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FOURPENCE WEEKLY

Depression Policy Behind Credit Contraction Move

According to the Press, December 3, Mr. Chifley is in agreement with the Commonwealth Bank that credit should be restricted. This, as most people now know, is the initial step in bringing about a depression.

This time it is to be an act of policy ("The policy applied by the Commonwealth Bank had been the subject of consultation with the Government which approved of the actions taken by the Bank"), whereas last time it was due to spots on the sun, or a world 'trend,' or falling prices, or the private monopoly of banking, or something.

One of the central contentions of Social Credit has always been that the financial system as it exists is the instrument of policy, instead of, as it ought to be, a reflection of real facts.

It is curious to be faced now with this admission, after the years which the Social Credit Movement spent in fighting to gain recognition of the fact; but the admission is accompanied with an insolent "So what?" while steps are taken to amalgamate the powers of banking with the powers of police control.

Mr. Chifley says that the public has too much money, and that it should be withdrawn by investment. How did the public get the money? By working for it; and that should finally establish its claim to it. If it is invested, the public has to work further to get it back.

Since this smelly matter is being thrust under our noses, it is worth analysing once again how the trick is worked.

The Money Trick

Let us suppose that the community produces a million pairs of boots, the cost price of which is one million pounds, and that the income of the community is also one million pounds.

Now, if the boots are sold for £2 per pair, only half the boots will be sold, but the whole of the income will be absorbed, and there will be a profit for investment of half a million pounds. This investment is used to pay the wages for building a new factory, and the wages can then be used to buy the remaining half million boots.

In short, this system ensures that the community can only get all the boots it has produced on condition that it builds another factory in addition to

producing the boots.

The physical effect of this process is exactly the same as the physical effect of inflation. Both dilute the purchasing power of effort—force the community to undertake an unnecessary amount of work for the quantity of goods and services it received. This is the policy imposed through the financial system, and it is now quite explicitly stated—"Full Employment" in spite of mechanical progress.

OUR POLICY

1. The preservation of Australia's sovereignty as a part of the British Empire, and the exposure of all internal and external groups which attack that sovereignty.
2. The preservation and extension of genuine local government.
3. The preservation and strengthening of all Constitutional safeguards for the purpose of protecting fundamental individual rights.
4. The encouragement of all activities designed to bring Governments under more effective control by the electors.
5. The preservation and extension of genuine free, competitive enterprise and private ownership, and opposition to all Monopoly, whether it be "private" or State.
6. The support of a financial policy which will (a) permit free enterprise to make available to all individuals an increasing standard of living and greater leisure for cultural pursuits; (b) result in no further increase in the community's indebtedness and the sound business practice of gradually reducing existing debt.
7. Recognising that the basis of any sound economy is agriculture, the encouragement of agricultural policies which will ensure the preservation and building up of soil fertility by organic farming and gardening; and the prevention of soil erosion and the protection of forests and watersheds.

A Swindle Pure and Simple

The essence of the present system can be stated quite shortly.

Financial credit is used to finance tomorrow's production; it becomes today's wages, which are spent on yesterday's production. With the increasing complexity of modern industrial processes, "to-morrow" and "yesterday" represent the ever more distant future and past.

But from the realistic point of view yesterday's production was paid for by physical effort. Insofar as yesterday's production included factories and so on, which cannot be consumed at once, it includes real physical savings; and there ought to be a corresponding accumulation of financial savings to reflect that fact. But the past operation of the financial system has got rid of the financial savings by investing them, so that the savings have to be replaced by a fresh creation of money—bank-credit.

To make the community work to obtain that credit is a swindle pure and simple. And forcing investment by cutting off credit ensures the perpetuation of the swindle.

—"The Australian Social Crediter," Dec. 13

SPECIAL NOTICE TO NEWSAGENTS & READERS

This is the last issue of "The New Times" for 1947. "The New Times" will not be published on December 26 and January 2, 1948.

The next issue of "The New Times" will be published on Friday, January 9, 1948.

KEYS TO CURRENT EVENTS

SIGNIFICANT NEWS SURVEY

Great Britain

"The State Is Supreme"

Mr. George Isaacs, Minister of Labour, plunged the Government supporters into consternation, states the Parliamentary Correspondent of the "Daily Mail," London, when he declared in the House of Commons: "It to the Almighty to whom all of us pay reverence, but the administration of the nation is in the hands of the State. The State must be supreme." It was objected from the Labour back benches that that is Nazi doctrine. "It is not Christian, not democratic. It assumes that the State is God. . . ." "We condemn that in Germany and in Russia, yet in England we are capitulating to it" Mr. Isaacs, replying said: "we believe the State, rightly or wrongly, has a duty to perform in the spirit of prayer. We are acting under the Almighty in governing this country . . . the State is supreme and must be supreme."

Thus "the divine right of kings" and "the king can do no wrong" are reincarnated in new form by the Labour Party. It is a new and monstrous doctrine loaded with repression, tyranny and subjection worse than that of Caligula and of a pattern with the debasement of human beings we know of in Russia.

—"N.Z. Financial Times," Sept. 10, 1947.

No Meat Storage

The Herald Special Service

LONDON, Tuesday. - - Ships from Australia and the Argentine, which should be at sea again, are still unloading food in London docks because there is no cold storage room, the "Daily Express" says.

The "Daily Express" adds that cold storage warehouses around London are so full of meat, turkeys, poultry, butter, eggs and apples that meat ships have been told to go slow in discharging cargoes.

Ships, which normally discharge in a week, have taken 10 to 12 days because transport firms reported, "warehouses will take no more."

Delays are costing hundreds of pounds a day in dock dues and loss of

time, but the Ministry of Food, which admitted last Monday that the hold-up is still general, now says 'discharge is now going ahead from all ships. We are taking apples from store to make room for meat.'

—Melb. "Herald," Dec. 10.

United States

Who Are the Big Grafters?

People "in the know" here in Washington believe that the Ferguson Committee and the Brewster Committee have overlooked the real rascals, the real profiteers and the super-big grafters. They consider the Garsson case and the Hughes case as "small peanuts" compared to the profiteering that



DR. H. V. EVATT
Advised by Sam Atyeo?

has been done by some of the friends of Bernard Baruch and others. It seems that Mr. Baruch is beyond the reach of any administration, whether Democratic or Republican. How he became one of the richest men in America during and since the last war is still quite a mystery. —Nationalist News Service, Sept. 8.

A Note on "Ike" Eisenhower

An underground boom is being carried on by certain Republicans to nominate General Eisenhower for President, BUT a similar boom is being started among the Democrats on the

Democratic ticket.

Keen observers here in Washington know that "Ike," who was referred to by his West Point Year Book as "that Swedish Jew," was strictly subservient to the Roosevelt mentality, otherwise F.D.R. would never have given him the authority he was given during the war.

—Nationalist News Service, Sept. 29.

Australia

Rum Costs 5d. a Gallon To Produce

Rum costs 5.39d. a gallon to produce, the secretary of the Queensland Employers' Federation (Mr. F. J. Self) told the Industrial Court recently.

When Mr. Self made this statement, Mr. Justice Matthews looked at him incredulously.

"Did you say just over 5d.?" he asked.

Mr. Self: Of course, Canberra gets a bit out of it.

Mr. Dwyer, a member of the Court: I think someone in between must get a bit, too.

Mr. Justice Matthews: Rum at a penny a bottle. Phew!

[Fixed price for most brands of O.P. Australian rum is 18/6 a bottle.]

We are not interested in rum, but the above figures are very interesting in showing how the Commonwealth excise duty of 56/6 a gallon, plus high taxation, inflates the ultimate price of a commodity to an almost unbelievable extent.

—"New Era" (Sydney)-, Nov. 28.

Who Is Sam Atyeo?

Quiz for the Doc: Who is Sam Atyeo?

Sam's a mystery man, particularly to our diplomats and representatives abroad.

They say that he travels to all conferences in which Australia is involved or represented. He just sits around, doesn't say much, holds no official position, is always with Bert.

But, according to the boys, the Australian taxpayer foots Sam's bills.

Who is he, and what's he do, Doc? He's giving your overseas boys *the willies*.

—"Daily Telegraph" (Sydney). Dec. 13.

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE ON LABOR PARTY POLICY

(Condensed from "Labor, Socialism and Soviets" by W. C. Wentworth)

The Communists rightly boast that at the time, when their right to affiliation with Labor was recognised and they were still officially part of the Labor machine, "the growing influence of the Communist Party brought about the adoption of the Socialisation objective by the A.L.P." ("Outline History of the Australian Communist Party" by Sharkey.)

Since 1931, every endorsed Labor candidate has signed the following pledge: —

"I also pledge myself to actively support and advocate at all times the Party's objective—the Socialisation of Industry (Production, Distribution and Exchange)." (From the official Candidate's Form for A.L.P.)

The Party Platform (a document kept, as far as possible, from the general public) calls for the Socialisation of Industry by both Parliamentary and Administrative action, and lists "complete control of banking," as its first concrete objective.

The official Labor Party Plan is successively to nationalise Banking, Insurance, Monopolies, Shipping, Public Health, Wireless, Broadcasting, Sugar Refining and Munitions (Federal Objective and Platform of A.L.P.). The subsequent scheme is to extend control over the small man, set up an Australian Soviet, and bring every aspect of production and consumption under the mastery of a totalitarian system.

Some of the old Communist agents inside the A.L.P. have now broken with Russia and have become respectable—at least to all outward appearances. Thus, for example, in 1921, when Russia first captured the A.L.P., the main Moscow mouthpieces were Mr. Holloway (the present Federal Minister for Labour) Mr. Scullin (once Labor's Prime Minister and the present power inside the Labor Caucus), Mr. Beasley (now Labor High Commissioner in London) and Mr. Baddeley (now Labor Deputy Premier of N.S.W.). With regard to at least three of these four gentlemen, it is reasonably well established that they are no longer under Kremlin control.

The Master Plan

But the master plan, laid down in 1921, is still followed by the Labor Party.

It may be that the former Communist operatives have now seen the error of their ways, but they still lack the courage and force to stem the tide they helped to start. Here is the exact scheme sponsored by Mr. Scullin in 1921, and still the real pattern of Labor policy: — "SOCIALISATION OF INDUSTRY"

"Report of committee appointed to devise ways and means of bringing

about the objective—Socialisation of Industry, Production, Distribution and Exchange.

"1. That, for the purpose of achieving the objective, industrial and Parliamentary machinery shall be utilised.

"2. That, in recognition of the fact that this is an era of social production, this Conference declares that craft organisation, as a working class weapon, is obsolete, and pledges itself, and all its future representatives, to organisation of the workers along the lines of industry as shall be decided by the Organisation Committee of the Conference.

"3. The nationalisation of banking and all principal industries, and the municipalisation of such services and supplies as can best be operated in limited areas; adult franchise and extended powers to be granted municipalities for this purpose.

"4. The government of nationalised industries by boards, upon which the workers in industry and the community shall have representation.

"5. The establishment of an elective Supreme Economic Council by all nationalised industries.

"6. The setting up of Labor Research and Information Bureaus and Labor Educational Institutions, in which the workers shall be trained in the management of nationalised industries.

"7. That the foregoing be sent to the Australian and New Zealand Labor Parties, as a recommendation that it be the fighting plank of the platform, believing that only by abolition of the capitalist system can working class emancipation be achieved.

"8. That all Parliamentary representatives be required to function as active propagandists of the Objective and methods of the Movement." (Proceedings of the All-Australian

Trade Union Conference, Melbourne, June 1921. Official Report.)

Successive Stages

Note the successive and characteristic stages of the plan:

1. The development of the Labor machine outside Parliament and a "shadow Government." (This is already coming into being.)

2. The destruction of Craft Unionism. (This is still the No. 1 immediate objective of Communist agents in the Unions.)

3. Nationalisation of Banking (which the Federal Labor Government now proposes) and development of Municipal Governments as miniature Soviets (this is really what is behind the N.S.W. Labor Cabinet's present Local Government Bill.)

4. The setting up of Soviets in factories. (Communists work always for this.)

5. The superseding of Parliament by a Supreme Economic Council of Union Secretaries.

This plan made by the Communists for Labor in 1921, is still the Red Thread running through all Labor Policy.

Between 1921 and 1930, the underground trend to Socialism ran continuously in the Labor Party, especially in N.S.W., where J. T. Lang — now strongly anti-Communist and expelled from the official A.L.P.—was at that time playing Moscow's game. The adoption of the 1926-27 "Red Rules" by N.S.W. Labor was reckoned a personal triumph for Lang; but it was Moscow that initiated the move, guided the intrigue and finally profited from the outcome. It is not impossible that Lang ("greater than Lenin") sincerely believed that he was using the Communists as his catspaw, but it was not long before events showed him that the reverse was the case.

Three-Year Plan

Labor election victories just before the depression emboldened the active Communists in the Party to come out more into the open with their Socialist Plan. At the 1930 A.L.P. Conference in New South Wales, Communist operative J. Kilburn secured the appointment of a Socialisation Committee,

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which was under Communist control. Its moving spirits included Donald Grant (now a Labor Senator) and "Jock" Stewart (now president of the A.L.P. in New South Wales). The following year, this committee produced a Three Year Plan for Socialisation. After demanding the destruction of Craft Unionism and the inauguration of an all-out propaganda campaign for Socialism, the report went on to recommend:—

"That a plan, to be known as the 'Three Year Plan' of social transition, be propagated to provide for Government by Regulations, such regulations to aim at the establishment in three years of a Socialised State by—

"1. The vesting in the people's government of all the rights of ownership, and the control of all specified property.

"2. The administration of all specified industries and the functions of government, including banking, by national Commissions and sub-Commissions, with direct workers' and producers' control during the three year period of transition.

"3. The establishment of Compulsory Pools for the handling of the nation's entire production." (Proceedings of A.L.P. Conference, April 4 1931—Official Report.)

Australian Soviet

In 1931 A.L.P. Conference approved this resolution in principle, and shortly afterwards a Conference of Trades Unions and A.L.P. Branches endorsed a proposal for an Australian Soviet on the following lines:—

"It would be necessary for a Party which claims to represent the masses and which claims to stand for Socialisation to be prepared to govern in the interests of the masses through other (non-Parliamentary) forms of Government, which were referred to in the Three Year Plan as "Government by Regulation." . . . The Three Year Plan was not intended to operate within the capitalist system and under Governments using ordinary Parliamentary forms, because the Committee realises that the ready-made Capitalist State machinery (Parliamentary, Judiciary, Civil Servant Chiefs, etc.) would not function along Socialisation lines . . . The necessity for a non-Parliamentary form of Government at some at present undetermined point in the development of capitalism—is inevitable." (Conference of Trades Unions and A.L.P. Branches at Sydney Trades Hall, April 24, 1931. Official Report.)

So, in 1947, we see the history of 1931

repeating itself in the internal politics of the A.L.P. Power has stripped the mask from the Party's real character.

Lenin's Strategy

It is no mere coincidence that Labor policy for 1947 conforms minutely to the pattern laid down by Lenin. Because the under-cover Communists who really control the A.L.P.'s ideology have taken very good care that it should so conform.

Here is what Lenin himself prescribed as the technique of implementing Communism:—

"We are all agreed that the fundamental first step in this direction must be such measures as the nationalisation of the banks and the trusts. Let us put into practice these similar measures, and we shall see . . . We can not at once nationalise the small consumers' concerns, i.e., those with one or two employees—nor can we at once place them under a real workers' control. But the role of these small men can be made small to the vanishing point, and through the nationalisation of the banks they can be tied hand and foot." (Lenin. Address to Bolshevik Congress, April 1917.)

That is Labor's plan—or rather, it is the plan of the Communists, who make Labor's plan. The tactics were thought out by Lenin and elaborated by Stalin. Here they are:—

1. Kid the small man that you are only attacking "the big banks," so that he won't vote against you in the first stage.

2. Once you have captured the banks, you have the small man "tied hand and foot," so that it doesn't matter how he voted. Power is no longer in Parliament—it is in the Supreme Economic Council; Government is by Regulation, not by Democratic Vote at all. The Soviet State will have arrived.

The history of developing Socialism is and must always be the history of developing totalitarianism.

Hitler, with his National Socialism, and Stalin, with his Soviet Communism, are the two supreme examples of Socialists who have achieved total power. Socialism must always be like that . . .

Communist Influence

Communist power over the Government has been perfected in both the industrial and the political spheres. In many unions, open Soviet agents, such as E. Thornton (Ironworkers), J. Healy (Wharves), T. Wright (Sheet Metal) and I. Williams (Coal) are in absolute control. It is pathetic to see the way in which Mr. Chifley (who claims to be opposed to them) is forced to cringe when these Quislings crack the whip.

But even in the unions where anti-Communist leadership is nominally paramount, it is the Communists who have the real control of policy. They make the pace and the "moderates" are forced to keep up with them for fear of losing their support.

But a much more sinister thing has been happening. Communist supporters have been infiltrated into the local A.L.P. Leagues, in accordance with a long-range plan. These Leagues have the power of Labor pre-selection—they can determine who can and who cannot be a Labor Member of Parliament.

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The totalitarian controls, accepted as a temporary expedient for a wartime emergency are being developed as a permanent feature of our economy. Each new control seems to give temporary relief; but each one lowers production, creates a new emergency, and is used as an excuse for yet another control. It is the old "hair of the dog" theory.

Nationalisation of Banking would give the Government power to introduce a completely Soviet system, by mere Regulation and without reference to Parliament. It therefore follows the 1931 blueprint—which called for a Three Year Plan to introduce Socialism by Regulation, thereby effectively by-passing Parliament.

BOOK REVIEW

"The Red Spider Web"

By Bernard Newman

No political student should be without Bernard Newman's dramatic story of Communist espionage in Canada. In bringing this book to the attention of our readers, we can do no better than quote from inside the dust jacket of the book itself:

"In dealing with the sensational revelations of the Canadian Government's Royal Commission which investigated the Russian network in Canada, Bernard Newman brings to bear on it not only his great imaginative gifts, but also a life-long and earnest study of spying, thus speaking as the complete expert on this ancient and sinister art.

"The result is a book more exciting than any work of imagination, confirming once again that truth is stranger than fiction."

Moreover, Bernard Newman not only brings to life the amply documented story of Russian espionage in Canada, but as an experienced traveller and an erudite student of international affairs he also unravels the world-wide political significance of the gigantic secret service which Russia maintains in every country.

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DR. EVATT AND ZIONIST AIMS

We have followed the career of Dr. Herbert Vere Evatt with increasing concern over the past several years and the conclusion appears inescapable that the forces working for the destruction of British and local sovereignty could not have found a more useful agent to further their policy; and the genuine Australian could not have found a more dangerous man to represent him, either at home or abroad.

A personal acquaintance of both the self-described anti-British and anti-Christian Harold J. Laski and the "unofficial President of the U.S.A.", Bernard Mannes Baruch, Dr. Evatt has played a major part in assisting Zionist plans, culminating in his "inspired leadership" (helped, perhaps, by Sam Atyeo?) of the Committee on Palestine.

The consequent significance of the following report, contained in the first edition only of the Melbourne "Age" for December 10, is obvious:

"Praise for the work of Dr. H. V. Evatt in assisting the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine was voiced by leaders of the Jewish community at a large gathering in the Assembly Hall last night.

Mr. A. Landa, M.L.C., of N.S.W., who attended the United Nations debate on Palestine, said no decision would have been arrived at on Palestine if it had not been for Dr. Evatt. His name would be enshrined forever in the hearts of the Jewish community.

"The president of the Zionist Federation of Australia (Mr. H. B. Newman) said without Dr. Evatt the committee on Palestine might still be sitting, and the whole hopes of the world's Jews might now be disappearing."

And indicating that this was, indeed, the culmination of a long-range policy, which the Jewish Sanhedrin had adhered to for centuries, Mr. Newman, who is presumably an Australian citizen who is allowed the rights of a British subject, continued:

"... The Jewish community had gathered to celebrate the culmination of Jewish hopes of many years. There had been a lightening of the Jewish burden through the promise of nationhood."

Further, Mr. Newman considered:

"It was inevitable that there would be disturbances and fighting in Palestine, and it was inevitable that many would die before the Jewish State was complete.

"Jews should not be worried over reports of fighting in Palestine because fighting and death were necessary in the birth of a country."

As our English contemporary, "The Social Crediter," once remarked, our enemies are no more concerned about the immolation of a continent than they are with the fall of a sparrow. And the rank-and-file of Jews are just pawns in this gigantic chess-game which is being played cold-bloodedly for the stakes of World Control.

The "Age" concludes its report of Mr. Newman:

"The Haganah was not yet properly trained, but if in three months' time there should be a clash of arms Jews need not be apprehensive of the result.

"The Jewish State had a hope for the future which could well be copied by every nation in the world."

Comment would be superfluous! Does Dr. Evatt realise anything of the significance of the role he has elected to play in this ghastly business?

THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE GROUP

The set of ideas, which became the movement known as Social Credit, began with an examination of the problem of the relationship of the individual to the group, and the financial proposals, which emerged, were consciously, and in all their developments, designed to free the individual from group domination.

It is evident that the essential nature of the problem, not merely has not changed, but has become more sharply defined.

It was, early in the elaboration of the ideas, recognised that the group is essentially atavistic; it is something from which the individual has emerged, and his return to it is in the nature of spiritual death.

Without, in this place, elaborating the connection between the anti-religious aspect of Communism, the soullessness of mass production, and the incompatibility of cartelism and Trades Unionism with peace, it may be emphasised that there is a connection between all of them, and it is epitomised in that amazing reply: "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and unto God that which is God's."

Caesar is, of course, functionalism, and if functionalism can be made paramount, if the Will can be paralysed by the Arm, if the Good which I Will I do not can be made uniform by the omnipotence of the atavistic Group over the emergent individual, then indeed the Devil is triumphant.

—"The Social Crediter" (Eng.), Nov. 1.

FLASHBACK! (No. 5)

"If war comes, as come it may, that war has to be used for the destruction of capitalism. It will have to be used by the workers of this country to undermine the whole system."

—Great Britain's Economic Dictator, Sir Stafford Cripps, in the English "Daily Telegraph," October 14, 1935.

WHO STARTED SOCIAL SERVICES?

Mr. Chifley, in the House of Representatives, November 11:

Everything that conservative governments have done in the way of improving social services has been merely a following in the wake of the Labor movement.

Mr. Francis: We initiated all the social services.

THE DANGEROUS THEORY OF "AUTOMATIC PROGRESS" MUST BE CHALLENGED

Radio Talk by ERIC D. BUTLER Over 3CS Colac.

The present tragic plight of the world is either the result of conscious effort by powerful groups or the outcome of "blind forces" over which the individual can have no control. If we accept the "blind force" idea, then obviously there is nothing we can do about the present situation except hope that it improves.

But a little thought must convince every reasonable individual that all policies in this world, irrespective of whether they be political, economic, or financial, derive from individuals.

The most important task confronting the people of this and every other country is to identify and expose the individuals responsible for the policies, which are wrecking civilisation.

It is true, of course, that a great number of people unconsciously advance these destructive policies without knowing their origin.

Nothing is more certain than the fact that the world would not be given over to gangsterism if there had not been a corruption of those principles and standards upon which our Western Christian civilisation was built.

The idea that the present plight of the world is the result of "blind force" has been carefully fostered for the purpose of breaking down individual initiative. The "blind force" theory was given a tremendous impetus last century when Charles Darwin's ideas on evolution were used to convince people that the human race was automatically progressing all the time.

Darwin and the Protocols

Although Darwin himself was a little doubtful about some of his theories, as admitted in his private letters, the publication of his famous book, "The Origin of the Species," was the signal for a determined campaign to persuade people that their social doctrines must be based upon the evolutionary conception of what has been termed "the survival of the fittest." The effect of this campaign was to strike a smashing blow at the foundations of Christian civilisation.

The following statement appears in those remarkable documents, "The Protocols," which purport to be an outline of the Zionist plan to conquer the world: "... think carefully of the successes we arranged for Darwinism, Marxism, Nietzsche-ism."

Dr. Will Durant in his "Story of Philosophy" tells us that the great German philosopher Nietzsche was "the child of Darwin." Nietzsche's philosophy of the Will to Power was the philosophy, which resulted in modern centralised Germany and two world wars.

Karl Marx, the German-Jew, whose ideas dominate the Socialist and Communist movements, preached the idea of progress resulting from what he termed the class struggle. Marx's financial backer, the millionaire Engels, who made his fortune out of sweating English working girls, compared Marx with Darwin when making his oration over the grave of Marx.

The American Socialist, Morris Hillquit (real name Hilkowicz), has said "Karl Marx alone consistently introduced the spirit of Darwinism into the study of social phenomena by substituting the . . . doctrine of the class struggle in the more modern stages of social development for the . . . doctrine of the struggle for existence in its lower stages."

Survival of the Fittest

The deadly anti-Christian idea of progress through constant struggle and "the survival of the fittest" has permeated the thinking of many people who would indignantly reject the suggestion that they are fostering Socialist and Communist philosophy.

In spite of the fact that all the best fruits of our Western civilisation have been the direct result of individual security, leisure and stability, there are many who would have us believe that it is only enforced struggle, which brings out the best in individuals.

We even have some employers suggesting that present industrial troubles can only be overcome by coercive tactics. The Socialists and Communists also believe this; but they want "the State" to apply the coercion instead of individual employers.

In the "Sydney Morning Herald" of March 28, 1946, the financial editor of that journal went so far as to remark: "Despairing reference to prevailing indiscipline and the difficulty of conscientious work, all too frequently conclude with the remark that only depression will restore industrial efficiency. Admittedly, depressions have

had the redeeming feature of restoring efficiency, to set against the misery of the unemployed."

Lenin and the Rule of Law

Lenin, one of the founders of Soviet Russia, wrote in his "Complete Works": "The dictatorship of the proletariat is nothing else than power based upon force and limited by nothing—by no kind of law and by absolutely no rule."

Now, Western Civilisation was concerned with the evolving of those checks of laws and rules, which the totalitarians are striving to destroy. Christianity was a most effective check upon men's physical actions.

Although war has always been a dirty, beastly business, there was a time when it was limited by certain standards generally accepted. Once individuals are torn loose from any standards which place a limit upon their conduct, and when the idea is carefully fostered that the result of "progress" only accrue to those who, motivated by the slogan of the survival of the fittest, can be more cunning and unscrupulous than their fellows, the road is paved to brutal tyranny.

"The Old Issue"

The great tragedy of the situation is the fact that those shouting progress are driving the human race back to an even worse serfdom than that from which our forefathers managed to free themselves.

Kipling put the matter clearly in the following lines from "The Old Issue":

"Howso great their clamour, what-so'er their claim

Suffer not the old King under any name,

Long - forgotten bondage, dwarfing heart and brain

All our fathers died to lose, he shall bind again."

Let us remember these lines when we are urged in the name of progress to throw over constitutional safeguards. How often we hear the following cunning argument: "Why should people living in this scientific age be governed by the constitutional conventions drawn up hundreds of years ago?"

Now constitutions are of practical importance to every individual. The very question of individual rights and

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independence is directly connected with the idea of a constitution of some description; a set of rules which govern the relationships of individuals.

Accumulated Experience

The constitutional rules we have in British countries have been evolved over a long period of trial and error; they embody the accumulated experiences of our forefathers.

It may be true that we have more gadgets than our forefathers did. But the use to which these gadgets are put must be governed by our conception of rules of conduct. All the so-called science in the world cannot help us in considering this matter.

What we have got to decide is what power any individual shall have over other individuals; what power Governments shall have over individuals, and how the individual can be protected against the abuse of power by any Government.

The very fact that scientific knowledge has made it possible for a few men to have greater power over millions of individuals than has ever been previously possible, merely strengthens the urgent necessity that all individuals should be carefully examining their traditional institutions with a view to making them more effective instead of undermining them by joining the ranks of those who think that genuine progress and liberty come from an attack upon tradition.

Surely no reasonable person can any longer believe in the theory of automatic progress when he sees Western Europe, the cradle of one of the most splendid cultures the world has ever seen, lying broken and bleeding, fighting for survival against the Asiatic barbarians from the East.

The Bad Old Days

Never before in the long history of the British Isles have the British peoples been reduced to their present pathetic plight, where even the individual depends upon the State for his very food.

Records show that hundreds of years ago, our British forefathers were able to feed, house and clothe themselves decently. They had very little power for production apart from wind, water and animals, and yet they had sufficient leisure and stability to produce a culture at which we can merely wonder.

To-day we have harnessed solar energy, more individuals are at work than ever before, and yet the real standard of living progressively decreases. Never before in history has

there been such a wicked perversion of human effort than we have to-day—colossal sabotage, which most people do not appear to notice.

Of course, we have "full employment." Haven't we got hundreds of thousands of officials filling in forms and ensuring that even those engaged in productive enterprise don't produce too much?

And when we have "free medicine" and all the other "social security" schemes we have been promised, we shall have one half of the population busy controlling the other half.

This is progress!

Function of the Crown

We are taught that all this is much better than the bad old days when the Christian Church and the King allegedly rode roughshod over the people.

Apparently the idea is that it is much better to be pushed around by thousands of officials who accept no responsibility for anything, than to have the Crown effectively functioning as a part of a Constitution, which provides the individual with some redress against an abuse of power by Governments.

If any King of the past had attempted to raise taxation and spend the proceeds as our modern Governments do, there would have been a stirring fight throughout the length and breadth of the land. At least he would have to accept personal responsibility — he might even lose his head.

Few Kings of the past would have lasted more than a few days if they had attempted to pursue policies being imposed upon the people today.

Let us cease immediately all this nonsense about "progress"; let us learn the lessons of how our forefathers dealt with power lusts in the past. Let us then apply these lessons while we still have time.

FIGHTING FUNDS FOR ACTION GROUP URGENTLY REQUIRED

The Hon. Secretary of the Social Credit Action Group, Mr. P. W. Keogh, 54 Millswyn Street, South Yarra, Victoria, urges all supporters of the Action Group to forward their contribution to the 1948 Fighting Fund IMMEDIATELY.

Bigger and better offensives are being planned. They must not fail because of lack of "ammunition."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR 'Government Unlimited'

Sir, —A recent news item in the Melbourne "Age," to the effect that the House of Lords had approved the New Zealand Constitution (Amendment) Bill, may have escaped the notice of readers of "The New Times."

This bill repeals the New Zealand Constitution (Amendment) Act of 1857 and makes it lawful for the New Zealand Parliament to "alter, suspend or repeal at any time all or any of the provisions of the New Zealand constitution."

The news item further states that the bill gives the New Zealand Government complete freedom to amend the Constitution according to its own wishes and will remove the last constitutional restrictions on the Dominion of New Zealand.

No mention is made in the news item of any provision for submitting proposed constitutional amendments to a referendum of the people of New Zealand. If no such provision has been made the New Zealand Constitution is now a mockery and ceases to function as a legal limitation to the power of the Government. It may as well have been abolished outright for all the purpose it can serve in the future.

The history of the struggle for freedom is the history of the limitation of the power of government no matter how constituted, whether these Governments be despotic kings, tyrants, dictators or popularly elected parliaments. No Government can be trusted with too much power, let alone absolute power. "All power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely." If this be doubted, just take a look at history and the world to day.

I venture to suggest that the New Zealand constitutional situation would suit our Australian politicians, the present Opposition no less than our present Federal Government. Just imagine if you can the present Government with no constitutional limitations to their law making.

The emasculation of the States to the aggrandisement of the Canberra Government is to be paralleled by the intensification of the attack, both direct and indirect, on the Federal Constitution until it is either abolished or rendered impotent to sustain the people's rights.

Needless to say, the news item referred to was not given the prominence its importance merited.

—C.H.C.

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"BURIED GOLD WON WORLD WAR II"

(From "The Social Crediter,"
Nov. 1, 1947.)

A correspondent has sent us the Washington "Times Herald" which is humourously described by itself as "Washington's Independent Newspaper." (Emphasis is the "Times-Herald's.")

Its independence is strikingly exemplified by the issue's leading article, which is propaganda for Gold Finance. "The only thing wrong with gold is not to have it. We have it. Let's hold what we have, work for more, and try better to appreciate [sic] gold's value to us all."

But the bit we like best is: "Citizens your old Uncke has been plenty stupid at times, but not about gold."

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How true that is. If you lost a son in the war, or your house was destroyed by bombs, and you see little ahead of you beyond austerity and Shinwell's tinker's cusses, you may have imagined that you made some small contribution. But you are wrong, and it's easy to prove it.

The Land of Buried Gold whose chief inhabitants just murmured "tch, tch, Britain sure is taking a whale of a licking" while they sorted over our assets, won not merely the war, but the peace, because the two main objects of the war were to destroy the British Empire and re-establish Gold and shift the centre of world Finance permanently to New York. All the present evidence goes to prove the complete attainment of both these objectives. The "Times-Herald" is too modest. There have been four great wars in this century, so far; and Gold has won them all.

Colac Radio Talks

We have been asked to publish the wavelength of 3CS Colac, Victoria, over which regular weekly Social Credit talks are given every Friday at 8.45 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Wavelength: 1130 K.C.

THE JEW IN THE MIDDLE AGES

(From "The Social Crediter" (Eng.),
Nov. 15, 1947.)

Our attention has been drawn to a little known, but important, paper in the Transactions of the Royal Historical Society for 1891, entitled "The expulsion of the Jews by Edward I" (George Leonard Hare, M.A., F.R.H.S.), which throws an interesting light on the myth of the oppressed Jew of the Middle Ages.

Quoting from "Anglo-Jewish Historical Exhibition" Papers the author remarks, "There was not much 'whispered humbleness' in the amazing (Jewish) petition of 1270 in which they asked to have the custody of Christian heirs, and the advowson of Christian livings, nor much suavity in their general intercourse with Christians. In 1279 a serving-man, going down from Broad Street to the Jewry, was set upon by Jews, flung into the mud, and so injured that he died. Their usuries, their frauds, their grinding tyranny,

Backchat

"With yet another lost cause in his kit, Mr. Gromyko then turned again to Korea. With no argument more subtle than a 'it is your face that is dirty, not mine,' he announced that Mr. Marshall was distorting the truth in saying that the Soviet Union was to blame for the insecurity of Korea. This was not so. It was the United States that was to blame."—"Manchester Guardian."

British taxpayers provide several million pounds a year to help subsidise this sort of backchat.

—From "London Tidings."

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For all that they were not much worse off than we are, as we are doing without most of the things we want right now.

—"N.Z. Financial Times," Sept. 10, 1947.