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HOLLWAY GOVT. FOLLOWS BASIC SOCIALIST POLICY? *Potato Marketing Bill*

When will the anti-Socialists start to realise that the mere election of non-Labor Governments does not automatically result in anti-Socialist policies? Although the present Victorian Liberal-Country Party Government was elected by a strong anti-Socialist vote at the State Election late last year, one of its first pieces of important legislation was a Socialist Bill WHICH THE CAIN GOVERNMENT HAD PREPARED. We refer to the Marketing (Potatoes) Amendment Bill.

The following extracts from the second reading speech by Lieut. Colonel Dennett (Minister of Agriculture) on December 9, 1947, provides frightening evidence of how anti-Socialists—most of them very sincere—can blithely further Socialist ideas without any understanding of what they are doing:

"The plan proposed to be adopted postulates the setting up in each State of a Potato Marketing Board which, in addition to the normal powers possessed by State marketing boards, would then have the power to license growers and—I emphasise this—determine what acreage each individual grower may plant. . . .

"In this way it is intended that production in each State will be regulated as far as practical to supply the consumption needs of the State as well as the State's share of the interstate market."

Lieut. Colonel Dennett then proceeded to explain that "the plan" also proposed a Federal authority, which will decide total Australian production and allocate acreage and markets "equitably" between the States.

Restricting Acreage

"At the present time the Victorian Potato Marketing Board cannot become a party to any such agreement because it has no power to regulate acreage. This Bill proposes to give it this power by extending the regulation section of the Marketing of Primary Products Act."

And why this centralised Socialist planning of production? ". . . the growing of a 'quantity of potatoes greatly in excess of what can be consumed in Australia would be an econo-

mic loss; it would glut the market and depress prices to growers to unpayable levels."

The very idea of a Federal body being able to plan successfully the potato requirements of Australian consumers is so fantastic that we find it hard to understand how anyone who has seen the appalling results of centralised planning in recent years can be in favour of it.

Creates Monopoly

We are, of course, well aware that many established potato growers—particularly the larger ones—are in favour of Socialist control of production—they naturally want a monopoly and no competition. Many established businessmen have also succumbed to the idea of controls: they are thus protected against possible competitors. But primary producers and businessmen supporting controls pave the way for their own destruction.

The only people competent to decide any production programme are consumers.

This journal supports genuine free enterprise, not merely because of its efficiency, but because it decentralises economic control into the hands of individual consumers. The primary function of the production system is to supply goods and services indicated by consumers using their "money votes."

Under sound financial rules, consumers would at all times be able to indi-

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.

Hollway Govt. Follows Basic Socialist Policy?

cate to producers their requirements. Producers would supply those requirements while prices were profitable. A falling price level would indicate that consumers' requirements were more than satisfied and that production should be reduced.

A Stable Economy

In a stable economy, when the financial rules were governed by the realities of the production system, every industry would, over a sufficient period of time, stabilise itself to produce the requirements of the people.

The non-Labor Parties were unable to solve the problem of poverty amidst plenty before the war because they set their faces against the suggestion that there was any flaw in the financial system, i.e., the distributive mechanism. Rather than face the necessity for a change in the financial rules, the "anti-Socialists" appear to prefer to ensure that the problem of "poverty amidst plenty" does not return by adopting the Socialist idea of limiting production.

Are there no members of the non-Labor Parties who can see that free enterprise must continue to be destroyed, **irrespective of the label of Government**, while financial rules which have proved a disastrous failure are sacrosanct and beyond criticism?



MR. HOLLWAY

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What They Said

The Labour Government has been in power over two years. Here are some quotations: —

1944: Strachey—You remember the old "Produce more" cry? I suppose we shall get it again after this war too.

1945: Bevan.—We are told by some people who ought to know better that we shall need to increase our exports after the war by 50 percent. . . . Expanding exports are the will-o'-the-wisp private enterprise is compelled to pursue.

1947: Dalton—We must make available for export an increasing proportion of our production.

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1945: Attlee—Labour will organise the economic life of the country in order to ensure good homes, food and clothing, social security, employment, leisure, freedom and the amenities of life for everybody.

Cripps—Just as we didn't get our aircraft by talking but by planning, organising and controlling our industries and finance, so we can, in the same way, get the houses and all the other things we will need.

Morrison—We'll get the houses as we got the guns, by planning and control.

1947: Bevan—There seems now to be no possibility of securing during the year the 240,000 completed houses which was a reasonable estimate when the programme for 1947 was published.

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"The Word."

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FROM WEEK TO WEEK

From "The Social Crediter" (England, Dec. 27, 1947)

The Russian currency swindle, a recurring phenomenon in every Socialist economy, is one more demonstration that no money system can function for any lengthy period (and, by reason of the advance in the industrial arts, for a rapidly diminishing period) which uses money as a political device, instead of as an accurate process of accountancy, of which one side is cost, and the other, price.

The financier in common with the Trades Unionist has always hated cost accountancy; but the worst excesses of the nineteenth century issuing houses pale into petty chicanery in the face of the State credit and currency frauds being practiced by their detractors (or are the real players unchanged?).

Yet the general public is apparently unaware, or careless of the fact that it is being systematically robbed—that not merely is it getting less real return for its work than ever it did, but that the reward for past work, inventive genius, and organising ability which it has been exhorted to "save," is at the mercy of some Order-in-Council hatched out by the same vermin who acquired the assets of the German population in the early twenties by the use of a few dollars.

Just how many times this trick, can he repeated we do not know; but the end is not yet.

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So far as Socialism, better expressed by the French *etatisme*, resulting in anything, which can without derision be called a Planned Economy, it is the shortest cut to lawlessness, Black Marketing, idleness, crime and social disintegration. Not merely is this proved by all experience, but we believe that it is consciously intended by the real instigators of it, as producing a social situation in which the scum comes to the top. The real rulers of the world in these days are clever scum, but they are scum just the same. Socialism and Communism are the outcome of war not of peace; and so far from genuine capitalism, as distinct from centralised finance and monopoly cartelism being the cause of war, the exact opposite is the case. Socialism and Communism are making every preparation and straining every nerve and sinew to produce another war; and there is one way, and only one way to stop it: to blast *etatisme* (not Nationalism) out of ex-

istence. When the British electorate voted for this administration (if they did vote for it) they voted for war. Just what they would have voted for if they had elected Mr. Churchill, we are not prepared to say.

When people say, as some still do say, "Let fools for forms of Government contest, whate're is best administered, is best," they are talking the same kind of nonsense as who should say, "the shape and rig of a racing yacht don't matter, it's the crew that wins the race." A Government is an organisation; and organisation is impossible without an objective. But further, anyone who is familiar with organisation (few people are, but nearly everyone thinks he is) can state with confidence the objective of an organisation merely by observing the lines of its construction, much as anyone admiring the Forth Bridge would agree that it was not intended to fly.

Little more perspicacity is required to assess the nature and objectives of the Socialist Administration of this unhappy country. Every step taken since Mr. Attlee assumed office has one objective, and one only—to increase the power of Administration over the individual, and thus to place both the physical assets, and the population at the unrestricted disposal of the Sanhedrin. By playing on the despicable motives of a miseducated majority, the "soak the rich" attitude has been elevated to a virtue, and it has not yet dawned on its dupes that their turn

is coming quickly—that within the lifetime of millions in these islands, five hundred pounds per annum was a comfortable income, and it was the millions who enjoyed it who were the barrier against the exploitation of the poor.

The fundamental axiom to bear in mind in this matter is that all power derives from, or through, the individual. The more powerful a Government becomes the more helpless are the governed. To suppose that a despotic Government will function in the interests of its constituent population is the mental attitude of the man who lends his purse to the confidence trickster.

THERE IS A MOVEMENT IN YOUR STATE

Literature and Information relating to subjects dealt with in the "New Times" are obtainable from the following movements:—

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

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

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

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

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

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

Douglas Social Credit Movement of W.A., 544 Hay Street, Perth, W.A.

MONOPOLY CHARGE AGAINST 17 U.S.

BANKS

A Washington message from Associated Press states that seventeen of the largest investment banking firms of New York are to be indicted by the U.S. Government in a Civil anti-trust suit which charges conspiracy to monopolise the handling of securities issues.

The firms are Morgan Stanley & Company; Kuhn Loeb & Company; Eastman, Dillon & Company; Kidder, Peabody & Company; Goldman, Sachs & Company; Lehman Brothers; Smith, Barney & Company; Glore, Forgan & Company; the First Boston Corporation; Dillon, Read & Company, Inc.; White Weld & Company; Drexel & Company; Blyth & Company, Inc.; Stone & Webster Securities Corporation; Harriss, Hall & Company, Inc., and Union Securities Corporation.

It would be unwise to be too hopeful about this move. The Pujo Commission which was set up in 1913 to investigate much the same thing and elicited damning evidence of the control exercised by these financiers (in particular Jacob Schiff) resulted in the setting up of the infamous Federal Reserve Board with the American people more under financial domination than ever before!

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THE TRANSPORT STRIKE

There is nothing, perhaps, that makes the recent Melbourne Transport Strike peculiar to the other strikes that have been plaguing the community, but it provides an opportunity to underscore the main elements in modern strike situations.

Ultimately the claim of the Tramways Union for a different roster is a claim for more pay, as it involves the payment of overtime rates.

(The complaint of irregular hours is one, which could certainly not be eliminated. **The Tramways are a public utility which function is to serve the public, as, when and where required. It is unavoidable that the tramway worker will have to work odd hours, and this is made perfectly clear to every applicant for a position—and always has been.** In return they have special concessions not enjoyed by wage earners in other industries. **The only genuine alternative to that complaint is not to become a "trammie."**)

But the claim for increased pay—in one form or another—drives us back to the basic analysis of the costing system made by Major Douglas many years ago. No strike for higher pay before or since then has ever looked like providing a genuine solution.

So long as the present financial rules remain, where the total incomes distributed to individuals never equals the total prices, the price level will continue to rise steadily; and the only effect of increased wages will be to accelerate the rate of that inflationary rise. (Anyone who has any doubts on the ultimate effect of increasing wages is referred to the appendix of "A Short History of the Labor Movement," by the pro-Labor, left wing writer, Brian Fitzpatrick).

Meanwhile the tram strikers have lost an average of £16 per head in wages and £60,000 of union funds have gone down the drain. How long will it take the rank-and-file wage earner to realise that he is merely being manipulated as a tool of revolutionary forces to bring about a general breakdown of the social structure so that the agents of World Revolution can take over?

Further, there are problems and dangers, which are inherent in an over-centralised organisation, which make an ultimate solution impossible under the set-up.

Firstly, genuine grievances, particularly of an individual nature, are harder to overcome in a large-scale organisation. Secondly, the nature of the conditions, whereby large numbers of employees work under a distant government management makes the formation of large-scale unions and the consequent exploitation of real and imaginary grievances by a revolutionary executive comparatively simple.

But, easily the most interesting suggestion, from the point of view of consumer-satisfaction, is the offer of Mr. Ansett to take over the Tramways Board and provide the most efficient transport service Melbourne has ever seen. What about it, Mr. Hollway?

Which Way, Mr. Hollway?

When the Socialist Marketing (Potatoes) Amendment Bill, commented upon on page one of this issue, was introduced in the Victorian Parliament in December, there was so much criticism that the Government announced that the Bill would be withdrawn. The Victorian League of Rights sent a very strongly worded telegram to the Premier, Mr. Hollway, reminding him that he was elected to fight socialism, not to extend it.

Although pressure was sufficient to have the Marketing (Potatoes) Bill withdrawn, we are alarmed to learn that the Victorian Government now proposes to re-introduce the Bill in a different form. We trust that all genuine lovers of liberty will resist the introduction of Socialism by an "anti-Socialist Government."

Elected on the tide of a great anti-Socialist electoral revolt late last year, the Hollway Government has a great opportunity to introduce genuinely progressive and constructive policies instead of aping the Socialists.

The Bumblebee Cannot Fly

According to the theory of aerodynamics and as may be readily demonstrated through laboratory tests and wind tunnel experiments, the Bumblebee is unable to fly. This is because the size, weight and shape of his body, in relation to the total wing spread, makes flying impossible.

But . . . the Bumblebee being ignorant of these profound scientific truths, goes ahead and flies anyway—and manages to make a little honey every day.

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DICTATORIAL POWERS GRANTED QUEENSLAND BUREAUCRATS

The following circular protesting against the dictatorial powers granted bureaucrats by the Queensland State Parliament in "The State Transport Facilities Act of 1946" has been sent out by the Bardon (Q.) Progress Association. We commend this particularly to our Queensland readers who may be able to take parallel action.

Section 20, Part 2 of "The State Transport Facilities Act of 1946" reads: "No action or legal proceedings whatsoever shall be brought by any person against the Crown, the Minister, the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner, the Secretary, or any officer or employee of the Commissioner on account of the Commissioner issuing or granting or refusing to issue or grant or cancelling of suspending, or renewing or refusing to renew, or consenting or refusing to consent to the transfer of any license, approval, permit, authority, or certificate whatsoever under any provision of this Act or on account of the Commissioner imposing any term or condition in respect of the issue or renewal of any such document, or varying any term or condition of any such document upon its renewal or at any time during its currency; and any Court in which such proceedings may be commenced shall have no power or authority to hear or determine any such matter, and shall forthwith dismiss such proceedings."

In consequence of that Section the following letter was sent to the Premier, The Honourable E. M. Hanlon, M.L.A., for the Electorate in which Bardon is situated, on the 15th September:—

"Dear Mr. Hanlon, —At the last meeting of the Bardon Progress Association on the 8th September I was directed to draw your attention to Part 2, Section 20 of "The State Transport Facilities Act of 1946," copy attached, and to request that you take action to have this most objectionable Section expunged from the Act.

"We feel sure that you will agree, after careful perusal of this Section that no Government official should be granted such dictatorial powers. It is definitely against the principles of British Justice to make the decisions of any Public Servant absolutely irrevocable as this Section does.

"We trust that you will hasten to have this rectified. —Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. W. NOAKES,
Hon. Secretary."

Mr. Hanlon replied on 17th September stating the matter had been referred to the Minister for Transport. On 14th November, as nothing further had been received from Mr. Hanlon, a letter was sent to him asking result of consideration by the Minister for Transport. The following is an extract from Mr. Hanlon's reply of 18th November:—

"In reply I wish to assure you that the views of your Association have been carefully considered by my colleague, the Minister for Transport (Hon. J. E. DUGGAN, M.L.A.). At the present time, however, there is no possibility that the action requested will be taken.

"Every endeavour is being made to ensure the smooth working of the Act should difficulties arise through this or other Sections, consideration will be given to amendments from time to time. -Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) E. M. HANLON."

All readers in Queensland should send letters to Mr. Hanlon and the M.L.A. for their district protesting against the retention of such an objectionable Section in the Act.

Public meetings should also be organised for the purpose of having resolutions passed demanding the withdrawal of this Section. It is only by such means that we can retain what little freedom and justice is left to us after the last two wars.

A. W. NOAKES.

"THE NEW TIMES" INDEX

Arrangements have been made to supply all "New Times" readers with an index at the end of every six months. We feel that the new format of the paper makes it much more suitable for filing purposes and that those keeping files would find an index of great value. The first index will cover the first six months of 1948.

We suggest that those who desire to file their "New Times" for reference purposes purchase two copies weekly—one for file and one for use among contacts. Readers who do this will not only be benefiting themselves but will also be helping "The New Times."

Albertan Body Seeks Douglas' Advice

Whereas the Alberta Bill of Rights has been declared ultra vires, thus making it impossible for the Provincial Government to implement the economic principles of Social Credit in the Province; and

Whereas the action that must now be taken is of vital importance to the people of Canada,

Therefore be it resolved,

That the members of the Alberta Government together with the members of the Social Credit Board negotiate with all Social Credit leaders throughout Canada for the express purpose of UNITEDLY seeking the advice of Major C. H. Douglas, founder of Social Credit, as to the next immediate step to be taken.

—The above resolution was passed by the Edmonton Constituency Association meeting in the Social Credit Hall, Edmonton, on October 27, 1947.

—"The Canadian Social Crediter," Nov. 6, 1947.

W. S. Robinson Again

W. S. Robinson—or "W.S." as people know him—is the most un-interviewed big-shot in Australia.

He arrived back from America again on Friday, gave his customary pleasant nod to the reporters, was on his way.

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—Sydney "Daily Telegraph." Jan. 5.

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Notable Speech at Interstate Conference

We reprint below some extracts from an excellent speech delivered by the Chairman of The People's Union of New South Wales, Mr. L. S. Bull, at the conclusion of the Interstate Conference between The People's Union and the League of Rights in Victoria, South Australia and Queensland. The Conference was held in December last.

Early this evening I was searching for a suitable title that would describe the work in which you are engaged and your relationship to it. At that stage I was uncertain whether to regard you as "Social Engineers" employed on a definite project of social reconstruction, or whether to look upon you as soldiers engaged in a cultural war, the loss of which could be just as disastrous as defeat in a military conflict, and of which the fruits of victory would surpass immeasurably the mere material gains of even the most complete military success.

I am grateful to you, Gentlemen, for the very high standard of the speeches that have been delivered in this room to-night. You have indeed clarified my mind and I think I may justifiably regard you as soldiers Christian soldiers—not so much in a denominational sense but in the realistic sense of fighting those evil forces which seem determined to frustrate all attempts to give practical and political expression to the tenets expounded on the Mount of Olives.

The Trinity

I listened with profound interest to Mr. Chresby's thesis on the English Constitution and how it arises out of Christian philosophy. His explanation of the Trinitarian division of power between the "Lords Spiritual," "The Parliament," and the "Law Courts," immediately brought to my mind, and with a new light, the Christian Trinity—The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit. It seemed to suggest a relationship to the Trinitarian principle adopted in our proposed "Bill of Rights": "The Right to Life, Liberty and Property."

For centuries our Empire has been regarded as the very centre of Christendom. The Empire rose to power and greatness largely because its statesmen, businessmen and common people were fundamentally Christians, practising the Christian ethic in their daily lives. I believe our temporary decline from pre-eminence is directly due to the too ready ear we have given to foreign and anti-Christian doctrines. We have been weaned from worship of the God of Christ and have learned to worship at the shrine of Mammon.

We have learned how to enslave and have become enslaved in a system of debt finance.

Anti-Christian forces are now teaching us adulation of the Supreme State and to bow in unquestioning obedience to the anti-Christian doctrine of rule by a "majority of a minority."

These evil influences have defiled our arts, corrupted our politics and perverted our language. Our task is to identify, expose and oppose the facts, the persons and the methods of this evil.

British Tradition

I believe that if we return to our traditional British culture with Christian ethics characterising our institutions and personal conduct, then will our Empire recover its pre-eminence among the nations, because it will have become revitalised from the true source of power—"For Thine is the Power and the Glory"—it will have become reintegrated with the only real source of permanence—"Heaven and earth may pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Thus you are Christian soldiers engaged upon the formidable, but by no means impossible, task of bringing our political, economic and social life into closer relationship with Christian philosophy. . . . In the course of a conversation today with a friend for whose political views I have much respect, I briefly outlined the programme for constitutional reform that has been developed from this Conference. He was greatly enamored of the proposals but pessimistic of early results. He thought repeal of the Uniform Tax Act may be expected within the comparatively near future, as there is already a demand for it among the States. But he said, exclusion of the Commonwealth from the field of income tax, the Initiative, Referendum and Recall, and the proposal to constitutionally prohibit parliamentary action towards State or "private" monopoly, are so completely opposed to the policies of all political parties that it would take a decade of intensive propaganda for development of the necessary pressure of public opinion to have any effective impact on governments.

Integrity and Endurance

Now, that may be fairly representa-

tive of a substantial body of competent opinion. At all events it is a view that should not be dismissed lightly. I mention it to indicate from the outset that ours is not likely to be an early and spectacular victory—that we will encounter stubborn opposition—and that we must be prepared to proselytise our cause with apostolic zeal. However, there is sound reason for a more optimistic view than that expressed by my friend. There is working on our side an inalienable and powerful ally, namely, events. Already the signs are not lacking that there is a developing revulsion of feeling against the deprivations of a too powerful Federal Government.

Sick unto death of the policies of the past, the growing upsurge of public opinion is already seeking new light and guidance on basic principles. If we pursue our task with integrity we should be able to ensure there will be no change of government that is not accompanied by a change of policy, and that the new policy shall embrace the principles we are expounding.

It will require a great effort, probably of the order of genius. But do not let that daunt you. It is within the attainment of all of you to be men of genius, a quality I can best describe by quoting the following lines, and on this note I conclude:—

GENIUS, that power which dazzles
mortal eyes,
Is oft but perseverance in disguise.
Continuous effort of itself implies,
In spite of countless falls the power
to rise
"Twixt failure and success, the points
so fine,
Men sometimes know not when they
touch the line.
Just as the pearl was waiting one
plunge,
How many a struggler has thrown up
the sponge.
As the tide goes clear out it comes
clear in,
And in business 'tis at turns the wisest
win.
And, oh, how true when clouds of
doubt dismay,
"Tis often darkest just before the day.
Then take this honey for the bitterest
cup,
There is no failure, save in giving up;
No real fall as long as one still tries,
For seeming set-backs make the strong
man wise.
In truth, there is no defeat save from
within,
Unless you're beaten there, you're
bound to win.

Marketing Boards Set-Up

Mr. McDonald (Corangamite), House of Representatives, 22nd October, (Speaking on Dairy Produce Export Control Bill, 1947):

As a believer in orderly marketing, I consider that the Australian Government could very well copy State legislation under which marketing boards have been set up. Members of such boards are elected at polls of the people engaged in the industries with which they are associated. That is the democratic way, but this legislation provides for election of members in only a few instances. Proposed new section 4(4) provides—

Each member appointed to represent the dairy farmers of Australia shall be a person nominated by the Minister from a panel of names submitted to him by the Australian Dairy Farmers Federation.

The dairy-farmers generally are clamoring for direct representation on the board by persons elected by themselves, and I submit to the Minister that that is a fair proposition that he might well consider. The representatives of the co-operative, proprietary, and privately-owned butter and cheese factories of Australia are to be persons elected in such manner as is prescribed, but the dairy-farmers, the people most vitally concerned, are denied the right of elected representatives, and must accept representatives chosen from a panel of names submitted on their behalf.

I believe, too, that the dairy-farmers have a real grievance in respect of the chairman. I understand that when the board was set up first the chairman was elected by the members of the board, but it is proposed in this legislation that he shall be the nominee of the Minister. In other words, he is to be a hand-picked chairman. He occupies an important position on the board. The bill provides that—

(1) If the chairman or other person presiding at any meeting of the Board dissents from any decision of the Board at that meeting and signifies at that meeting to the other members present in person his intention to bring his dissent to the notice of the Minister and within twenty-four hours after the close of the meeting, transmits the Minister notice of his dissent together with full particulars of the decision, the decision shall have no effect unless the Minister approves of the decision (whether with or without variation) and, if the Minister approves of the decision subject to a variation, the varied decision as so approved shall be deemed to be the decision of the Board.

That makes the board of no effect. It can be unanimous, with the exception of the chairman, on the course that should be pursued, and, if the chairman disagrees and reports his disagreement to the Minister, it is possible for the Minister to upset the considerable opinion of the people who are supposed to represent the producers' interests. It places in the hands of the Minister the powers of a virtual dictator. A later provision is—

The National Security (Dairy Produce Acquisition) Regulations as in force under the Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1946 are repealed.

At first sight that seems all right, but not when one reads the next provision—

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal effected by this section, the Board shall have and may exercise in relation to any dairy produce acquired or purchased by the Commonwealth or by the Dairy Produce Control Committee on behalf of the Commonwealth under the repealed Regulations, all

Fighting Funds For Social Credit Action Group Urgently Required

The Social Credit Action Group has made all arrangements for bigger and better offensives during 1948. A competent and effective team of Melbourne actionists has been built up under the tuition of Mr. Eric D. Butler.

The following are only some of the important activities, which the Action Group will be furthering in 1948:

- (1) The continuation of Mr. Eric D. Butler's weekly radio talks from 3CS, Colac. These hard hitting talks, now creating tremendous interest over a wide area, including Melbourne must not stop because of lack of regular funds to finance them.
- (2) The introduction of a well organised publicity campaign to increase more rapidly the circulation of "The New Times." This campaign will necessitate the printing of weekly posters to be displayed in special wire frames outside all newsagents, and the paying of a competent person to ensure that posters are being adequately displayed by all agents.
- (3) The publication and wide distribution of well produced publications dealing with different aspects of Social Credit. Experiences over the past 12 months have resulted in the evolving of effective methods of placing special material in the hands of responsible members of the community.
- (4) The sending of regular letters to all country newspapers.

- (5) The engagement of another full time organiser to help expand upon the valuable work already done by Mr. Eric Butler.

£750 REQUIRED FOR 1948

The Action Group estimates that at least £15 per week (£750 for the year) will be required for the Action Group's proposed 1948 programme. Events are rapidly moving to a great crisis and 1948 may easily decide our future. Social Credit prestige is rising rapidly. Social Credit ideas (even if not always labelled) are being widely accepted and discussed. The drive forward must not stop for lack of a few pounds. **Only a few hundred actionists contributing a few pence per week can ensure that the £15 per week is available.**

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The Socialist Fallacy

The Socialistic theory that prosperity can be achieved by robbing the well-to-do is exploded. Herbert Morrison was forced to admit to the Margate Labour Conference:

"We can get little more by soaking the rich. The Treasury has made a careful check-up on that. We must work for everything we get in future."

the powers, authorities and functions which, immediately prior to the commencement of this section, were vested in or conferred on that Committee by those Regulations.

On the one hand, the National Security (Dairy Produce Acquisition) Regulations are repealed, but, on the other, the Minister, is vested with all the power and authority that the Dairy Produce Control Committee had during the war.

Big Business

"The gangs grew into Big Business enterprises. Men who had confined themselves to such simple endeavours as murder, robbery, thievery, prostitution, and squeeze, found themselves heads of booming construction and transportation companies, food associations, Labour Unions, and all the restaurants in town."

—"Tokyo's Own Al Capone" in "Saturday Evening Post."

Now, let's see; where were we?

Coburg Sound Policy Group

(To The Editor)

Sir, —The origin of the force observable in the swing from "Labor" to "Liberal" is traceable not only to objections to the monopolisation of banking, but also to deep resentment against governmental restraints upon personal freedom.

Most people are now aware that higher wages cannot keep up to the pace of higher prices. It is further seen that while productive output is potentially great, even essential commodities are ridiculously scarce, e.g., housing. Good materials are very hard to get. Tradesmen in the timber trade say that timber, mostly inferior, is supplied from forests under government control. Restrictive regulations and government officials prevent producers from getting the good materials.

The hope that the Liberals might yet liberate won't be realised by hope alone. The results wanted have to be won. Communications between informed representatives must be opened.

An association of citizens interested in the functions required for the formulation of sound policy exists in Coburg. To assist in the careful analysis of issue-by-issue, earnest conference with others concerned and able to express competent opinions are sought. Circular letters containing the association's findings are being conveyed to all members of the Victorian State Parliament, to local council representatives and, where funds permit, to the Mayors and Aldermen in Council in other municipi-

palities. Expansion of co-operation with groups in other electorates is hoped for.

Recognition of the need for governmental measures designed to raise moral values and material standards requires, of course, appropriate study and action.

May I invite, through your generosity, the help of any readers of "The New Times" who may feel disposed to help toward the expansion of this work, especially those who live in the northern suburbs, who would like to attend home meetings?

Yours, for sound policy,

A. J. O'CALLAGHAN,
14 Ryan St., Coburg. PL 1414.

THE BAD OLD DAYS

Lord Wavell "said he believed there was lack of proportion in Test matches —they lasted too long and were too competitive.

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—From Melbourne "Sun."

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The Jews and Revolution

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We do not believe, nor have we ever believed, that Fascism was anti-Jewish: Jews were behind its inauguration in Italy, and there was no public anti-Judaism until Russia became One of our Glorious Allies. . . .

—"The Social Crediter" (Eng.),
Jan. 3, 1948.

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