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Christian Principles and British Civilisation

At this time of the year the thoughts of many of us are more consciously focused upon our Christian Faith. But surely it is now obvious to all professing Christians that our Christian civilisation cannot survive much longer unless there is a greater recognition of the fact that all our policies must be based upon the Christian philosophy. Most of the policies being imposed upon us today are evil; they are the product of a false and anti-Christian philosophy.

The fundamental Christian philosophy was clearly outlined by Christ when He said that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath,

In other words, individuals are greater than institutions. All institutions and organisations should merely exist to serve the individual and not to enslave him.

Christ also said that the Kingdom of God is within each individual. The Christian philosophy conceives of all power originating from within the individual. The anti-Christian philosophy conceives of all power originating outside the individual, who is regarded simply as suitable for planning by those who wield this power.

The whole emphasis of Christianity is upon the importance of the individual.

The most important effect of Christianity was to elevate the individual above the domination of the group. It was the Christian philosophy, which gave rise to the idea of Constitutional safeguards, which would guarantee the individual rights which no Government or any other group could take away from him.

The Mediaeval Church

The Mediaeval Church fought the deadly idea that the State should have the power to encroach upon every aspect of the individual's activities. It took its stand on the principle that the individual should only render unto Caesar—i.e., the Government—those things, which were within the province of Caesar to control. How different is the position today, when so many Church leaders are failing to resist the increasing pressure to force the individual back to that collectivism from which Christianity liberated him.

While mouthing abstract phrases about Christianity we also have so-called political leaders actively engaged in furthering collectivist policies, which further destroy the fabric of our Christian civilisation. The challenge of Soviet Russia is

not merely a challenge on the material plane; it is a challenge to the whole Christian idea. The controllers of Soviet Russia understand the fundamental issue clearly. Unless we understand this issue as clearly as our enemies, we most certainly will not survive. Once we grasp this point, we can see what a dangerous role our local collectivists have played.

Political Leaders' Role

We have many political leaders who are now drawing attention to the menace of Soviet Russia without having the Christian humility to admit that they themselves have helped further this menace. Two classical examples in Great Britain are Mr. Attlee and Sir Stafford Cripps.

After years of advocating the destruction of national sovereignty and the introduction of collectivist ideas a la Soviet Russia, Mr. Attlee now tries to unite the British people against the Soviet.

We can best assess Sir Stafford Cripps' role of corruption by the following statement reported in the Communist *Daily Worker* (England) of April 3, 1936: "**I am prepared to risk working with the Communist Party and supporting their affiliation to the Labour Party. The great thing is to get the government of workers in this country to work in conjunction with the Government of Russia. That means a united front with the Communist Party.**"

Here in Australia we have had such men as Dr. Evatt assuring us that the controllers of Soviet Russia only require security and have no designs on the sovereignty of other people.

The whole Socialist idea is in direct conflict with the Christian idea; like Communism, Nazism, and Fascism, it places the individual at the mercy of the group.

Professor Laski, who has attacked the Christian idea as outlined in the New

Testament, knew what he was talking about when he said that after seeing Stalin in 1946 Socialism and Communism are merely two different roads to the same objective.

We cannot defeat the collectivist menace unless we first defeat it internally in our own country. This is just what we are not doing at present. The application of Socialism internally is a "soften-
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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.

**Now, when our land to ruin's brink is verging,
In God's name, let us speak while there is time!
Now, when the padlocks for our lips are forging,
Silence is crime.**

WHITTIER

Christian Principles and British Civilization

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ing up" process prior to the imposition of complete collectivism from without. And Socialism has only been possible as the result of suitable psychological developments directly connected with wars, depressions, revolutions, and other upheavals.

Christian Stability

It has been the fundamental Christian idea, which has given our civilisation stability. The destruction of the Christian idea has naturally led to increasing instability.

Values and standards are no longer clear and definite, but are becoming increasingly blurred. As instability grows the cry of "all power to the State" gets louder.

Propaganda seeks to convince the individual that he is merely a pawn in the grip of blind forces over which he can have no control. It is cleverly suggested that the British Empire and the European Age are passing. The effect of this suggestive propaganda is to paralyse the individual's initiative. It does more; it creates fear. And fear results in the destruction of judgment. Fear can only be eliminated by the restoration of that Christian Faith upon which our British way of life was so successfully built.

We must first reach back into the past, and once again understand and fiercely uphold those fundamental principles, which resulted in the high water mark of modern civilisation during the late 19th Century.

There were, of course, defects in the social structure last century, but with the maintenance of stability there is little doubt that these defects would have gradually been eliminated. However, the anti-Christian forces responsible for the First World War, the Russian Revolution, the Great Depression, and the Second World War destroyed stability.

Private incomes and private decentralised property rights have been increasingly attacked.

Small-scale decentralised economic activities in which workmen can take a

pride in quality workmanship have been progressively eliminated in favour of Monopolies and International Cartels, in which workers engage in soulless mass production.

The family tradition is weakened and the individual becomes more and more a cog in a vast industrial machine, the policy of which he cannot control.

The Division of Power

The growing emphasis is upon material needs to the exclusion of all other considerations. The individual is offered material security of a kind in exchange for his soul. **And never let us forget that every political party has helped this programme along.**

Now, as never before, we must loudly proclaim the great truths, which Lord Acton never ceased to proclaim:

"That man does not live by bread alone; that the State was made for man, not man for the State; that every citizen counts; that minorities should have their place in the sun; that liberty is not a mere political contrivance, but a spiritual principle; that ordered liberty is the highest prize of civilised society; that men and women, like flowers, need light and air to have their chance and produce their best; that since all power tends to corrupt, the only way to prevent its abuse is to cut it up into little bits." (G. P. Gooch).

During this Easter period it is well that we should meditate upon these matters. But we must be prepared to acknowledge the fact that the resurrection of our civilisation can only take place if we are prepared to repent of those evil policies which led to the present terrible chaos.

—Radio Talk by Eric D. Butler over 3CS, Colac.

THE TYRANNY OF ABSOLUTE POWER

When absolute power has been established long enough for the violence of its first origin to be forgotten; when the majority of the men in the prime of life have been born under its yoke, and have never known a better state; the usurper finds himself supported by the inert part of the nation—by those who, incapable of thinking, or of investigating for themselves, must be contented with borrowed ideas, and with blindly assenting to every doctrine which the Government may promulge . . . in slavish countries, the Prince alone speaks amidst universal silence: he dictates the proclamations of authorities, the sentences of the tribunals; he even inspires the language to be uttered from the pulpit or the confessional: because the disposal of the revenue is at his will, he appears as a dispensing providence; and makes the people believe he gives all that he does not take from them . . . Slavery, it is said, so debases man as to make him love it; and experience confirms the maxim.

—J. C. L. de SISMONDI.
(History of The Italian Republics.)

Supra-National Power

"... a condition on which Mr. (Montagu) Norman and his collaborators insisted was that the central banks should be independent of their Governments ..."

Paul Einzig, in "Montagu Norman, A Study in Financial Statesmanship."

Price Control And S.C. Principles

(To The Editor.)

Sir, —The real test of Social Credit principles comes in the attitude and action adopted by Social Crediters regarding the actual problems imposed by current circumstances, and not in the challenges, vague, abstract, and imponderable, which those who wish to ridicule or impeach Social Credit ideas are liable to resort to.

The Prices and Rent Referendum is just such a problem and issue. Only Social Crediters can fully assess the added menace of permanent legalised control of prices (Federal or State), because they alone comprehend the depth of degradation still spreading through the community because of the existing conventional control exercised by those few people who determine financial policies. The result of this control is that price levels rise continuously in a most disconcerting way. Actually prices to consumers could, and should, fall or rise automatically according to the degree of efficiency attained in production.

Electors should note that the Government, which wants to appropriate to itself the permanent power to limit prices in an arbitrary manner, are themselves a major factor in making prices soar by imposing high taxation.

The technical and mathematical train of argument justifying the release of new money to subsidise retail prices, so as to banish the stupid and unnecessary war between producers and consumers, is incontrovertible and undeniable. That governments (separately or by arrangement between them) have full power to operate under this idea, and to demonstrate the beauty of the corresponding devices, also cannot be denied.

Every Government in Australia is wedded to advisers of the London School of Economics type, and the School itself is the creation of international financiers and Socialists.

The problem here, as elsewhere, is to keep electors' attention directed towards desirable results and away from theories and labels of all kinds. Yours, &c.,

C. H. ALLEN.

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NATIONALISED SUPER-SALARIES IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Prime Minister yesterday circulated in a written answer to Mr. Erroll a full list of members of the central and area boards of State-controlled industries, with particulars of the salaries and allowances which have been decided on by the responsible Ministers.

Among the particulars given are the following:—

BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION.—Chairman, Sir Harold Hartley, salary £7,500 and £1,000 expenses allowance; deputy chairman, Sir Miles Thomas, £3,500; five other members of the board receive £1,500 each where undertaking executive duties, otherwise £1,000.

BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS D'Erlander. £6,500 and £1,000 expenses allowance; deputy chairman, Mr. J. H. Keeling, £1,500; four other members of the board receive £1,500 each (all on executive duties).

BRITISH SOUTH AMERICAN AIRWAYS CORPORATION.—Chairman, Mr. J. W. Booth, £6,000 and £500 expenses allowance; deputy chairman, Sir John Stephenson, £1,500; three other members of the board, £750 each.

CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED.—Chairman, Sir Stanley Angwin, £2,500 and £350; managing director, Mr. J. Innes, £5,000 and £350.

NATIONAL COAL BOARD.—Chairman, Lord Hyndley, £8,500 and £10,000 (to be allocated among members of the board); deputy chairman, Sir A. W. Street, £5,000 (personal); seven other members of the board receive £5,000 each.

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.—Chairman, Lord Trefgarne, £5,000; deputy chairman, Sir Frank Stockdale, £3,000; five part-time members receive £500 and two unpaid.

COTTON BOARD.—Chairman, Sir R. Sreat, £4,500 and £500; eight part-time members are unpaid. There are two vacancies for full-time members at £2,000.

RAW COTTON COMMISSION.—Chairman, Mr. H. O. R. Hindley, £5,000 and £500; member (full-time), Mr. J. T. Porritt, £3,000 and £500; seven part-time members receive £500 each.

BRITISH ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY.—Chairman, Lord Citrine, £8,500 and £2,500 to be allocated among members of the board; two vice-chairmen, Sir Henry Self and Mr. J. Hacking, £5,000 each; one full-time member, Mr. E. W. Bussey, £3,500.

ELECTRICITY AREA BOARDS.—Chairmen (full-time), £4,000; deputy chairmen (full-time) £3,500; members (part-time), £750; and not more than £1,500 expenses for each board.

NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDROELECTRIC BOARD.—Chairman (part-time), Mr. T. Johnston, unpaid and £200 allowance; deputy chairman, Mr. A. E. MacColl, £3,000.

OVERSEAS FOOD CORPORATION.—Chairman, Mr. L. A. Plummer, £5,000 and £2,000 to be allocated among members of the board; vice-chairman, Mr. J. McPadyen, £4,000; general manager, Major-General D. Harrison, £4,000; three full-time members, £3,000 each; two part-time members, £500 each; and one unpaid.

STEEL BOARD.—Chairman, Sir Archibald Forbes, £8,500 and £5,000 to be allocated among members of the board; two part-time members unpaid; and four at £1,000 each.

BRITISH TOURIST AND HOLIDAY BOARD.—Chairman (part-time), Sir Alexander Maxwell, unpaid and £500 for chairman and £2,000 to be allocated among members of the board; deputy chairman, Mr. R. E. Brook, unpaid; and 11 unpaid members.

BRITISH TRANSPORT COMMISSION.—Chairman, Sir Cyril Hurcomb, £8,500, of which £7,000 only is drawn, and £4,000 to be allocated among members of the commission; members (whole-time), Lord Ashfield, Mr. John Benstead, Lord Rusholme, and Sir William Wood, £5,000 each; one part-time member, £1,000.

RAILWAY EXECUTIVE.—Chairman, Sir Eustace Missenden, £7,000; members (whole-time), General Sir William Slim, Mr. W. P. Allen, Mr. V. M. Barrington-Ward, Mr. D. Blee, Mr. R. A. Riddles, Mr. J. C. L. Trajn, £5,000 each (in one case in which an officer of an existing undertaking was in receipt of a higher salary he will continue to receive the higher amount); two part-time members receive £750 each.

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DOCKS AND INLAND WATERWAYS EXECUTIVE.—Chairman, Sir R. H. Hill, £5,000; members (whole-time), Sir R. Letch, Mr. J. Donovan, and Mr. R. Davidson, £3,500 each; three part-time members, £750 each.

HOTELS EXECUTIVE.—Chairman, Lord Inman, £5,000 (personal). Members not yet appointed.

—THE TIMES, Feb. 19, 1948.

Liberal Minister Admits He Believes In Socialism

Some clue why the present Liberal Government at Ottawa has brought in so many socialist policies and has taken Canada far in the direction of socialism was given to the House of Commons at the recent session when Hon. Ian MacKenzie, Minister of Pensions, openly declared that he believed "very largely" in the principles of socialism, and that he was "very proud" for helping to bring socialism into our country. It would be interesting to know how many other members of the MacKenzie King Administration are socialists at heart. Canadians are beginning to see the reason for the close friendship of the Liberals and the C.C.F. top-rankers . . . possibly the "idle rumour" that C.C.F. Chief Coldwell was considering accepting the Liberal leadership if it was offered to him was not "so idle" after all.

It helps us to understand also why there was no change of policy in the Bank of Canada after it was nationalised by the Liberals.

We must thank Mr. MacKenzie at least for being honest.

—Canadian Social Crediter, Jan. 8.

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—Inserted by D. J. Amos.

We might briefly note that our British forefathers, who gave us our basic conception of a free society, took action against King John in 1215, at Runnymede, because he was doing what Dictator Nash is doing today [1939]: Taking the means of livelihood from certain people.

Our forefathers did not demand anything new from King John. They wanted their ancient rights restored. Among the things enumerated in Magna Carta was the demand that even the lowest in the land was entitled to his accustomed means of livelihood.

Even if a man broke the law he was to be left with his livelihood. It was stated: "A freeman shall only be amerced, for a small offence after the manner of the offence, for a great crime according to the heinousness of it, saving to him his contenment: and, after the same manner, a merchant, saving his merchandise, and a villein, saving his wainage; the amercement in all cases to

"Occultism" v. Christianity

Most of us, because we have been conditioned to think that way, have a natural reluctance to accept "occultism" as a considerable force in world affairs. There could hardly be a greater error—it is the primary adversary of Christian civilisation. The forces of which it disposes are probably amoral; but the intention of those most evidently in possession of them is Satanic. The Jewish Cabala is one of its main roots.

—The Social Crediter (Eng.), Mar 13.

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"Amercement" meant a fine. "Contenment" refers to that which is indispensable for a man's support and maintenance, according to his rank or social condition. "Wainage," his rank or social condition. "Wainage" was the crop or tillage of the villein or husbandman. (Taswell-Langmead's *English Constitutional History*.)

—Eric D. Butler, *The Enemy Within the Empire*. (Obtainable from New Times Ltd.)

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RED HERRING?

While we are uncompromising in our attitude to the Communists and their activities, we note with alarm how they are being increasingly used to divert attention from even more important activities of the centralisers. Communist action is part of the story; but it is not the whole story.

Our controlled Press is steadily priming the public with the idea that we must have either "English" Socialism or Russian Communism. This is the technique of the false alternative and it is being played for all it is worth. Unless it is grasped that ultimately the same international gang are behind our "capitalist" Press news, Communist activities and our "Labor" Government "advisers" no clear understanding of our plight is possible.

The devil is backing every horse in the race, and if important advances can be made on one horse, while focusing attention on and discrediting another, it will be done without compunction.

A little late in the day we are being deluged with articles and dramatised radio talks on the Communist conspiracy. Meanwhile, under cover, the centralisers are consolidating their position.

The Communists are all too convenient for some people, and any "exposure" which goes no further than a superficial survey of Red technique in the unions merely serves the enemy and his designs. Beware a Red herring.

THE JUDAIC IDEAL

"The Great Ideal of Judaism is . . . that the whole world should be imbued with Jewish teachings and that in a Universal Brotherhood of Nations — a greater Judaism in fact—all the separate races and religions shall disappear."

—*The Jewish World*, Feb. 9, 1883 (quoted by *Fiat*, Dublin).

GANDHI AND THE JEWS

"In an interview with the *Jewish Chronicle*, during his visit to this country in 1931, Mr. Gandhi said: I have a world of friends among the Jews. In South Africa I was surrounded by Jews, and I have had a Jewish shorthand writer and typist who was regarded more as a member of the family. I visited the synagogue in Johannesburg during Passover and went to the house of my Jewish friends every night . . ."
—*The Jewish Chronicle*, February 6, 1948.

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Record Breaker

With apologies for the pun, which just could not be resisted, we report the appointment of Anna Instone, daughter of the late Sir Samuel Instone and Lady Instone, as Director of the Records Department at the B.B.C., which has broken a record in staff appointments.

Miss Instone now, literally, calls the tune, for there are a quarter of a million records under her control, **and none is played without her sanction.** And her job is not only a matter of looking after the records and seeing to their classification, but of hearing every new record that comes in, passing judgment on it, and deciding whether it is to be added to the library. All of which means listening to over 1,000 records a month.

Even this is not all. Miss Instone also arranges for famous musicians to introduce special programmes, and herself arranges the overseas programmes which supply 43 services—one of which is relayed to Australia.

—*The Australian Jewish Outlook*, Feb., 1948.

THE ATOM BOMB And "Diplomacy"

It is a strange story that Charles F. Kettering, former research director for one of the great automotive companies, tells the U.P. correspondent at Miami. Mr. Kettering, who wanted to offer a \$15,000 prize to the scientist developing the best plan of defence against the atomic bomb, "was told not to do so because it would cause the bomb to lose its diplomatic value."

Who told him not to offer the prize Mr. Kettering does not say. From the context of his statement it would seem that the anonymous personage spoke with authority in government policy. Whoever it was the episode is revealing. It indicates a curious estimate of diplomacy and a singular ingenuousness with respect to American common sense and the competence of other peoples.

Why, having devised this weapon (exclusive possession of which is by no means assured us) we should fail to press intensively for defence against it, is surely a mystery beyond understanding. Why it should be supposed that other nations are not working on this problem, as well as on the bomb, is another. Mr. Kettering says that if we are smart enough to make the bomb we are "smart enough to design protection against it." But then he is only one of the top-flight practical scientific technologists in America! —*Washington Times Herald*.

Control Of The Atom

The chairman of the U.S.A. Atomic Energy Commission is the Jew David Lilienthal; the others are Wm. Waymack, L. Strauss (Jew), R. Bacher (Jew), and S. T. Pike. Three Jews out of five.

Behind them is the Jew Barney Baruch, whose official position in the business is U.S.A. member of the U.N.O. commission on Atomic Energy. The *London Times* of 19th March 1946, says, "to him will be made over the results of the preliminary study of the problem of nuclear fission." The chairman of the U.N.O. Committee, which set up the last-mentioned Commission, was the Bolshevik Jew D. J. Manuilsky.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT: The Transformation of Democracy

The following outstanding article, which appeared under the above heading in the pages of the "Hibbert Journal" for January 1947, is from the pen of that review's editor, the noted writer, L. P. Jacks. The "Hibbert Journal" is an English Quarterly Review of Religion, Theology, and Philosophy.

As the dark cloud of the totalitarian state settles over Britain there is a clear indication that its nature is being realised, if somewhat belatedly, in many quarters and some serious heart-searching is taking place.

1. Whether the democratic method was originally intended to give the people control of their political interests, and is burdened with a task for which it was not designed, and cannot sustain, when extended to the control of their industry, property, commerce, income, health, education, housing, feeding, clothing, lighting, heating, furniture, transport, locomotion, and general consumption of goods and services.

2. Whether, with the extension of political control to this unlimited field, the people have lost control over the growth of taxation and the principle of "no taxation without representation" become irrelevant.

3. Whether it was an aim of democracy, as originally conceived and instituted, to limit the activity of law-making to what is necessary for the safeguarding of liberty, give the people a tight hand on legislation, and prevent it running to excess under the force of habit or the love of power, and whether the constitution of the United States was framed with that object in view.

Law and Parliament

4. Whether this aim has been progressively lost sight of in subsequent developments of the democratic method and abandoned in favour of the opposite course.

5. Whether, while the saying is true that "law is the safeguard of liberty," it is equally true that nothing is more fatal to liberty than an overdose of law, just as a drug taken in a small dose may save life but destroy it if taken in a large dose or too often.

6. Whether the recent claim of a Cabinet Minister "that the present Parliament had broken all records for Bills passed into law in a single session" would have been heard by the fathers of democracy with dismay, and taken by them as a sign that lawmaking is out of hand and liberty in grave peril.

7. Whether, in the discussion of each new Bill as it comes before Parliament, attention is too confined to the effects of that particular Bill when passed into law and negligent of the cumulative effect of passing so many.

The Political Franchise

8. Whether the condition of the addict who depends on drugs for his vitality and the condition of a community in the habit of looking to legislation for the satisfaction of its wants are phenomena of like nature and equally pathological.

9. Whether the extension of the franchise irrespective of the political competence of the enfranchised, con-

currently with the extension of state control to vast and complicated operations, such as control of the nation's industry, requiring a high degree of specialised competence in many forms, inevitably necessitates the withdrawal of such matters from control by popular voting and the assignment of their control to administrators armed with dictatorial power.

10. Whether the fact that during the lifetime of the present British Government 1,744 Orders, Rules, and Regulations have been imposed on the country without debate in Parliament proves that the process of withdrawing the conduct of affairs from democratic control is already far advanced in this country.

11. Whether state control has been, or is being, extended to matters as insusceptible of popular control under universal suffrage as would be the navigation of a ship by a majority vote of the passengers, or the treatment of disease in a hospital by a majority vote of the patients, and whether the end of democracy as originally conceived and its transformation into a totalitarian system is hereby plainly foreshadowed.

12. Whether the transformation of democracy into totalitarianism is the chief of those indirect, unforeseen, and

undesired effects of state control, which Herbert Spencer maintained, were apt to be more important than the direct, foreseen, and desired effects.

Growth of the Bureaucracy

13. Whether the conversion of Government into a powerful vested interest through the growth of a vast body of Government officials, tenacious of their offices and emoluments, is another of the indirect, unforeseen, and undesired effects of state control.

14. Whether the fact that in this country the number of persons employed in the Civil Service and local government exceeds by a million the number in mining, and by three-quarters of a million the number in agriculture, indicates that the industrial structure is top-heavy with government, and whether the political control of industry is conducive either to incorruptible politics or to profitable business.

15. Whether the morality of the corporate state is so far superior to that of the individual citizen that the transference of industry from private to state control will raise the moral standard of industrial operations, or give them a more distinctly Christian character; or whether the contrary is true and the contrary to be expected.

16. Whether it is a characteristic of state control that each extension of it is apt to prove ineffective unless followed by a further extension into connected regions, the process thus acquiring an irresistible momentum which cannot stop itself, or be stopped, short of complete control over the lives and activities of the people.

Capital and Labour

17. Whether state ownership and control of the material means of production (capital) would be effective, or even workable, unless followed up by ownership and control of the human means

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MR. MENZIES AND COMMUNISTS

It is not often we agree with Mr. Menzies, but his criticism of the Communists, "Sun" (Melb.), 13/3/48, was very much to the point. The fact that "Communism is more than a political philosophy" was brought home forcibly at the Canadian Spy Trials.

One thing that Mr. Menzies' supporters must not overlook, however, is that, while verbally opposing Communism, both the Liberal and Labour Governments are constantly acquiring more power by forming new boards, &c., which further restrict and regiment the individual. Government control is just another name for Communism, but unless it is labelled as such so many people cannot recognise it.

Another point to remember is that Mr. Menzies is now the Opposition leader, and experience has taught us that many politicians say the right thing when in the Opposition but vote the wrong way when members of the Government.

Some months ago the charge was made that the Commonwealth Literary Fund was being misused to subsidise Communism.

The committee in charge of that fund

were Messrs. Chifley, Scullin, and Menzies.

Also, it was the Menzies Government that first forced farmers to obtain permission to grow wheat and established the notorious Apple and Pear Board.

The solution is not in sweeping the recognised Communists into the sea, as suggested by Mr. Menzies, but electors must instruct their members of Parliament to oppose the Communistic policy of centralising all power in bureaucratic bodies that are not responsible to the people.

A substantial reduction in both direct and indirect taxation would remove most of the industrial discontent, which is such a fine breeding-ground for Communism.—H.G.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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of production (labour), and whether the Trade Unions, which now control labour, will have something to say in that matter.

18. Whether recent events in this country and in the United States fore shadow a resurgence of the conflict between capital and labour in the form of a struggle for supremacy between the state and the Trade Unions, and whether the "Labour Government" is to be under stood as governing the Trade Unions or as being governed by them.

19. Whether the process of extending state control is bound to reach a point when the already established will be found insecure unless supported by control of the Press, of public discussion, and of parliamentary elections, as in Russia and Hitler's Germany, and whether means of achieving this are easily found when state control is firmly rooted at other points and the people habituated to submission.

20. Whether the stability of any system of control requires as the continuance in power of a government which favours the system, and whether this can be achieved otherwise than by control of the electoral machinery as practised in totalitarian countries.

Social Servitude

21. Whether the people are sufficiently aware that each new benefit they receive at the hands of the state puts them more completely in the state's power, and that the cumulative effect of such benefits over a long period, welcome as each may be individually, is to leave the people in the unwelcome position of having no alternative but submission, and in a condition akin to servitude, what began as state benevolence ending as state tyranny.

22. Whether the people are sufficiently aware that the state, in acquiring monopolistic control of goods and services, acquires added power to tax them at will in the disguised form of fixing the price of the said goods and services to the consumer.

23. Whether the creation of a new and immense class of state-rentiers through the vast borrowings of private capital during the war and the conversion of it into state bonds under schemes of nationalisation greatly strengthen the hold of the state on the lives of the people and correspondingly weaken the power of the people to assert their democratic sovereignty.

24. Whether any nation can achieve control of its own economy while having no control over the economies of other nations interlocked with its own by re-

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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ciprocal trading, borrowings of credit, &c.

World Domination

25. Whether under present conditions any system of control would be able to maintain itself unless established on a world-wide basis and whether the apostles of National Socialism in Germany, and of other such systems, were right in their doctrine that world-dominion is necessary to the success of their project and war the readiest means of attaining it.

26. Whether economic control would prove effective unless it included control

of the size, increase, and quality of the population which supplies the manpower, and whether any such system, national or international, could claim to rest on a firm basis until procreation were regulated by law and birth control converted into state control of births.

27. Whether, under the combined action of the forces at work, sovereignty is now passing from the people to an all-powerful state machine, and the hook which democracy gave them to put in the nose of Leviathan becoming firmly fixed, by Leviathan, in theirs. (1)

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SUPERPHOSPHATE HARMFUL TO SOIL

Claim by Arthur Yates & Company

The New Zealand branch of Arthur Yates & Co. has in no uncertain manner condemned artificial fertilisers as being harmful to the soil, and as being detrimental to the nation's health. This revolutionary claim is likely to cause widespread repercussions in Australia, where the use of artificial fertilisers has become almost a fetish with farmers.

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The Art of Husbandry

It has been finely said that husbandry is the mother and nurse of other arts.
—Xenophon.

MISAPPLIED SCIENCE

"Misapplied science has brought to the world's richest virgin lands a desolation compared with which the ravages of all the wars in history are negligible."—Jacks and Whyte in *The Rape of The Earth*.

stimulants such as sulphate of ammonia and super, the average useful life of a milking cow, as a result of diseases such as contagious abortion, sterility, &c., is now only three to four milking seasons, which is less than half that of the good old days of correct living and manuring.

"Absolute Disgrace"

"It is hard to realise what a comparatively few years it took to poison our soils and foods. We have now become a people with some of the worst teeth in the world; about 90% of our children grow up with bad teeth. We are told by our medical examiners for military service that we are fast deteriorating into a C3 nation . . . For a country with the finest climate in the world, with ample stocks of food, sunshine hours, plenty of clothing, and an outdoor life, this is an absolute disgrace.

"The truth is that the theory of chemical fertilisation was founded on a misconception. It was argued that because a plant is formed of chemicals they need only to be applied to the soil in chemical form for the plants to get all they need.

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Superphosphate Harmful to Soil

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fact that plants do not naturally absorb these chemicals in their chemical form, but extract them from living organisms, was ignored by the founders of Chemical Agriculture. That the result of forcing unnatural chemical foods on to the plant world would be nearly as fatal as a diet of the chemical constituents of meat and bread in their original form as lumps of iron, &c., would be to man, was overlooked in the early days of chemical manures.

"To alter this procedure now is to fight the vested interests of the chemical world, with their hundreds of millions of pounds capital with which to buy or kill serious opposition.

"Some idea of how powerful the Chemical Superphosphate Works Combine is in New Zealand is gained when we tell you that the Government for many years past has paid to this combine something like £1,500,000 (1941 figure) as a fertiliser subsidy, which sum New Zealand taxpayers have to find each year.

"What for? A particularly interesting fact about this New Zealand fertiliser subsidy is that it is only payable to superphosphate manufacturers, but not to blood and bone, bonedust, basic slag, &c. **WHY?** Another significant fact is that you will very seldom hear the Department of Agriculture give favourable mention to any other manure than superphosphate, which is absolutely wrong, especially when a Government acknowledges that about 90% of all water-soluble phosphates (super.) applied to

clays or ironstone soils are fixed and lost to plants.

Basis of Life

"The basis of all life starts in the soil, and if health is to be maintained, the process as laid down by nature must be followed, which processes are known to the average man as compost or humus. Only the soil life can change the various complex substances that are added or returned to the soil into forms that can be assimilated by plant life without becoming unhealthy.

"Humus is derived from organic matter; it includes the dead residue of plants, animals, worms, and insects, together with myriads of live and dead minute organisms . . . All organic waste and refuse should never be burnt or wasted, whether it be dead fowl or potato peelings from the kitchen, but should be added to compost heap. Add everything except tin cans, bottles, &c.

"It is sometimes said that making compost and applying it involves an excessive amount of work. The answer is that if the work is put into the healthy fertilisation of the land it will not have to be put into fighting diseases. . . . Returns from crops would be surer, and deterioration in the productive value of land would be stayed.

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