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Election Landslide In **Britain: Socialist Defeat**

Municipal Vote Significant

Across the length and breadth of England and Wales the individual Briton in the recent Municipal Elections has registered his dissatisfaction with the Socialist Administration, in perhaps the only way he knows how, by voting solidly against the Party in power.

The result has been a dramatic landslide to the Conservatives, comparable to the landslide, which brought Labour to power in 1945.

The first thing which may be observed and which serves to underscore the significance of the Municipal Elections in Britain is that they are very nearly equivalent to our State Elections here. Britain's county boroughs deal with such matters as education, health, housing, transport and relices

police.

Instinctively the native Briton has reacted against the frustrating controls, the unnecessary shortages and the other trappings of the Supreme State which was rapidly pushing him into the position of an automaton, radio-controlled by the Planners who, of course, know so much better than he what he wants. These things were against his spirit and his tradition. What did he fight a war for? Freedom?

But the Planners knew that "only in war or under threat of war would the British people embark on large-scale planning." (P.E.P. 1938.)

The individual voted AGAINST that

The individual voted AGAINST that totalitarian Government.

Conservative Victory

Not unnaturally the Conservatives are elated with their Victory. We cannot share that elation.

The vote was a vote against Socialism, and the so-called Conservatives have been so riddled with alien intrigue and permeated with disguised Socialism that the only policy, which they have to offer, is to continue from where the Socialists left off.

It may be recalled that shrewd and competent political observers commented at the time that the result of the 1945 General

cent issue: — ". . . There is no avoiding the new paradox that while the Opposition has a duty to probe and to criticise it must also help to make this plan work if for no more altruistic reason than that when its turn comes to plan—and plan it must—it has to start where the old plan leaves off, "But in fact the rivel plane are not so "But, in fact the rival plans are not so rigidly opposed. There are considerable regions of the economic plan, which allow very little room for difference of opinion.."

but a vote against the Socialism which the previous Government was already introducing.

Conservative Policy

If the only answer the Conservatives have is along the lines of their Industrial Charter, then heaven help the British!
"Planning," the broad-sheet of P.E.P.—

the organisation set up specifically to in-filtrate the more conservative political ele-ments of the community—remarks in a re-

The Briton And His Heritage

The individual Briton we imagine, wants less government (not more government from a different set politicians); to be made secure within his rights; and to have access to the heritage and the tradition handed down by his forefathers, who with all their shortcomings, built the finest civilisation, and the finest commonwealth of nations this small planet has ever known.

We are sorry, but the "Conservatives," who appear to have failed in conserving the political wisdom of the past, cannot help him.

Transmitting Electricity Over Long Distances

. . . Consider electric power alone. The outlook for its further increase is bright. Not, however, by extensive building of fur-Not, however, by extensive building of further hydroelectric plants — about which a good deal of over optimistic nonsense has been uttered. Such expansion will be limited by the fact that the principal item in the cost of electric energy is not its generation but its delivery to the user. Cost rises rapidly with the distance over which power is transmitted and, for distances of 140 miles or more, under most conditions, it is cheaper to ship coal by freight than electric energy by wire.

—Walter Dorwin Teague in his book. energy by wire.
—Walter Dorwin Teague in his book,
"Land of Plenty."

FLASH BACK! (No. 1)

"Does Russia intend aggression? Having no clear evidence to the contrary, and having during the last four years come to know some of Russia's greatest statesmen, I take the view that the Soviet Union's policy is directed towards self-protection and security against future attack. In my opinion, its desire is to develop its opinion, its desire is to develop its own economy and to improve the welfare of its peoples."

—Dr. H. V. Evatt, at Canberra last

ROOSEVELT'S EUROPEAN POLICY

In reviewing Mr. Sumner Welles' book, "Where Are We Heading?" in the September issue of the English "Nineteenth Century" Mr. W. L. Burn provides interesting information concerning President Roosevelt's policies in Europe.

It is essential in reading the following to remember that Roosevelt was surrounded by influential Jewish advisers: -

According to Mr. Welles, President Roosevelt frequently spoke of "the waste resulting from the military establishments of the smaller European powers," valueless in time of war and a crushing burden in time of peace. "In 1941 his (Roosevelt's) general thesis was that before any durable and effective international organisation could be set up, some policing powers must first undertake the task of disarming the smaller countries . . . Only the major powers, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States could undertake such a responsibility:"

This is an extremely important light upon President Roosevelt's views. Although Mr. Welles claims that the President stood out at Yalta for the independence of the fective international organisation could be

small nations it was obviously a very small nations it was obviously a very limited independence which they were to enjoy. It was to be limited by the conception, which divided the world into the major powers and the small powers. Perhaps the one thing that could have saved Europe politically was the creation or encouragement of a number of really independent states half way in size and strength between the great and the small.

A Europe containing Poland, Austria, perhaps two German states as substantial and independent units would have had some chance of attaining a peaceful equilibrium. But the view here attributed to President Roosevelt and accepted by Mr. Welles made this impossible.

BIG TAX KILLS SHEEP

An allegation by Mr. Aikens (Ind., Mundingburra) that Queensland graziers were letting stock die off to save income tax was ridiculed by Opposition members in

was ridical by Opposition Intenders in the State Parliament yesterday.

Mr. Aikens quoted a letter from a northwestern grazier, who claimed that he was deliberately reducing his flock from 15,000 to 7000

Extracts from the letter read:
"I carry 15,000 sheep, live on the clip only, and pay big taxation out of that, too—up to 15/- in the £1. If I sold my aged wethers on top of the wool clip, then I would most likely pay up to 18/- in the £1.

"So you see, we don't sell wethers or cast-off ewes, as it would cripple us. What we do is put the cast-off ewes and five to sixyear-old wethers into eaten-out paddocks after they are shorn and let them die off. Seems cruel enough, but the sliding scale taxation forces us to do cruel things.

"The person who shears 7000 sheep cuts

up better than those shearing up to 15,000. "Why should we continue to be cheap, glorified boundary riders for the Taxation

Department. Carrying half a flock means half the work, 75 per cent, less worry.

"When the flock dies off to about 7000, I intend to keep it at that. Just enough to make a decent living, pay expenses and upkeep and so forth, and hit about the £300 limit for myself only, and not bust my guts

when Mr. Aikens had finished reading the letter, Mr. Muller (C.P., Fassifern), said: "There are plenty more like him at Goodna."

Mr. Aikens: "I know this grazier and hold him in the highest regard. If I were to bring into this House evidence of a meat worker destroying eight carcasses, what a howl there would be. Yet here is evidence of one man destroying 8000 sheep, and his neighbour is doing the same."

Labor Voice: "The dingoes are killing them."

Mr. Aikens: "It is not the dingoes. These are men who are retarding production and keeping up meat prices.

year, because every grazier is doing what this man is doing—destroying half his flock."

-Brisbane "Courier-Mail," Oct. 15.

Huge increases in the living cost index, amounting to several hundred per cent, over the whole range of foodstuffs, clothing, and household goods is disclosed in the Commonwealth Statistician's report recently placed before the House by Mr. Francis, when he sought to have these official figures incorporated in "Hansard," the Labor Government refused to do so.

This factual evidence exploded the lies of the so-called "workers' friends" about preventing inflation. Here is the result of unworkable Price Fixing, subsidies and similar foolish socialistic theories, which just don't work. Large-scale unionism must also accept a large share of the blame for not insisting that wage increases be paid to individuals without going through industry into "prices."

BARTER BENEFITS

Under a barter arrangement, Denmark is trading butter and lard with Russia for rye and barley, and so bang goes Britain's butter and fat supply. In this connection, arrangements were reported to be in hand for a barter of Australian wheat for Indian linseed oil, and since then, with Japan for silk but there is much bush bush about silk, but there is much hush-hush about this commonsense form of trade. Individuals or private companies would soon over-come this Dollar nonsense and get the goods from one country to another on a barter basis if governments stood aside. If this were done, the Dollar "Crisis" would disappear overnight, but that would not suit the international financiers who thrive on money manipulation. There is no difficulty about bartering between countries dealing about bartering between countries dealing in large quantity deals.

DOLLAR DELUSIONS

As predicted, the so-called Dollar "Crisis" is being used to further the totalitarian policy. Here, as in England, following the cancellation of Import Licences, Australian trade with North America has fallen trade with North America has fallen sharply. Even an economist should be able to see that this would be the inevitable result of the Dollar delusion. We are now told that there is no sign of improvement in the Dollar "Crisis." Who wouldn't know that? And so we are threatened with more drastic cuts in petrol, tobacco, textiles and essential machinery, etc. It is safe to say that unless another war is promoted the Dollar shortage will remain. The only other alternative is to develop barter trade between individuals, with Governments outside the arena. In these circumstances, Dollars will not matter two hoots.

SWISS SLUMP

Now that Switzerland has apparently suc-cumbed to a "Planned Economy" she is faced with a "crisis" in the form of a trade slump. As in other countries, the Swiss are suffering from "planning." The edict

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has gone forth to stop spending, control investments and prepare for a public works programme. It's the same old story, which will bring the same old result of more chaos and more "Planning." Hotels catering for Switzerland's main source of money income (tourists) are in the hands of the Banks, while production is hampered by financial difficulties. Yet shops are full restaurants while production is hampered by financial difficulties. Yet shops are full, restaurants lavish, tobacco is abundant as are houses, cars, butter and all the things that matter. But the Planners say there is a "crisis." The Swiss system of electoral control over their political machinery seems to have been circumvented temporarily at least, by the introduction of Planning bureaucrats. One hopeful sign, however, is that the Planning Institute is unpopular. *

CRIPPS' CIRCUS

Generalissimo Cripp's new team to overcome Britain's "crisis," contains three Australians. One of them is Director of the Economic Planning Section, whilst another, Dr. Leslie, is to receive £3750 a year for coordinating ministerial utterances, and converting general pessimism into optimism. He is to be the propaganda chief. What a circus! Fancy economists and propaganda saving Britain? Before economists were imposed on the world, it seemed quite a peaceable place, but since then it has be come a refined Belsen Camp especially since the anti-British London School of Economics theory of Planned Bureaucratic Control has been steadily put into operation. has been steadily put into operation. These theories and economists will have to be scrapped if Britain is to survive.

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IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' HIGHLIGHTS

He Meets A Banker

Mr. Thompson (Hindmarsh), 24/9/47: During my visit to the United States of America early this year I had the honor, in company with our ambassador at Washington, Mr. Makin, of lunching with the president and vice-president of the Chase National Bank, which honorable members opposite will agree is one of the most powerful banking institutions in the world.

Mr. Abbott: It must have made the hon-orable member ill to dine with those gen-

Mr. Thompson: I always appreciate meet ing men who are really doing things. I had the privilege of discussing international affairs with men whom honorable members opposite would consider it a privilege to

Mr. Beale: But the honorable member is

British Production

Mr. Holt (Fawkner), 25/9/47: I have with me a special edition of a pamphlet published by the Commonwealth Office of Education dealing with the problems confront-ing Great Britain. This publication in-cludes a striking advertisement inserted by the British Government. It reproduces a poster, which has apparently been used by the British Government in its efforts to stimulate greater production of coal. This bears, as a heading, in exaggerated type the words "We Need" and states—"We need the words "We Need" and states—"We need at least eleven million tons more coal this year. In 1937 we got 240,000,000 tons: enough for all our needs, and a lot for export; in 1946 we got 189,000,000 tons; not enough even for factories; none for export. In 1947 we need 200,000,000 tons; just enough to get by; but still no exports. A shortage of coal means a shortage of everything. We're up against it! We work or want."

A comparison of the production for 1937.

A comparison of the production for 1937. the pre-war "chaos of private enterprise," with that of 1946, the era of planned economy with nationalisation of the coal industry, shows that 51,000,000 tons less coal were won.

Treasury Bills

Mr. Fadden, 26/9/47: During the year ended the 30th June 1947, the value of treasury-bills outstanding was reduced by £65,000,000, but during the same period additional treasury-bills to the value of £25,000 were issued. Consequently, the aggregate public debt under this heading was reduced by only £40,000,000. In the final analysis, that reduction was effected largely by the employment of loan funds either directly or indirectly. Loans were subscribed by the public but were not fully expended, and the surplus was utilised to reduce the amount of treasury-bills outstanding. In other words, interest at the rate of 3 per cent, or 4 per cent, was paid in order to discharge obligations carrying interest at 1 per cent.

Taxes Hit Low Incomes

Mr. Francis (Moreton, Q.), 30/9/47:

Mr. Francis (Moreton, Q.), 30/9/47:

I remind honorable members that it is the people in receipt of small incomes who are being hit by the present high taxes. In 1938-39 persons with taxable incomes under £200 paid only 2 per cent, of the total collections of income tax, and those with taxable incomes of from £200 and £500 paid only 3.6 per cent, of total collections.

The corresponding percentages were actually lower in 1939-40, the first year of the war. But in 1945-46, whilst persons with taxable incomes below £200 paid only 2.5 per cent, of the total collections of tax, persons with taxable incomes between £200 and £500 paid 27.8 per cent, of total collections, or a total of £57,759,000 compared with £414,000 collected from these income ranges in 1938-39.

In other words, in that range the average amount paid by each taxpayer in 1945-46

amount paid by each taxpayer in 1945-46 was approximately £46, compared with less than £6 in 1938-39, and the total amount paid by taxpayers in that class—the hardworking middle class-was almost fourteen much.

Russian Relations

Mr. Anthony (Richmond, N.S.W.), 30/9/47: The cost of the Australian legation in Soviet Russia in the current financial year is estimated at £39,000. I for one doubt that Australia is receiving value for that expenditure. We have little trade with the Soviet. An examination of the Statistician's figures indicate that the volume of Australia's trade with Pursia is not agen sufficiency. figures indicate that the volume of Australia's trade with Russia is not even sufficient to warrant the inclusion of that country in the official list of nations trading with the Commonwealth. Any one who has listened to Australia's former Minister to Moscow, Mr. Maloney, and to others who have been associated with the Australian legation in that city, must be well aware that the activities of representatives of democratic nations in Soviet Russia are so circumscribed that their services are practically valueless. This is especially true of Australia, which has no geographical or commercial affinity with the Soviet.

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On the other hand, whilst not wishing to raise a thorny question, the people of Can-berra have always been somewhat mysti-fied about the activities of members of the Russian legation in this city. I understand that the personnel of the Russian legation s 42, compared with a dozen or less at the American legation. These people are never seen, never heard, never contact the diplomatic representatives of other countries, and never visit Parliament House, and one wonders exactly what services' or duties they undertake. If they are performing diplomatic service, we naturally expect to see them mixing with diplomatic representatives or the representatives of the Government; but Leonseav and I think every atives or the representatives of the Government; but I can say, and I think every other honorable member can support me, that I doubt whether any of us has set eyes on a Russian for months. What kind of duties are they performing? They have all kinds of experts in this country—experts. kinds of experts in this country—experts in mining, wool, timber and other industries. One can only come to the conclusion that they are getting some valuable information about the resources and possibilities of Australia, whereas the representatives of Australia in Russia are denied circular information. similar information.

Petkov The Bulgarian Mr. Abbot (New England, N.S.W.),

I have not read anything sadder than an article in the "Sydney Morning Herald" of the 27th September, written by Ivan Orlov, a Russian-born Australian journalist who was a personal friend of Nikola Petkov. In it the writer said:

"The following day Nikola Petkov published an article entitled "Australia — Democracy of the South." The same night he was arrested and warned that any future articles "disparaging" to Bulgarian State affairs would be punished by deregistration as a journalist

"Nikola Petkov was without fear. In spite of police persecution, he resolutely defended to freedom of the press and freedom of speech in a country ruled by arrog-ant petty tyrants "Nikola Petkov was the idol of the Bul-

garian common man. Wherever he went in prewar days he was acclaimed by crowds of the peasantry Petkov had been arrested for conspiracy against the Reich in Bul-

The arrest was for conspiracy against the German occupation army in Bulgaria. Orlov goes on to say that Petkov escaped in 1944 and joined the Bulgarian under-ground movement against the Germans, and that months later he wrote to Petkov complimenting him on his courageous stand for freedom of the press in Bulgaria, and asking the courage of the press in Bulgaria and the courage of the press in Bulgaria and the courage of the press in Bulgaria and the courage of the courage of the press in Bulgaria and the courage of the press in Bulgaria and the courage of the ing him for a brief statement of his policy. He added that Petkov replied to him-

"... I can but echo the words of Goethe:
I can do no other,' I see my duty and I shall
do it to the end."
His letter continues and it is almost
as if it was his last Testament to the free
people of the world—
"All that I ask is this—
"I. That Soviet Russia cease its policy of
dominating the Rulgarian people and sub-

dominating the Bulgarian people and subjecting it to a terrible tyranny, unheard of in its infamy.

"2. That the concentration camps throughout Bulgaria be emptied of their thousands, whose only crime it is to resent communist

"3. That a non-party police force be set up in place of the Communist Party's People's Militia.

"4. That a democratic parliamentary regime be established.

"5. That freedom of speech and of the press be allowed as granted by the constitution."

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"6. That an independent judiciary be re-

"6. That an independent judiciary be restored.

"7. That elections be honest and not tampered with."

Orlov concludes by saying that Petkov fought to the end. He was judicially murdered. He was tried by a judge, presumably without a jury, and he was hanged. His one sin was that he defended liberty that he stood for the freedoms, which the Minister for External Affairs has so often extolled in this House. Yet the Government has made no protest to Government has made no protest to

Rent Charges

Mr. Alderman (Maranoa, Q.), 8/10/47: I invite honorable members to examine the rents charged on cottages, which this Government has erected in Canberra. On an average cottage the rent is now £3/2/6 a week. On a hut with one door the rent is £1/12/6 a week. In these matters the Government would be well advised to "put its own house in order" its own house in order.'

Australian Cloth

Mr. Lang (Reid, N.S.W.), 8/10/47: Australian cloth is being exported to Canada, and comes back in the form of ready-made suits. Those suits are sold in Sydney stores for £25/8/- each, but if they were made in Australia the price would be less than half. However, it is obvious that the cloth millers in this country prefer to sell their cloth to Canada because exported cloth is not subjected to price control

Nationalisation? We Welcome It

(By M.L.)

Our friend, Mr. Montague Norman, for so long ruler of the Bank of England, and the England of the Bank, 'has been credited with the statement: "Nationalisation? We welcome it." We may well ask who might be the "we" referred to, because I don't think the bankers' banker was using an editorial "we."

Even though Mr. Norman was "high-ranking" enough to advance credit to Germany and withhold it from England, so that Germany could re-arm and England couldn't, I still feel that we are justified in looking for a still higher rank.

Labor—that is rank-and-file Labor—by its naive acceptance of the "Leadership" that drives it pell-mell to that "Frozen Hell of Socialism," deliberately closes its eyes to the possibility of a World Plot. Labor is not alone in that, of course; but because "Labor" rules so much of this effervescent globe, the blindness is the more dangerous. If we cannot see that Nationalisation is Internationalisation, or, as someone has put it, "anti-nationalism," then we can hardly hope to stop the dry rot that has set in.

"Like all undertakings that have been pursued to the stage of realisation, the Big

Idea has firstly an objective, secondly a method of technique, and thirdly a dynamics by means of which the human individual can be made to conform to the technique so that the objective may be realised or attained.

"The objective is World Dominion. The technique is centralisation by a graded executive, operating through Law and Finance. The dynamic forces are Fear and Desire.'

The fact of centralisation is patent for all to see, or all who will see. It is proceeding apace in the realms of coal, electricity and chemicals (all closely related to industrial and domestic power). It has reached fantastic heights (or depths?) in the control of food. And centralisation carried to its logical and ultimate conclusion must mean World Dominion.

The Internationalists do not believe in

The Internationalists do not believe in solving our problems by abolishing the political and economic evils that disunite pointed and economic evils that distinted nations. They believe the solution lies in abolishing the nations. That is when Internationalism passes un-noticed into Supranationalism.

Socialism at its source is anti-national: the wrangling of small nations is the cause of wars! But some of us think the nation is but the extension of the family; and a philosophy that finds no room for a nation, large or small, would be unlikely to find room for the family. Test-tube gestation would provide a much more easily controlled progeny. This brand of Socialism is not, of course, the "Sunday-best" variety, produced and exported for the exclusive consumption of exclusive "Christians." (Did you know that Christ was the first Socialist?) Socialism at its source is anti-national:

Now we're beginning, perhaps, to see who the "we" might be who will benefit from Nationalisation. Obviously it will be those who will derive the most power those who will derive the most power—those who move in the innermost circle to which all the other various circles concentrically lead. (Centralisation is monopoly—a combine, cartel, "ring.") Between those in that inner sanctuary, and the individual on the outer circumference, there are infinite gradations of bureaucratic "efficiency," all used in the furtherance of "Democracy." All these "high-(and-higher)-ranking officials" would welcome Nationalisation. But the men with the most power would welcome it most. The inner circle. would welcome it most. The inner circle.
"... International Financiers, the richest body of men in the world, consciously propagate the theory that the poor are poor because the rich are rich, thus, providing a body of uninformed voters always eager to support taxation, so preventing the rise of any considerable body of men with sufficient economic power to oppose International Financiers. There is, of

New "High Court"

Mr. Rosevear (Dally, N.S.W.), 9/10/47: I have done what most honorable gentlemen opposite have not done, in that I have read the judgment of each of the justices on the banking case. I would not say that they are merely political judgments, but I would say that if the one justice did not write all of them, one journalist did. I share the view of the Minister for Transport (Mr. Ward), and always have, that no court in the land should be superior to the high court of the people, namely, the people's Parliament. I do not walk away from that; it is my view. from that: it is my view.

Food Control

Mr. White (Balaclava, V.), 10/10/47: — I wish to raise a matter that concerns the whole Parliament, and which in no sense can be regarded as a party political question. There is in existence today an organisation There is in existence today an organisation known as the Emergency International Food Control. This body apparently decides the destination of all foodstuffs sent from Australia. I understand that it has no statutory authority here or in Great Britain, and as we should like to see the people of Great Britain get the greatest possible share of the food that we export, I ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Chifley) to make a statement as early as possible make a statement as early as possible about its activities. If necessary we should disassociate ourselves from it.

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course, no difficulty in paying taxes when you create the money with which to pay them.."1 (My emphasis.)

It is argued that to do away with that it is argued that to do away with that wicked capitalist invention, profit, would be to uproot all evil with one stroke. We have noticed that those Nationalised activities, where they really constitute a monopoly, are not above collecting huge profits which they forget to distribute to the shareholders, the public. But, of course, that is quite unintentional. On the other hand holders, the public. But, of course, that is quite unintentional. On the other hand, where a Government Department has to compete with private enterprise, the profits or dividends are distributed in reverse, that is, collected in taxes to make good the deficiency. That, too, is probably an oversight. I can think of State Railways and Noticeal Radia Whot son you this leaf? National Radio. What can you think of?

The Urgent Money Reformers and Fran-The Origin Money Reformers and Frantic Nationalisers have suddenly realised, after years of Social Credit exposition and exposure, that the naughty private banks were responsible for the Depression. Nationalise em, and there'll be plenty of nice new credit available for everyone! But they've overlooked the existence of the later (arti) neglegal Monetery. Fund, and they've overlooked the existence of the Inter-(anti-) national Monetary Fund and World Bank. Or maybe they've merely overlooked our cognisance of such things. "For the past three years—in fact ever since the outbreak of war—there has been a steady stream of propaganda, carefully organised and well financed, to win support for setting up a World Federation of Native Company of the strength of the organised and wen inflanced, to will support for setting up a World Federation of Na-tions under an International authority, to which all nations would surrender control of Finance, international trade, their armed forces and their citizenship rights."- (My emphasis.)

Centralisation, carried to its limits, means absolute control of production, distribution and consumption. Since Labour "produces all wealth," Labour will be controlled, through industrial conscription, that one-time bogey of the worker, will, of course, not be allowed. It will be called "Full Employment" (compulsory, or no social security) not be allowed. It will be called "Full Employment" (compulsory, or no social security benefits), and become divested of its sting. Many Labour men have said they would rather be sent anywhere to do anything than be unemployed in another depression. And as sunspots have been about again, we may have another depression any time now, especially as we are likely to have a bumper wheat harvest.

But to govern men through employment is the last straw.

"The plain truth is that whatever the phrases and formulas out of which the laurel wreaths of victory may be woven, among conquerors and conquered alike, the idea of unlimited government has won this war everywhere in the world, not only on land and sea, but in the minds of men; and the individual citizen who was the unknown soldier who fought it is also the universal victim. In every country, vic-torious or vanquished, his ideas and aspirations are today occupied territory in which by his courage, fortitude and credulity he has helped to plant firmly and perhaps per-manently the emblem of the absolute

That is the end product of Nationalisa-

Someone more competent than I will give you some idea of who might be that "we" who would welcome Nationalisation: "Now, that Mr. John Winant, millionaire, assisted by Mr. Benjamin Conen, has come from the International Labour Office at Geneva, as Ambassador and instructor to Mr. Ernest Bevin on the Labour Policy of Great Britain, Mr. Averill Harriman, multi-millionaire, has come to take charge of our Finance, Mr. Wendell Wilkie has taken our temperature, and Mr. Harry Hopkins, late of the Federal Loan and Mortgage Board, remains as bailiff's man, and all of these are welcomed by the Socialist Party, it is perhaps of some interest to find an answer to the riddle—"When is a rich man not a rich man?" (for the purposes of Socialism)."4 Someone more competent than I will give man?" (for the purposes of Socialism)."'4

"... we approach the answer to our original question—why does Socialism receive support from International Finance and specifically German-American-Jew Finance? The answer is that Law places the sanctions of the State behind the collection of taxes. Socialism with its slavish adula-tion of the State, aims continually at the transfer of Property to the State. This property then becomes available as security for State Loans created by Financiers out of paper credits—i.e., the monetisation of the collective credit of the community conthe collective credit of the community concerned. The Bond-holders are exactly what their title would imply—they are the slave holders of the 'New Order'."4 . . If we prefer not to see the writing on the wall, maybe we will not notice the wall either, till it's "been built up all around us.

1. C. H. Douglas, "The Big Idea."

2 William Aberhart, from a broadcast published in "The Social Crediter."

Dr. Virgil Johnson, address at Saint Louis, published in "The Social Crediter."

4. C. H. Douglas, "Wheresoever the Carcase

(Note: Mr. John Winant here referred to shot himself several days ago after an illness.)

WHO ARE THE PUPPET-**MASTERS?**

(By Philip Faulconbridge in "London Tidings.")

The blue-print for "World Government by 1955," drawn up by ten British M.P.'s, and said to be supported by about a hundred others, leads me to break a self-imposed rule which hitherto I have always kept—the rule not to quote from that mysterious and evil document known as the "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion."

As many readers are aware these Protocols contain a plan for the establishment of a World State under Jewish domination and lay down the method whereby it is to be achieved.

Published in Russia in 1905, they have now been traced back to an earlier pamphlet which appeared in 1885 — a fact which sheds upon them an even more remarkable light. My refusal hitherto to quote from this source has been due to an appuilling most to be drawn just an early statement. unwillingness to be drawn into an argument as to its authenticity. The Jews naturally affirm that the document is forged, and have even gone to the trouble to have it declared a forgery in a Swiss court. So, indeed, it may be.

If that be the case, however, no reasonable person can deny that the forger was either the most miraculous prophet of whom there is record, or a diabolist who put into the heads of certain immensely powerful Jews ideas which they have been swift to exploit. Whatever the explanation, the policy revealed in the Protocols is today be policy revealed in the Protocols is today being implemented in the most amazing and terrifying—fashion.

Of one thing we may be sure—the hundred and ten British M.P.'s who are sponsoring the "World Government by 1955" movement have not read the Protocols: few, perhaps, have even heard of them. These men are actuated solely by a genuine belief that a World State would abolish power politics — a foolish concept — and lead to an era of universal peace and freedom. They would be incredulous were they to be told that the course they are taking has told that the course they are taking has been designed to lead to the creation of an international financial dictatorship. Jewry claimed the League of Nations is an impact of the course they are taking has been designed to lead to the creation of an international financial dictatorship. proved power-mechanism devised for the service of financial Jewry, but as its provi-sions allow remnants of national sovereignsions allow remnants of national sovereign-ty to remain, a still more comprehensive organisation must be created — an organi-sation that will permit of sovereign power being vested nowhere except in the hands of an international junta.

of an international junta.

The innocent Britons who subscribe to the ideals of the "World Movement for World Federal Government"—as the group to which the infatuated M.P.'s belong is called — are busy bringing that organisation into being. Let them not hope for gratitude. "The part played by the Utopian dreamers," say the Protocols, "will be finally played out when our government is acknowledged."

Montreux Declaration

Meeting last month at Montreux, the new "World Movement" issued the following "Declaration":

"UNO as now constituted cannot prevent war. Mankind can free itself forever from war only through a world federation open to all nations, involving transfer to the World Federal Government of legislative, executive and judicial powers in world affairs; enforcement of world law directly on individuals, creation of supranational forces to guarantee world security, dis-armament of member nations down to their internal, policipa needs, control by World internal policing needs, control by World Federal Government of atomic development and the like; Federal Government to have power to raíse adequate revenues indepen-dently of State taxes."

How do these proposals square with the teaching of the Protocols? First there is the grand Protocol conception: "We will not give them (the nations) peace until not give them (the nations) peace until they openly acknowledge our international Super-Government... The peoples, utterly wearied by the irregularities and incompetence — a matter we shall arrange for—of their rulers, will clamour: 'Away with them and give us one king (this word is used symbolically) over all the world who will unite us and annihilate the causes of discords—frontiers, nationalities, religions, State debts — who will give us peace and state debts — who will give us peace and quiet. To produce the possibility of the expression of such wishes it is indispensable to utterly exhaust humanity with dissension, hatred, struggle, envy and even by the use of torture, by starvation . . . so that the Goyim see no other issue than to take refuge in our complete sovereignty in money and in all else " in money and in all else.

Technique Of The Protocols

These passages, in the light of the bedevilled state of the contemporary world, can scarcely be dismissed as bearing no relevance to what has taken place and what vance to what has taken place and what continues progressively to take place. "By these means," say the Protocols, "we shall so wear down the Goyim that they will be compelled to offer us international power of a nature that will gradually enable us to absorb all the State forces of the world and to form a Super-Government."

What are these means? They may be

briefly summarised.

(a) The exploitation of Liberalism. "When we introduced into the State organism the poison of Liberalism its whole political complexion underwent a change."

change."

(b) The exploitation of Socialism. "We appear on the scene as alleged saviours of the worker from oppression when we have to enter the ranks of our propose to him to enter the ranks of our fighting forces—Socialists, Anarchists, Communists—to whom we always give support." (True, indeed The Bolshevik Revolution was subsidised by Jewish bankers of New York and Hamburg.)

(c) The exploitation of shortages), especially of food shortages. "Our power is in the chronic shortness of food and physical weakness of the worker, because by all that this implies he is made the slave of our will and he will not find in his authorities either strength or pagenty to set against our either strength or energy to set against our

(d) The overthrow of the aristocracy and its dispossession from the land. "On and its dispossession from the land. "On the ruins of the natural and genealogical aristocracy of the Goyim we have set up the aristocracy of our educated class headed by the aristocracy of money... Landed proprietors can still be harmful to us... It is essential therefore for us at whatever cost to deprive them of their land. This object will be best attained by increasing the burdens on landed property—in loading lands with debts."

(e) Miseducation "We have feeled be

(e) Miseducation. "We have fooled, bemused and corrupted the youth of the Goyim by rearing them in principles and theories which are known to us to be

false."

(f) Usury. "Economic crises have been produced by us for the Goyim by no other means than the withdrawal of money from circulation. Huge capitals have stagnated, withdrawing money from States, which were constantly obliged to apply to these same stagnant capitals for loans. These loans burdened the finances of the State with the payment of interest and made them the bond slaves of these capitals them the bond slaves of these capitals . . . The concentration of industry in the hands of capitalists out of the hands of the small masters has drained away all the juices of the peoples, and with them also of the

(g) Currency manipulation. "You are aware that the gold standard has been the aware that the gold standard has been the ruin of the States which adopted it, for it has not been able to satisfy the demands for money, the more so that we have removed gold from circulation as far as possible."

(h) The fooling of the worker. shall raise the rate of wages which, ever, will not bring any advantage to the workers, for, at the same time, we shall produce a rise in prices."

(i) The exploitation of the mob. "We shall create by all the secret subterranean methods open to us and with the aid of gold, which is all in our hands, a universal economic crisis whereby we shall throw upon the streets whole mobs of workers. These mobs will rush delightedly to shed the blood of those whom, in the simplicity of their ignorance, they have envied from their cradles."

(j) The attack on religion. "It is indispensable for us to undermine all faith, to tear out of the minds of the Goyim the very principle of Godhead and the spirit, and to put in its place arithmetical calculations and material needs."

(k) Terror. "It is enough for them (the Gentiles) to know that we are merciless for all resistance to cease." (Hence the spectacle of a British House of Commons sitting cowed and silent while it learns of the dismissal of high British officers for speaking the truth about Jewish activities).

THE DAYS BEFORE "PLANNING"

(By A. P. HERBERT)

Return, sweet Chaos: come, the Bad Old

Before the Wise Men watched about our

When Ministers had not annoyed the Sun, Not much was Planned, but many things were done;

Come, even loathly Private Enterprise . . So gentle Chaos, let me sit and dream The lost delights of your reviled regime. One pressed a switch and lo! the Light

(Today you would be fined £100). Water and Gas obeyed the humblest hand. Though greedy Tories still controlled the

Coal, too, almost like water, used to flow, A commonplace and not a curio. Coal, Chaos, was as plentiful as hay: We had so much we sent the stuff away!

The Railways, not less rapid than they are, But much more regular, went just as far. The Ships, with small assistance from the

State, Sailed round the Planet and returned with Freight; Either by Accident this isle was blessed

Or there was far more planning than we guessed. Thus Bees and Ants about their Business

Vague, as it seems; effective, as we know. Each bee. alone, from Rose to Lily flies, A wretched piece of Private Enterprise.

(1) Gentile accomplices: "The administrators whom we shall choose from among the public, with strict regard to their capacities for servile obedience, will not be capachies for service obedience, will not be persons trained in the arts of government, and will therefore easily become pawns in our game in the hands of the men of learning and genius who will be their advisers, specialists bred and reared from early childhood to rule the affairs of the whole world."

So one could continue through the alpha-So one could continue through the alpha-

Danger Is Grave

If any reader writes to say that I have been quoting from a forgery, I shall not argue with him. The proof of the matter argue with film. The proof of the matter is not in my hands, and in any case it does not really greatly interest me. To my mind there is only one relevant question—Is the policy detailed in the Protocols being carried out? If the answer be "yes," then beyond doubt the organisation of a world government, now being undertaken by en-thusiastic idealists, is a Jewish concept in-tended by those behind the scenes to serve as the instrument of Jewish power and which, from all that is known of Jewish power, can only serve that end.

The danger is very grave. It requires the study of astute and disinterested minds. He who hopes to avert it by going into sidestreets to smash the windows of Jewish shops or to stir up racial prejudices not only acts against people innocent of all knowledge of the great World Plan, but shows himself to be a moron who behaves snows nimsel to be a moron who behave. Exactly as the plotters want him to behave. The Protocols are explicit even on this subject: "anti-Semitism is indispensable to us for the management of our lesser brethren." Unless the cause of national sovereignty can enlist brains equal to those which are seeking international power Britain is lost.

THE NEED FOR RESPONSIBLE **GOVERNMENT**

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

Since the nation-wide controversy on bank nationalisation started, the point has been stressed that the Federal Government obtained no mandate from the electors to impose a Banking Monopoly on the community.

However, reasonable people must not allow their opposition to bank nationalisation to obscure the fact that the political opponents of Labor have also been guilty of supporting policies upon which the electors have not had the opportunity to express an opinion. One of the most fundamental issues confronting this community is how can electors prevent Governments of all labels from obtaining more and more control of their lives.

It is obviously not self-government when a Government elected to office believes that it can do as it likes for three years. Some people will, of course, argue that electors have the power to elect a new Govern-ment every three years.

Surely we are sufficiently politically educated by now to know that changing one set of politicians for another does not automatically result in any benefits for the individual. The bank nationalisation issue provides overwhelming evidence of the necessity for a drastic curbing of the powers of all Governments.

It may be noticed, however, that no Federal Party has ever put forward any proposition for the curtailment of the powers of the Federal Government. The Parties are not prepared to devise any effective mechanism whereby the electors can assert greater control over their individual representatives.

Initiative Referendum And

Recall

When Labor Party apologists misleadingly state that bank nationalisation is in their platform and that electors endorsed this platform at the last elections, it should be pointed out to them that the Labor Party has also had in its platform the Initiative Referendum and Recall, but has made no attempt to make it effective. The idea of the Initiative Referendum and Recall is that should a certain number, say 50 per cent, of the electors of any electorate not be satisfied with their Member, they should be able to request by petition that he resign his seat and, if he so desires, re-contest it.

We urge those who are members of any of the three parties to put the idea of the Initiative Referendum and Recall up to their Party leaders and they will soon discover how many of them are genuine in their alleged desire to prevent unwanted policies from being imposed upon the people.

from being imposed upon the people.

We have no doubt that Mr. Menzies and his colleagues are genuine in their opposition to bank nationalisation, although much of their criticism has not dealt with the real issue. But Mr. Menzies and his colleagues are on very shaky ground when they charge Mr. Chifley with introducing bank nationalisation without first consulting the people. the people.

They have been guilty of the same thing

The Salary "Grab"

It will be recalled that some Members of the Opposition at Canberra had no scruples about accepting the £500 per year increase in Members' salaries introduced by Mr. in Members' salaries introduced by Mr. Chifley. Great publicity was given to the fact that Mr. Menzies was one of those who said that they would not accept the increased salary, but little mention has been made of the fact that, with two or three exceptions, Mr. Menzies and those associated with him in first refusing the increased salary have now decided that they can accept the increase. can accept the increase.

No matter what arguments they attempt to use to justify their new attitude, the fact remains that they, the paid servants of the people, have supported an increase in their own salaries without the issue being placed before the electors.

Bretton Woods "Agreement"

It may be said that this was only a minor matter. Let us therefore take a major

One of the most important of the international agreements, which bring Australia under the control of various international organisations, is the Bretton Woods Financial Agreement.

This "Agreement was designed by powerful internationalists in the United States of America, one of its purposes being to bring the entire British Empire under the complete economic domination

of powerful German-Jewish financial groups domiciled in U.S.A.

It was attacked by an influential section

of the British Conservative Party in Great Britain; also by the London Chamber of Commerce. The British Government rushed the Bretton Woods Agreement through the British Parliament as part of the terms for the obtaining of the disastrous Dollar Loan from America Loan from America.

Bretton Woods and the Dollar Loan were designed to break up the British Empire.
Press reports now admit the truth of what was warned about the attack upon the system of Imperial Trade preferences.

In spite of the gravity of the Bretton Woods Agreement, none of the Parties made it an issue at the last Federal Elec-

Mr. Menzies Did Not Understand

Questioned about the matter at Leeton, New South Wales, Mr. Menzies said that he didn't fully understand the Agreement. Neither he nor his colleagues sought to tell the electors anything about the issue No

mandate was granted by the electors.

And yet Mr. Menzies had no scruples in supporting Bretton Woods when Mr. Chifley brought it before Parliament. Mr. Chifley had no mandate from the Australian people on the issue people on the issue.

It is very interesting to note that many of the opponents of bank nationalisation are attempting to prove that Mr. Chifley's banking proposals are merely part of a series of steps to turn Australia into a complete totalitarian State.

We agree with this, but we notice with some interest that no mention is made about Bretton Woods being one of the important steps.

Important steps.

In fact, some of Mr. Chifley's present opponents were assuring us prior to the ratification of Bretton Woods that Mr. Chifley was a moderate trying to overcome the baneful influence of Mr. Ward and his associates. No Opposition Member made any demand that the people of Australia should be given the facts about Bretton Woods and asked for an opinion on it. They supported the very thing, which they now condemn.

Parliament Responsible To The Electors

A great number of people do not like what is happening in Australia today, but the most fatal mistake they can make is to believe that they can escape the growing evils wrecking the community by merely voting the present Federal Government out at the first elections. Electors who want to do something worthwhile to save this country have got to realise salvation will not come with the mere process of dropping a voting paper into a ballot box.

We all need to clarify our minds on the great basic issues confronting us. It is essential that there be a healthy and enlightened public opinion that will compel Members of Parliament to be directly responsible to their electors.

We want an intelligent understanding of the totalitarian menace in order that we can organise to defeat it.

The Danger Of The "Moderates"

It is pathetic to see well-intentioned peo-ple condemning Socialism and Communism while they blindly support policies, which smooth the way for the complete Communist State.

Many opponents of bank nationalisation have pointed out that while Mr. Chifley may not be a Communist, his policies are applauded by the Communists who recog-

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HOW TO GET PETROL WITHOUT DOLLARS

The following letter dated October 23, 1947, has been sent by the Bardon (Q.) Progress Association to the Premier of Queensland: — The Hon. E. M. Hanlon, M.L.A., Premier,

Dear Mr. Hanlon,

I wish to draw your attention to the I wish to draw your attention to the article headed "Australia's Dollar Income Drops," on the front page of the Brisbane "Telegraph" of 21st October. As a consequence of this dollar shortage it is reported that the Federal Government is considering imposing further restrictions on the use of petrol, tobacco, newsprint, etc., and that a further drastic cut in the petrol ration for private use, and the curtailments in business and commercial ration seems inevitable. seems inevitable.

With regard to the production of petrol in Queensland, Sir Edgeworth David esti-mated the coal reserves of this State at not less than 100,000,000,000 tons

Hitler provided motor fuel for the greatest war machine the world has ever known by hydrogenation using lignite for the purpose, thus conserving his good coal

Mr. L. G. Neill, Commission Agent, 307 Queen Street, Brisbane, not only understands the method of extracting motor fuel from coal by the hydrogenation process, but is also the owner of a coal mine at Callide from which he could supply all the motor fuel required in this State

Mr. D. S. Forbes, General Manager of the Queensland National Bank thoroughly understands the banking system and would be quite competent to establish a State Bank for Queensland if requested to do so.

I know Mr. Neill and Mr. Forbes personally and am confident they are competent to carry out the work suggested. There are, no doubt, many more men capable of doing this work who are not known to me.

It will therefore be seen that we have: (1) the raw material in abundance from which the motor fuel requirements not only for this State, but for the whole of Australia, can be produced; (2) the technician capable of supervising the erection of the plant and the production of the motor fuel ready for use; and (3) the Banker com-petent to establish a Queensland State Bank from which could be supplied the necessary finance, without interest or debt, for the establishment of the plant and production of the petrol. These are absolutely irrefutable facts.

Furthermore, as Premier of this State, you have the power to (1) commission Mr. Forbes, or some other competent person, to establish a State Bank and direct him to supply whatever finance is required for any public purpose you may stipulate at any-time; (2) commission Mr. Neill, or some other competent person, direct him to establish a plant and produce from coal the motor fuel requirements of the people of

The people have submitted uncomplainingly to much regimentation and restric-tions during the war, believing it was necessary for them to do so, but they will not submit in peace time, like dumb, driven cattle, to such utterly absurd restrictions as the curtailment of their normal motor fuel requirements, simply because Mr. Chifley is short of dollars, when there is in their own State the materials in abundance from which such motor fuel can be produced

Just imagine having everything you need in your own back yard and not allowed to use it because your Government is short of the currency of some outside country. Unbelievable as this may appear, it is, nevertheless, the position being imposed upon us by the Federal Government through the shortage of dollars.

The action of the Federal Government in nationalising the private banks and thus creating a monopoly of finance under the domination of the central banking system outside Australia makes it imperative for you to use the power vested in you as the Premier of this State to establish a State Bank and proceed, without delay, to develop our vast resources for the benefit of our people. By doing this you will not only save the people of this State from the world depression now being organised by the international financiers, but you will show the rest of the States in Australia the way to solve their problems.

As this is a matter of vital importance we are circulating a copy of this letter as widely as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. W. NOAKES,

Hon. Secretary.

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In Federal Parliament

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High Cost Of LivingMr. Francis (Moreton, Q), 8/10/47: This afternoon, the honorable member for Perth (Mr. Burke), whom we always regard as an apologist for the Government, said that very few, if any, of the items involved in the cost of living had increased by more than 50 per cent. Statistics furnished by the Commonwealth Statistician prove that the Commonwealth Statistician prove that the cost of a large number of items has increased by more than 60 per cent. For example, the price of silk stockings has increased by 59 per cent. I am sure that the honorable member for Darwin (Dame Enid Lyons), and the honorable member for Bourke (Mrs. Blackburn), will bear that out. The price of women's handkerchiefs has increased by 100 per cent, that of women's overcoats by 70 per cent, that of men's sports coats by 55 per cent, that of men's sports trousers by 59 per cent, and that of vegetables by 165 per cent.

Bank Advances

Mr. McEwen (Indi, Vic.), 8/10/47: The honorable member for Wannon (Mr. McLeod) said that the advances of the trading banks are not as much as 60 per cent. Apparently he speaks with some knowledge. The truth is, of course, that time after time, the Commonwealth Bank's 70 per cent, valuation is less than the valuation accepted by these pernicious trading banks, pastoral companies and private lenders. Under the administration of this beneficent Government, the Mortgage Bank Department of the Commonwealth Bank is conducted on incredibly conservative lines. that of the State Savings Bank of Victoria, and its calculations for advances are conservative in the extreme. If this state of affairs exists in the face of competition from the trading banks, heaven knows how conservative the policy of the Componwealth servative the policy of the Commonwealth Bank will be in the absence of that com-

Commu-Socialism

Mr. McBride (Wakefield, S.A.), 10/10/47: Honorable members opposite who have spoken, and some who have interjected, spoken, and some who have interjected, have endeavoured to associate the Communists with the Opposition parties. They endeavour to do so because they are opposed at elections by Communist candidates. My answer to that is that the Communists have undoubtedly built up their organisation on foundations laid by honorable members opposite. Fostering and sponsoring of class hatred is the stock in trade of many honorable members opposite. trade of many honorable members opposite. It is in these fields of class hatred that the Communists sow the seed and gather their harvest. Consequently, it is not surprising that Labor candidates are opposed by Communists both in the parliamentary sphere and in the industrial labor movement. In-deed, it is not too much to say that the socialists of today—and I believe all my friends opposite subscribe to the doctrine of socialism—are the Communists of to-morrow, and that the work being done by the socialists today constitutes the foun-dation upon which the structure of com-munism will be erected in this country in

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Emerson on Government

"Good men must not obey the laws too well. What satire on government can equal the severity of censure conveyed in the word politic, which now for ages has signiword pointer, which how for ages has signified cunning, intimating that the State is a trick? . . . Hence, the less government we have the better—the fewer laws, and the less confided power. The antidote to this abuse of formal government is the influence of private character, the growth of the individual; the appearance of the principal to supersede the proxy; the appearance of the wise man, of whom the existing government, is, it must be owned, but a shabby imitation."—R. W. Emerson on "Politics."

Need For Responsible Government

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nise them as essential to their ends.

But the same applies to Mr. Menzies and other so-called anti-Communists. We can take Bretton Woods as a classic example.

The British Communist "Daily Worker" of December 11, 1945, gave reasons for its support of Bretton Woods: "It makes for the defeat of the British Imperialist policy of a closed Empire."

Professor Laski and all the Jewish pro-Communists in the British Socialist Government voted for the American Dollar Loan

ment voted for the American Dollar Loan and Bretton Woods. No doubt the Communists hope that the break-up of the British Empire as a result of "Dollar Diplomacy" from America would mean that Great Britain would be forced into the arms of Soviet Russia. The present "Dollar Crisis" in this and other British countries is going to create further discontent and thus aid the Communists.

Less Power For Governments

It is not a change of Party, which this country requires so much as a very definite change in policy. Such a change can only come when enough electors take sufficient interest in their own affairs.

They should insist on more powers for the individual and less for Governments. Suitable mechanisms must be devised to prevent a repetition of Members of Parliament inventing and their even solving and in

prevent a repetition of Members of Parliament increasing their own salaries and imposing legislation without the consent of the electors.

Further, it would be an excellent idea if we could have some political reform that would ensure that more responsibility was attached to the political vote.

Towards A Responsible Vote

In the economic sphere anyone who uses his money "vote" to purchase an article which is useless bears the full responsibility of his own policy. But in the political sphere large numbers of people who take no interest in their own affairs can use their vote for a policy, which they don't understand and which affects other people who understood the policy and were op-

posed to it.

Before every election the various Parties should be asked to outline in detail exactly what they proposed to do, how much it would cost, and what benefits the individual could expect. If a record were kept of those who voted for the successful party and they were made personally responsible for its results, electors would take a great deal more interest in who they voted for.

It was recently reported that T.A.A. will show heavy financial losses when the first balance sheet is made available. If these losses had to be borne by those who voted for the present Government, there is little doubt that there would soon be a move towards a little more political responsibility.

But nothing can or will be done to get

But nothing can or will be done to get any worthwhile political or economic reforms until sufficient electors take more intelligent interest instead of listening apathetically to the Parties.

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