large essentially fictitious wages account for non-consumer goods swelled by nearly a million useless hinderers, the bureaucracy, all drawing salaries, is loosed against it. The leader is simply appalling. If it came from the gutter press, it would not matter. From a coursel of the pretensions of the "Sunday journal of the pretensions of the "Sunday Times," it does. The remedy for the situation is exactly the opposite of that which it goes on to advocate. It is a shift which it goes on to advocate. It is a shift of emphasis from —not a cessation of— capital and export production and an increase of consumer goods for sale at constantly falling prices. That will restore the exchange value of the pound; and nothing else will.

The rapturous folly of the general men-tality on these matters is well illustrated by the enthusiasm of Mr. Thomas Johnston, who talks much of getting dollars from American tourists.

American tourists. Does Mr. Johnston seriously think that Americans would tolerate present living con-ditions in this country, or is his suggestion, that like Moscow, there should be luxury for the Kommissars and their visitors, and penury for everyone else? An American actress visiting one of our richest Northern cities recently commented in crisp phrases on the discomfort, bad food, bad cooking and general squalor. She was informed that of course, this was all due to the war. Her reply seems to us to be adequate: "Yeah, that was two years ago. You won it. So what?" You won it. So what?"

There is a curious and widespread fea-ture in even the minority of sincere and disinterested comment on the financial sysdisinterested comment on the financial sys-tem, which accounts for much of the disrup-tive effect of monetary reform. We refer to the great difficulty, which seems to be experienced in recognising the inescapable inferences from the most obvious facts. An instance of this is contained in an article from the pen of Mr. J. L. Benvenisti, pub-lished in the Dublin "Standard" of Feb-ruary 28. The article is headed "Not enough to go round."

The argument may be summarised by short quotations from it. "The trouble is not so much diminished production as increased consumption due to the fact that Britain [sic] is now for the first time in Britain [sic] is now for the first time in two generations experiencing the phe-nomenon of full employment in times of peace." "The root difficulty was an in-ability to command the food and raw ma-terials which were necessary to maintain the standard of life which social reformers quite legitimately thought to be the citi-zens' due." . . . "That people should have thought they could be conjured out of ex-istence by some kind of monetary magic is a sad reflection," etc., etc.

Mr. Benvenisti is, we believe, an "office" economist, i.e., he does not make or grow anything, so the first question we should put to him may not be of the type to which he is accustomed. The present consumption of electrical energy per head is nearly twice what it was 25 years ago. A unit of electrical energy represents broadly the work of ten men for an hour. There was a great deal of "unemployment" (Continued on page 4)

Notes on the News

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(Continued from page 1) CONSCRIPTION CANKER: The British Labor Government, with the aid of the Liberals, has succeeded in betraying the workers by bringing in conscription, which almost completes the state of socialistic serfdom. A few Labour Members rebelled against the measure, but they were swept aside because Attlee said, "it must go through." It is interesting to recall that just before the war Mr. Attlee led the Labor campaign against conscription, but now, that peace (?) has arrived, Labour is selected to complete the job that Hiller and all his military might failed to do. Of course, the industrial breakdown, due to socialistic "bungling," is said to be the reason for conscripting the workers; but it is obvious that Socialism can only lead to the Police State. State.

BOMB BOLONEY: From Nagasaki, guinea pig for an atomic bomb experiment, comes news that at least one atomic forecast is confounded. Scientists predicted, "radiation would cause sterility, and make life impossible." Well, here are the facts as supplied by Dr. Shigeru Ito, staff obstet-rician of Nagasaki Medical University Hos-pital, quoted in a recent Tokyo report: "Births in Nagasaki during the nine months from the end of August, 1945 (the month in which the city was bombed), to May, 1946, totalled 2838. In the following nine months' period they jumped to 4676, show-ing no great change from the pre-bombing BOMB BOLONEY: From Nagasaki, guinea ing no great change from the pre-bombing average. Dr. Shigeru Ito also said that he

Ing no great charge nom the pre-tomoining average. Dr. Shigeru Ito also said that he had "not heard of a single instance of a freak being born to anyone injured by a bomb." This only confirms some of the previous reports in the "New Times" which heavily discounted the bomb propaganda. **INSEMINATION IMPLICATIONS:** The benefit of artificial insemination is indicated in the following comment by Mr. Henry Willink, K.C., former Minister for Health in Great Britain: "Even with the consent of the husband, it is adultery and the children are illegitimate." He also draws attention to other implications, e.g., "unascertainable parentage," and adds that "a donor might produce 400 children a week, accordingly insemination is apparently opening wide the door for mating children of the one father." That should be a steadier for many people; it also goes to show that scientists engaged on such research could be employed on it also goes to show that scientists engaged on such research could be employed on more useful investigations. They could, for example, seek out and destroy the danger-ous bacteria, which infect politicians and others who seek to regiment and plan the lives of other human beings.

---O.B.H.

OPPORTUNITIES IN PROGRESS ASSNS.

Many centres throughout Australia have Progress Associations. More readers of the "New Times" should be active members of such Associations, in which there are opportunities for furthering non-party action on all kinds of public issues. The following letter from the Bardon Progress Association, Brisbane, to the Prime Minister, is one example of what is being done:

THE BARDON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION. Bowman Parade, Bardon, W.4. 18th March, 1947.

The Honourable J. B. Chifley, M.H.R.,

Prime Minister, Canberra. Dear Mr. Chifley, —At the last meeting of the Bardon Progress Association on the 10th March, your letter of 18th February inti-



PRIME MINISTER CHIFLEY

bank had been transformed by our opponents into a mere puppet of the private banks. As a requisite to national defence, banks. As a requisite to national defence, the Commonwealth must have restored to it its original charter. When we are in power, we shall proceed to redeem the na-tional bank from its slavery. The cost of war can be met without piling up huge debts, and without interest payments suck-ing our national life-blood. The Common-wealth Bank must, with a Labor Govern-ment, work out a freer and fuller life for our people."

ment, work out a freer and fuller life for our people." You, as Federal Treasurer, in moving the second reading of the Commonwealth Bank Bill of 1945 are reported in Federal "Han-sard" of 9th March, page 547, to have said: "In 1931, in the depths of the depression, the Commonwealth Bank and the private banks refused to assist the rehabilitation plan of the Commonwealth and State Gov-ernments designed to relieve acute unem-ployment and restore industry. The pre-sent Government is determined to ensure, so far as lies within our power, that this so far as lies within our power, that this will not be repeated."

You are now the leader of this same Labor Party. You are now the Prime Min-ister of this Commonwealth. You have the full power to make our banking system function in the interests of this country and its people without interests of this country Why, then, may we ask, are you now de-pendent on the dollar, the currency of an outside country to secure petrol for our

people? The colossal failure of your Government flow oil is definitely known to exist; your hopeless bungling over the production of power alcohol from wheat, and your failure to establish the process of obtaining petrol from coal forces us to the conclusion that the Labor Party will not do any more for this country and its people than any other. Party in the matter of production of petrol from our own raw materials. —Yours faithfully, A. W. NOAKES, Hon. Secretary

THE JEWISH INFLUX

The following report published in the "Sydney Sun" of March 28th, 1947, illus-trates one way in which Mr. Calwell, in spite of there being millions of tons of idle war-time shipping available at disposal rates in the United States, intends to jus-tify the flooding of Australia with many

tify the flooding of Australia with many thousands of Jews: "CANBERRA, Thursday. —Australia has offered to take people living in displaced persons' camps in the U.S. zone in Ger-many and Austria if America will supply shipping to enable Australia to transport an equivalent number of migrants from the United Kingdom, the Minister for Immigra-tion (Mr. Calwell) announced today." And if further evidence is needed that this country is marked down by the Zion-ists as one of their most promised lands, here it is, reprinted from the Sydney "Bul-letin," March 19th, 1947: "AUSTRALIAN OFFER TO JEWS. —N.Y.

letin," March 19th, 1947: "AUSTRALIAN OFFER TO JEWS. —N.Y. 'Herald Tribune,' which appears to have special sources of information among ter-rorists and other Jewish quarters in Eu-rope, publishes a report from Paris that British officials at detention camps in Cyp-rus are offering interned Jewish refugees their visas and transportation to Australia and other parts of the British Empire if they will agree to call off their attempts to enter Palestine.' Crediting the statement to an officer of Haganah, the illegal Palestine defence force,' the report stated that the offer 'was made officially by the internment camp commander.' No such offer could, camp commander.' No such offer could, of course, be made without Australian Government sanction.

Thus is unmasked the whole Palestine fraud. It has been used as a means of forcing open our doors to an unwelcome, revolutionary race, who mean to infiltrate

before the 1914 War. Their pay is ten-

BOOKLETS TO READ

Obtainable from the United Electors of Australia, McEwan House, 343 Little Col-ling Street, Melbourne: —

lins Street, Melbourne: — "Federal Union Exposed." An interesting survey of moves leading up to World Government. Price I/ld posted. "Communism, Why Not?" Contains some startling facts on the ramifications of Com-munism. Price 2/7 dposted. "The Answer To Tax Slavery." The men-ace of taxation, and a way out. Price I/ld posted.

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mating that the Government was unable to abolish petrol rationing owing to a shortage of dollars was received and discussed.

I was directed to inform you that our I was directed to inform you that our members were absolutely astounded at your abject submission to the controllers of the almighty dollar. We don't want dollars— we want petrol. We have the raw materials we want petrol. We have the raw materials in abundance from which we can produce as high-grade petrol as anywhere else in the world sufficient for all our require-ments for many years. Yet we accept a very inferior quality petrol and submit to the unnecessary inconvenience and annoy-ance of rationing simply because you, the Prime Minister of this great country, re-fuse to exercise control [sic] over the in-ternal economy of this country and de-velop its natural resources.

Your predecessor, the late Honourable John Curtin, stated in the "Locomotive Journal" of 14th December 1939, "Everything in war must be paid for, not by reducing wage standards, but by the use of the national credit. Because of a Labor Government in the Federal Parliament there is a Common wealth Bank. It was created as a means for releasing national credit But means for releasing national credit. But because Labor lost office the national

Secretary.

"SOCIAL CREDIT OR CHAOS?"

Hear-

MR. J. BRADSHAW

on-

Thursday, April 24, at 8 p.m.

at-

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

and "peacefully" conquer us. Obviously all the millions who professed to want to live in the Arabs' tiny country just couldn't fit in there. So, of course, we must accept the overflow!

—"C,G.L."

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NOTE

From the United Democrats, 17 Way-mouth-street, Adelaide: —

A rally will be held in our rooms on Wednesday, April 23 at 8 p.m. Supporters are urged to make a special point of being

present and of bringing along their friends. As usual, the president will give an ac-count of our activities since the last rally count of our activities since the last rally and criticism or advice from those present will be invited. Mr. Finn, our organiser, will also make a report. However, as he has been on loan to the League of Rights, his report will mainly deal with the allied activities of the League. Proceedings will be lightened by musical and other items. Supper will be served by the ladies

the ladies.

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WORK AND NEEDS

Under this heading, the following ironic comment appeared in the "New English Weekly" of January 2, 1947: —

It is a curious fact that the ultimate ideal of the Communists should be to distribute the wealth of the world according to need. The present Soviet economy, they tell us, is merely Socialism, and under Socialism, as they use the word, wealth is distributed economics to work. But one day, when the according to work. But one day, when the glorious Red Army is triumphant in Cal-cutta and Khartoum and Lisbon and the American people have risen against their oppressors, the Soviet State will wither away and true Communism will come into the world. The wealth of the world will be distributed simply according to needs. We will all work for the joy of the thing and help ourselves to what we need from communal warehouses. To each according to his needs.

It is curious, I say, that this should be the ultimate aim of the Communists, because distributing wealth according to need is todistributing wealth according to need is to-day left to the capitalist countries. That good old Socialist slogan, "If a man will not work, neither shall he eat," is applied with full rigour in the "Socialist sixth of the world," though the British Labour Gov-ernment, with its promises of pensions and boosting of Beveridge, is somewhat tainted with bourgeois prejudices in this matboosting of Beveridge, is somewhat tainted with bourgeois prejudices in this mat-ter. The Soviet Government thrusts over its frontiers all those who seem un-likely to be able to contribute adequately to the task of Building up Socialism in Ten Countries; it is left to the reactionary capi-talistic Governments to attend to the needs of millions of unfortunet people who are

talistic Governments to attend to the needs of millions of unfortunate people who are unable to maintain themselves by work. It is indeed curious that the bourgeois liberals who used to be primarily concerned about the reward of work should now be responsible for distributing a considerable part of the wealth of the world to men whose only claim to it lies in their mead: part of the wealth of the world to men whose only claim to it lies in their need; while the Communists who used to talk so much about distributing wealth according to need now recognise no title but work. In the Soviet Union nobody, except the myriads of petty officials who are paid to watch other people working and the for-tunate ones who hold a sufficient number of State Bonds, has much chance of survival unless he is able and willing to work for the greater glory of the Soviet State. _______PD.

GREAT BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY

The following letter appeared in the "Sun-day Express," London, on January 19,

1947:— "By subsoiling and then composting with our unused wastes we could treble our food produce. We could grow food on down land now derelict, completely feed our-selves on our own fresh, high-quality food in two or three years. IN FIVE YEARS WE COULD EXPORT FOOD. Tripod harvesting could garner our crops without loss from bad weather. Our motto should be 'farm and live.'—Geoffrey Bowles, 25 Cathe-rine Place, London, S.W.I."

"THE MYSTERIOUS PROTOCOLS"

The book published under the above title contains the actual text of the "Protocols of The Learned Elders of Zion." There is also a summary of each "Protocol" and subject matter relating it to present-day events. It is available from the United Electors of Australia, McEwan House, 343 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, at 2/7d posted. Make sure of your copy by ordering now.

THE LEGAL STATUS OF POLITICIANS

A very interesting statement has been sent to every Queensland paper by Mr. A. A. Chresby, of Brisbane, who is a lecturer and writer on social dynamics, has been prominently associated with various exservicemen's associations and contested a Queensland electorate for the Services Party at the last Federal elections.

Incidentally, Mr. Chresby states that he is very impressed with the objectives of South Australian and Victorian Leagues of Rights, and at present is making arrange-ments to establish a similar League in Oueensland.

Mr. Chresby's statement to the Queens-land press reads as follows: —

THE LEGAL STATUS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

Whereas Dr. H. V. Evatt, LL.D., K.C., and other eminent authorities, have laid down as a basic principle of Constitutional Law that "... the Parliament is the Parliament for the time being only, and it does not necessarily reflect the will of the electorate for all purposes and at all times"; and-

Whereas Political Parties ARE NOT RE-COGNISED BY CONSTITUTIONAL LAW and have no legal power, authority or right to penalise, threaten, control or dictate the action and decisions of a Member of Par-liament, conversely no Member of Parliament has any legitimate right, power or authority to subordinate himself or herself to the control or dictates of a Political Party; and-

Whereas the Constitutional Law is that

"the clearly expressed will of a majority

of citizens is entitled to prevail throughout the particular constitutional unit to which they belong," electors are, therefore, the only persons possessing the legal power, authority and right to penalise, dictate to, and control their particular Member of Parliament-

Therefore the electors are legally entitled to know from a candidate whether, if elec-ted, such candidate will—

(1.) At all times disregard any Political Party affiliations, as Political Parties have no legal authority over him.

(2.) At all times give his political allegiance and legal responsibility to his electors first priority in all matters coming before Parliament.

(3.) At all times consult his electors and ask for their directions on all major issues affecting their political and economic rights, freedoms, privileges, liberties and customs.

(4.) Be prepared to resign, and recontest his seat, if a simple majority of his electors sign a petition expressing their dissatisfac-tion with him and request his resignation at once.

-Authorised by A. A. Chresby, Box 175C, GP.O., Brisbane.

MADNESS OF ORTHODOX ECONOMICS

(Continued from page 1) industrialised countries without trying to export much in exchange. Thus countries such as China are regarded as a Godsend. No doubt it will be asked how these "backward" countries are to pay for the goods they receive, if they do not send cor-responding quantities of **their** production to the exporting countries. They might pos-sibly send gold, but it seems rather fantastic that a self-contained country such as America, for example, should have to give some of its production away for a useless yellow metal before Americans can con-sume goods they have produced in America export much in exchange. Thus countries sume goods they have produced in America. sume goods they have produced in America. Usually, however, the exporting country can only export to the importing country by making a loan available. Needless to say, this loan is not forwarded to the im-porting country, but is made available to pay the local producers of the goods being exported. This increases local purchasing power and helps to overcome the deficiency resulting from increased production with less and less manpower. less and less manpower.

The crv of the orthodox economists is that we can only have prosperity by ex-porting to the "backward" peoples of the world; in other words, that we can only get enough money to buy some of our production by making loans available for Hottentots and other natives to take por-tion of our production from us. It is even tion of our production from us. It is even suggested that these people should be sub-jected to high-pressure advertising to inform them of the benefits of wireless sets. tinned milk and anything else we want give away in order that we can have full employment and enough purchasing power to buy what we don't give away.

However, this export mania can only

GOVERNMENTS ARE BAD EMPLOYERS

While Prime Minister Chifley is handing round his pipe of peace to employers and employees in Canberra-capitalist and worker to youhe should remember that the tram-bus strike in Sydney was a strike against the Government.

Indeed, the P.M. might well ponder the fact that the most serious disputes between employer and employee since the end of 1945—excepting the ironworkers' strike in N.S.W, and the foundry lockout—have been against Governments.

In effect, the workers aren't resorting to direct action against the naughty capitalist so much as against Governments as employers

Implications are disturbing. Latest statistics show that Commonwealth and State 528.900 men and women, including 283200 transport and communication workers. Governments, in other words, are the biggest employers in the country. And, apparently, the workers don't think much of them as employers. Victoria has had a complete transport tie-up-rail, tram and bus; and it was only after a long and bitter fight that the men obtained increased wages and improved conditions.

Western Australia had its costly rail strike over the Garratt engine; and rail stoppages are now threatened in New South Wales and Queensland.

Brisbane and Adelaide have also had their tram strikes.

Unrest is increasing throughout the Commonwealth Public Service, fed by the dis-contented postal employees—17,000 of them —who are threatening to strike for an all-round increase of 17/- a Week and for better conditions.

"solve" the so-called problem of full em-ployment temporarily, because it will not be long before the present "backward" peoples also become more and more efficient in production. And, as they do, they will, if they adhere to the financial rules that we follow, also have to try and export more than they import. Viscount Bruce, in the report already mentioned, can see this. He says:

"One result of the application of improved methods of agriculture in backward areas of the world would be to render workless millions who at present scratch a meagre living from the soil."

Just think of that, listeners! There are over 400,000,000 Chinese, who, with much sounder methods of agriculture than perhaps we have, are getting a living, if only meagre; but if production is increased by labour-saving machinery, millions of them will be out of work. And, according to the socalled leaders of the world, rather than arrangements be made by the Chinese to consume this increased production irrespective of whether they were needed in production or not, they must find other work before they can eat. Viscount Bruce says they will have to go in for industrialisa-tion. This can only mean, as we have seen, that they will have still greater pro-duction with still less manpower—increasing production with the distribution of less production with the distribution of less purchasing power.

Surely we have gone far enough now, listeners, to prove that we are in the grip of a madness that is denying mankind the increasing leisure and higher standard of living that is physically possible. The sole purpose of production is consumption, and we want financial rules that will permit Australians to consume all their own production at prices profitable to producers. If there are some things that we cannot make or produce in Australia, we can exchange our legitimate surpluses for those things. But to keep the entire community hard at work in order that the natives of New Guinea or elsewhere can have fancy goods given to them is a challenge to our common sense.

If we take all the shackles off the present production system, we can, without building one more factory, one more mile of railway, or without bringing one more acre of soil under cultivation, progressively increase the standard of living of every section of the community and at the same time progressively reduce working hours. We challenge any same person to deny that Australians can do this. But it is certain that they cannot do it while they apathetically accept the present financial rules, in-creasing debt, high taxation, and an army of officials. Have we enough people in Australia to free themselves from the present madness gripping this country, and to look facts in the face? If people cannot or will not escape this madness, you can be sure that it will soon kill what is left of our civilisation.

COMMENT FROM "VICTORIOUS BRITAIN"

(Continued from page 3)

twenty-five years ago. What are we getting for this immense increase in work, if it is not the food and materials we want? And why do it, if it is useless? And if what we wanted was food, why were five million acres of good arable land forced out of cul-tivation by taxation and financial chicanery during the armistice years? And why did during the armistice years? And why did not we develop our Empire relations so as to absorb all the food and raw materials they wanted to send us? Mr. Benvenisti is not merely wrong, but

Mr. Benvenisti is not merely wrong, but he is dangerously wrong, because he is ob-viously unable to see that the root cause of our difficulties is political and that the fin-ancial system, defects in which he admits, was not defective from the point of view of those who wished to make it a political, not an accounting device. It was marvelously effective. Sir Stafford Cripps has closed any possibility of discussion by admitting that only 14% of the export drive is, in effect, any use to us. We are misusing our energies and never

We are misusing our energies and never so much as now; and Mr. Benvenisti is, no doubt, unwittingly assisting those who are determined we shall continue to do so.

We cannot be accused, in these pages or elsewhere, of having failed to indicate where, in our opinion, policy is incubated. Having done our best in this matter, we raving done our best in this matter, we are nevertheless coming to the opinion that the better elements in this country are rather "lying down to it." God wot, they have excuses; but being faced with the al-ternatives of being shot or boiled in oil, there seems to be something to be said for spitting in the eve of the executioners. To spitting in the eye of the executioners. To be quite concrete, this country is rapidly heading for a condition of combined squalor heading for a condition of combined squalor and decaying monuments of past grandeur at home, and, at best, contemptuous pity abroad; and that progress is not going to be arrested by the present fraudulent de-mocracy acting through a Communist-per-verted Single Chamber. Many of our pre-sent ills can be traced back to that agent of aliens, Cromwell, but no-one ought to deny him realism; and his manner of deal-ing with the intensely unpopular Long ing with the intensely unpopular Long Parliament, by ordering his soldiers to "take away that bauble," the mace, and clearing and locking the doors of the House of Com-mons, may yet, in essence, if not in form, be forced upon the remnant of native "Bri-tain."

tan." "Yet to all empires comes a day of which it can be said, 'At this point the sceptre had passed to other hands.' That day came last week to Britain [sic]. For years both the wise and the merely smart had been pointing to the signs of Britain's [sic] de-cline. But it took the coal crisis to bring home to the world that decline had reached the Empire's heart."—"Time," U.S.A., Feb-ruary 24. ruary 24

We have much pleasure in giving the widest publicity in our power, for the bene-fit of our overseas readers, to the broad-casting by the "British" Broadcasting Cor-poration in its Home Service Bulletin of March 6, 8 a.m., of its apology, under pres-sure from Mr. Odium, for the publication of a libel reflecting on him as a farmer. The Judgment of Mr. Justice Atkinson in Odium v. Stratton was given at length in Odium v. Stratton was given at length in our columns and we consider that a great debt of gratitude is due to Mr. Odium for his demonstration that our new autonomous Monopolies can still be reminded that their licence has limits.

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