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SIXPENCE WEEKLY

## Federal Govt. uses Defence Power to socialise Industry

By H.R.

When the Labour Government was rebuffed by the electors at the Rents and Prices Referendum, many people wondered what other efforts the Canberra plotters would make to socialise Australia. It was feared by many that, following this setback to the plans of the Socialists, attempts might be made to circumvent the Constitution, or that the more irresponsible supporters of the Government might favour the extension of Socialism by unconstitutional means.

It is possibly not as well known as it should be that a few weeks before the Referendum, the Government provided itself with another string to its Socialist bow, under the defence power in the Constitution. As will be revealed below, the demands of modern war upon industry are such as to make possible a really extensive intrusion by the Commonwealth Government on industrial activities throughout Australia.

The Supply and Development Bill 1948, which was introduced by Mr. Chifley with very few words on 14th April was debated in the House at the beginning of May, with the briefest possible replies to criticism, and with all the assurances regarding the intentions of the Government, with which electors became familiar in connection with the Banking Act and other attempts at Socialist legislation.

The Supply and Development Act of 1939, which was intended to apply for the duration of the war only, is amended by this bill to permit the continued application of the Government's powers in peacetime, and to extend them to a degree that is alarming.

### Power Over Industry

One of the most significant amendments to the Act is the substitution of the words "war *materiel*" for the word "munitions." "*Materiel*" is a French word, which covers everything needed in modern warfare except personnel. The amendment therefore gives the Commonwealth Government power to concern itself with practically everything turned out by modern industry. "*Materiel*" is defined in the bill as meaning "armaments, weapons (including long range weapons), ammunition, engines, magazines, aircraft, vehicles, merchant ships, and other marine craft, equipment, supplies, baggage, and other things needed in war, and includes any goods, components, parts, accessories, or plant necessary for, or incidental to, the test-

ing, development, production, or supply of any of these things."

In case the definition is not adequate to the Government's purposes, the Act of 1939 is amended to permit the Governor-General from time to time to—

"(a) Add to or vary the matters to be administered by the department; and

(b) Determine the extent to which, or the conditions upon which, any matter may be administered by the department."

Section 5 of the principal act opened with the words, "The matters to be administered by the department shall be matters relating . . .," and then continued with a list of those matters. In the bill of 1948 the word "include" has been substituted for "be," leaving no limit at all to the matters in which the department can concern itself.

### Wide Definition

When the bill becomes law, the Government will have power to establish, maintain, and operate, or arrange for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of undertakings for or in relation to the provision or supply of war *materiel*. "War" is defined in the bill as "any invasion or apprehended invasion of, or attack or apprehended attack on, the Commonwealth or any Territory of the Commonwealth by any enemy or armed force." That definition is so wide as to permit the government, by utilisation of the powers elsewhere in the bill, to establish factories at any time, under the

present disturbed state of world affairs.

In the House of Representatives on 5th May, Mr. Dedman volunteered the information, "that if the Government set up in peacetime a factory to produce certain kinds of equipment needed by the Army in wartime, and, in order to keep the machinery in a state of proper repair so that it should be usable in wartime used that factory for the manufacture of some peacetime article, the High Court in my opinion, would decide that that was a valid use of the defence power."

Senator Morrow stated in the Senate on 6th May that: "Today, even household articles are embraced by the word *materiel*, for almost everything that is produced today is connected with war.

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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

# Federal Govt. Uses Defence Power To Socialise Industry

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Therefore the Government should have the right to produce all of those requirements."

## At Taxpayers' Expense

The reader will readily appreciate, without any further elaboration of the point, just how the exercise of those powers will affect Australia's economy, no matter how the people might have expressed themselves at referendums. He will also realise to the full the import of the words published in 1938, in *Planning*, the journal of the "English" Fabian organisation Political and Economic Planning that "only in war, or under threat of war will a British Government embark on large-scale planning."

Under its new powers in this bill, the Commonwealth Government will have power to engage in the manufacture of almost any commodity at any time, and will have the advantage over its competitors of being able to operate at a loss, at the expense of the taxpayer. Quite a plausible case will be presented to the taxpayer to justify the losses as essential to the maintenance and development of the country's defences.

Incidentally the bill gives the Government power to conduct inquiries into the costs of its competitors in the production of *materials*, and to limit their prices and profits.

## Tribute to Free Enterprise

The Government's claim that preparations for the defence of Australia depend upon the intrusion of government into the production of goods was answered rather naively by Senators Aylett and Morrow during the debate on the bill.

Speaking of the war effort of Broken Hill Proprietary, Senator Aylett (Labour) said that "everything possible was done by the Government to help it. We are grateful for the way in which it responded." When Senator Morrow (Labour) was speaking later on, he paid a further tribute to the concern of private enterprise for the security of Australia, with these words, "When the country was in danger the leadership of private enterprise was quite prepared to hand over control of their factories to the Government. They said to the Government, 'We are prepared to work with and for you.'"

In view of the willingness of private enterprise to co-operate with the Commonwealth Government, when the approach is made along reasonable lines and with due regard for the financial solvency of industry, it is difficult to understand why Mr. Chifley and Dr. Evatt prefer to dabble directly in the administration of industry, rather than have that close co-operation with private enterprise.

The reason for their choice is that the socialists at Canberra have decided that irrespective of what the people think on

the matter, *industry must be Socialised by any and every means, regardless of cost.*

It is quite obvious that the bill gives the Commonwealth Government complete freedom to proceed with the socialisation of industry to its heart's content and to extend the scope of its activities whenever it pleases, subject only to the acceptance by the Governor-General of advice from Cabinet when conditions permit such advice.

It is equally obvious that, given another war or the threat of war, which of course the Socialists will not be slow to welcome, very little of private enterprise will emerge from it.

## Liberal Policy

Another important matter revealed by the debate on the bill is that the fight



Harold Holt, M.H.R.

of the leaders of the Liberal Party against its adoption, and against socialism in general, appears largely a sham fight.

Speaking against the bill on 5th May, Mr. Holt said: "It is proper to say, however, since I am speaking as the representative of the Liberal Party, that the party stands for the planned development of Australia, and that it is to legislation of this kind that we should normally look for provisions of such planning."

By way of explanation he said later: "By an effective and proper use of planning instrumentalities in the State and administrative arenas, the United States of America has been able to plan and develop such wonderfully beneficial schemes as that of the Tennessee Valley Authority and others with which honorable members are familiar."

The statement of Liberal Party policy by Mr. Holt, could be interpreted to mean that a Liberal Government would assist and encourage producers in the furtherance of some plan for the development

of Australia's resources, but any possibility that it actually has that meaning is removed by his latter remark.

## T.V.A. Ideas

The Tennessee Valley Authority did not assist and encourage independent producers, it confiscated and submerged more land than it "saved," and regimented those who had lived upon it. According to a Canadian consulting engineer, Mr. Huet Massue, it spent more than eight times as much on its hydro-electric development as a private undertaking would have spent, and the average cost per kilowatt installed over the whole project was more than double commercial costs.

The Commonwealth Government's intrusion into the administration of Australian finance has in no way lessened, but on the contrary has increased, the subservience of that Government to international financial policy, formulated and controlled by international financiers. The Bretton Woods "Agreement," international monetary fund, international trade agreement, and the dollar racket are expressions of that subservience.

Final say as to what shall or shall not be done rests with the financiers, and it is they who favour these big plans, administered by gigantic authorities with wide powers, because the investment is gilt edged and provides an opportunity to influence future government policy, through the mounting national debt. The taxpayer merely accepts his allotted niche in the big plan and foots the interest bill. Politicians, being prone like the rest of us to take the easiest course, naturally fall more readily for those plans which receive the readiest finance, and neglect those which call for assistance, to the individual producer according to his needs.

## Socialist Menace

So far as the menace of socialism is concerned, the above statement of policy by Mr. Holt shows that nothing is more certain than that the elector will get no relief, no matter how he votes at the next election, unless the Liberal Party is cleansed of its socialist taint. The vigour of the recent attacks by the leaders of the Opposition upon the Chifley Government is no indication of the sincerity behind them. Those attacks are largely part of the great political game of opposing the policy and administration of the government of the day, with a view to unseating it and capturing the more lucrative and important parliamentary positions.

Since the elector never gets satisfaction of his needs, no matter what political party is in office, he falls for this merry game and periodically changes the personnel, but never the form, of government, with a pendulum-like regularity.

## No Real Opposition

The present opposition to the Chifley Government at Canberra is largely a matter, of function, habit, and necessity, rather than of conviction. Whilst politicians play this game, the responsibility of parliament to the elector is steadily undermined by legislation such as that dealt with above, which vests wide powers

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# Gift Fat For Britain Anomaly

**A curious anomaly exists in relation to Britain's urgent need of fats and the regulation limiting the quantity included in Australian gift-food parcels to 2lb. weight.**

If Britain's need of fat is so great—and every visitor from overseas stresses that it is—why should any limit be imposed?

Australian housewives who have enough fat for their own needs, and then a good deal to spare, ask why they should not be allowed to send any desired quantity—provided the parcel does not exceed the stipulated weight fixed by the Australian Government.

The question is surely reasonable in view of the fact that a drive for fat is being conducted in Victoria at present.

Housewives who have raised the question at various times have told me of their experiences in including dripping in their gift parcels.

One housewife filled a 31b. tin with fat saved from household use, and packed it in with other goods to the total weight of 11lb. Having declared the 31b. of fat according to regulations the postmaster refused to accept the parcel. On asking why our Government imposed this restriction the housewife was told that the regulation was fixed by the British Government.

Another housewife tells me that on more than one occasion postal officials have closed their eyes to the fact that her parcels for Britain have contained fat in excess of the stipulated 2lb., but at the same time have issued a warning as to the possibility of the parcels being confiscated in Britain.

Finding it difficult to believe that Britain, while requiring fats so urgently, would set a restriction of 2lb. on fats included in Australian gift food parcels, I made a direct inquiry through the editor of the London *Daily Express*. The reply, just to hand, is as follows:—

"In regard to your inquiry, the writer has been to some trouble to ascertain the true facts from the Ministry of Food and the Post-office. I learn that no conditions whatever are imposed regarding the contents of any unsolicited gift parcel consigned to Great Britain. The gross weight of the parcel and wrapping must not exceed 22lb.

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in bureaucratic bodies and permits the extension or amendment of those powers without reference to Parliament or the people. Parliament tends more and more to become a mere machine for initiating such legislation, which when once set in motion becomes the sport of officials free from control by Parliament, and endowed with power to act on their own opinions and to delegate such power to others.

To save Australia from this bureaucratic socialist menace, rank-and-file members of the Liberal Party must set about restoring the party as a real bulwark against socialism and as a genuine champion of individual freedom and private enterprise. At the risk of temporary unpopularity they must expose those who have been responsible for the drift towards the planned state, which is the antithesis of the genuine Liberal ideal.

The sender may include any form of foodstuff and in any quantity, provided no excisable goods are sent. This means that if you wish you may send 21lb. of dripping in any one parcel, provided the gross weight does not exceed 22lb. The relative Board of Trade Order is No. 258, promulgated in July 1947. Trusting this clears up the matter for you."

With this all-important matter cleared up from the British end, it now remains to get it cleared up here. Many thousands of parcel-senders would like to know who is responsible for the restrictions imposed. —Prudence in Melb. *Sun*, May 31.

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## Local Communists Back Zionist Palestine Policy

*According to the Melbourne "Guardian," 4/6/48, four hundred Jewish people attended the Kadimah Hall to hear the "Communist Party's statement on Palestine."*

Communist speakers were Messrs. R. Gibson, J. Coull, and Sol. Factor, while Mr. Goldblum, representing "the Jewish Council against Fascism and Anti-Semitism, attended as a guest speaker."

A gift of £150 from the Communists to the Jewish State Appeal was announced. Following the usual anti-British line, Mr. Gibson attacked Britain's policy in Palestine and supported that of the Jews. He also paid a special tribute to the fighting qualities of the Haganah (who were allegedly responsible for the recent hanging of British soldiers).

## Eric Butler at Horsham

The Horsham Voters' Policy Association are to be congratulated on their initiation of a series of monthly discussions. The first discussion group met on Thursday, June 17, and Mr. Eric Butler travelled from Melbourne to give the opening lecture, which was on the development of Constitutional safeguards in British countries.

Over 20 people attended and showed great interest. At this discussion group every effort is to be made to get those present asking questions and discussing matters connected with the lecturer's subject. It is thus hoped to build up a well-informed group of individuals who can give advice and guidance to their fellow electors.

It is hoped that Mr. Butler can be present to give the second lecture in four weeks' time. The subject will deal with the control of the individual by financial policies.

Horsham is very fortunate in having two fine actionists in Mr. Lawrence Rudolph and Mr. Ron Fischer, both young men who know how to apply social credit principles.

It is hoped that more centres will follow the lead given by Horsham. Small house meetings of only half a dozen people are most effective for the purpose of building up a nucleus of well-informed people in the community, people who can play a vital role in the fight to save our way of life. We will be pleased to hear from any supporters, country or city, who would like to start discussion groups.

### A NOTE ON INDIA

Various parties of U.S. oil prospectors are drilling all over Baluchistan, N.W. India (Pakistan).

Dear, dear, it hasn't taken long for the little pussies to gallop out of the bag, has it? How proud the generations of British who have served and died in the North-West Provinces ought, to be. But the Baluchis may yet have something to say.

—*The Social Crediter* (Eng.), May 22.

# COMMUNISM DEBATED IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

We reprint below some informative extracts from "Hansard" of recent speeches in the Federal House dealing with Communism,

*House of Representatives, April 7: Mr. Spender.* — I desire to ask the Attorney General a question without notice, and by way of introduction I refer him to regulation 106 (b) and (c) issued under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

This regulation provides that the rules of an association may provide that a person shall not be eligible to be a candidate for any office if there is reasonable ground for believing that, within twelve months prior to the date of his nomination, he was a member of any body which advocates or encourages the overthrow by force or violence of the established government of the Commonwealth or of a State.

Is it a fact, as reported in the *Tribune*, which, I understand, may be regarded as the official Communist organ in New South Wales, that militant unions have made representations to the Attorney-General to have this regulation, which was first introduced by the Menzies Government, withdrawn so as to free the unions of any such limitation?

If such representations were made, what was the result? Does the Government propose to amend the regulation in response to the pressure exerted by Communists and militant labour leaders in New South Wales?

*Dr. Evatt.* — No representations of any kind have been made to me in this connection. The regulation simply gives a registered organisation authority, which it may exercise at its discretion, and at first sight it seems to me that no exception can be taken to the regulation.

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*Mr. Chifley, House of Representatives, April 7:* I give to the country a complete assurance that so far as the Commonwealth Investigation Service and the State police forces can detect, no person whom Mr. Attlee's description fits, is engaged in vital security work.

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*Dr. Evatt, House of Representatives, April 4:* The Communists must be dealt with as individuals, not as a party. Should any instances of breaches that could be proved come to the attention of the Government, they would be so dealt with. No such case has ever been brought to my notice.

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*Mr. Calwell, House of Representatives, April 7:* Many of the dreadful things that are said about what the Communist party is going to do in this country are so much nonsense. Communists in Australia are not in a position to do any harm, and even if they were, we have a competent security service, which would protect the community.

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*Mr. Brennan, House of Representatives, April 8:* The Communist party, being a party of idealists, naturally links itself

more with the Labour party than with any other party, although the Labour party has nothing to do with them.

*Mr. Spender.* — The honourable member describes the Communists as idealists, whereas they are criminal conspirators.

*Mr. White, House of Representatives, April 9:* The Communist policy is given in these three sentences in a broadcast from Moscow by Stalin as recently as the 3rd September 1947—

1. *Only the proletariat is a really revolutionary class.*

2. *The interests of the international proletariat and of the revolution in other countries must be given paramount importance.*

3. *The Communists must organise the world and lead the proletariat in its revolutionary fight.*

Stalin strongly emphasised the Communist need to excel in organisational activities.



T. W. WHITE, M.H.R.

*House of Representatives, April 14: Mr. Lang.* — Following a recent statement by the Prime Minister that the Government is satisfied that there are no Communists occupying key positions in the Public Service, I ask the right honourable gentleman whether he is aware that the president of the Canberra branch of the Communist party, John Blom Pomeroy, who resides at 33 Campbell street, Ainslie, Australian Capital Territory, has been appointed official photographer for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research?

Furthermore, is he aware that the secretary of the same branch of that party, Dr. Jack Rowland Atcherley, who resides at 4 Chapey Street, Ainslie, Australian Capital Territory, and who is a doctor of economics, has been appointed economic adviser to the Prices Branch?

Can the Prime Minister inform me when those appointments were made, and on whose recommendation?

*Mr. Chifley.* — I do not know either of the gentlemen mentioned by the honourable member; in fact, I have never heard of them.

All appointments to the Public Service are scrutinised by the Public Service Board, and when any doubt exists as to the loyalty of a prospective appointee to any branch of the service, which is considered vital to the security of the country, the matter is investigated by the Commonwealth Investigation Service.

In the course of his question the honourable member said that one of the gentlemen whom he mentioned had been appointed to the Prices Branch.

I should not think that such an appointment would affect vitally the security of the Commonwealth. However, I shall have inquiries made in regard to both the gentlemen mentioned by the honourable member and inform him of the result.

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*Mr. Beale, House of Representatives, April 8:* I point out that there is a code of legislation, which has been on the statute book for a long time. The Government could invoke that measure for the purpose of solving the problem of the Communists. Sub-section 1 of section 30A of the Crimes Act reads—

The following are hereby declared to be unlawful associations, namely:— I shall not weary the House with all the details, but this section includes—

(a) *Any body of persons, incorporated or unincorporated which, by its Constitution, or propaganda or otherwise advocates or encourages—*

(i) *The overthrow of the Constitution of the Commonwealth "by revolution or sabotage.*

(b) *Any body of persons, incorporated or unincorporated, which by its constitution or propaganda or otherwise advocates or encourages the doing of any act having or purporting to have as an object the carrying out of a seditious intention. . . .*

If honourable members will examine the definition of "seditious intention" they will find that it applies to the Communist party. It refers, *inter alia*, to "exciting His Majesty's subjects to attempt to procure the alteration, otherwise than by lawful means, of any matter in the Commonwealth established by law of the Commonwealth," and to the "promotion of feelings of ill will and hostility between different classes of His Majesty's subjects so as to endanger the peace, order, or good government of the Commonwealth."

Does not that fit the Communist party to a "T"? Under that authority, the Government does not need to impose a ban on the Communist party because, *ipso facto*, it is an illegal organisation. Already the Government possesses the requisite power to enable it to take action.

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## *Sovietising the Medical Service*

*Senator McKenna, Minister for Health and Social Services, has agreed to discuss with the B.M.A. those aspects of the "free" medicine scheme, which the B.M.A. regard as objectionable. Their stated objections are to: (a) the Government prescription forms; (b) the penal clauses applicable to doctors; and (c) the limitation of prescribing to a restricted formulary.*

*You see the position into which the doctors have been maneuvered. They are now in the position of arguing with the Government over the METHODS of carrying out a scheme, but the principle of a Government "free" medicine scheme which will eventually lead to the complete nationalisation of the medical service, HAS APPARENTLY BEEN 'ACCEPTED BY THE DOCTORS WITHOUT FURTHER QUESTION.*

*The real issue is whether we want a government-controlled medical service or whether we wish to retain the essential doctor-patient relationship. The prospective patients have not even been consulted, nor have they at any time agitated for such measures.*

*There have been charges against the B.M.A., not without some foundation, of monopolistic practices, but it is no solution to consolidate the monopoly by backing it with all the sanctions of the State.*

*All those individuals who respect their right to choose their doctor and the medical service they want can ask their doctor to stop supporting this argument about methods and demand the abandonment of all schemes for Sovietising our medical service.*

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## **Britain's Future**

In gauging Britain's future it would be misleading to rely solely upon statistics. Hitler looked at statistics of men, material, and geographical distribution, and worked it out quite logically in 1940 that Britain was defeated. He failed, however, to weigh the intangibles—spirit, courage, and faith. Yet they, in the long run, proved weightiest of all.

*Character is the greatest asset any country can possess. Anyone who writes off a nation like Britain, with its patience in adversity, its dogged courage, its business acumen, skill, and experience, is running counter to common sense. To believe in Britain's ultimate recovery is more than an act of faith. It is a logical deduction from ascertainable facts. — Herbert L. Matthews in *The New York Times* (quoted in *Reader's Digest*, March, 1948).*

## **Smuts and Malan**

It may well be that, in retrospect, the defeat of General Smuts and his Administration will be seen as the beginning of the end of fifty years of British decadence. All the worst influences in British life, although latent, became dominant as the result of the South African War, and in the First World War the South African control over Lloyd George was notorious, General Smuts being the broker.

From that time, South Africa has been, through him, a mere satrapy of Wall St. and Washington, and although Dr. Malan is reported to be in favour of breaking the Imperial link (but has laughed at the suggestion) it is quite possible that British interests will be far better served by him than by his predecessor.

—*The Social Crediter* (Eng.), June 5.



SENATOR McKENNA  
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# CORRESPONDENCE ON ZIONISTS' LOYALTY TO GREAT BRITAIN

Because of the current interest in the Zionist question on the setting up of the State of Israel there have been some important reports and correspondence in the Melbourne Press, which we are reprinting in order of their appearance.

The first is a report from the Age, June 3:

## Protest Against Jews' Sentiment

The Victorian League of Rights yesterday protested against anti-British sentiments expressed at a mass meeting of Melbourne Jews at the Exhibition Building on Monday night.

The league chairman (Mr. W. J. Carruthers) said it was disturbing, when peoples of all countries of the Empire should close their ranks, to have Melbourne Jews endorsing attacks on British foreign policy.

The league, he said, was also disgusted at the applause given to references to the Soviet delegate to the United Nations (M. Gromyko).

Mr. Carruthers expressed the hope that all loyal Jewish citizens would immediately publicly dissociate themselves from the anti-British and pro-Russian sentiments voiced at the Exhibition meeting.

## Jews' Loyalty To Empire

The following item appeared in the Age on the following day, June 4:

"The Australian Jewish Community would welcome any strengthening of the ties between countries of the British Empire, but the statement made by Mr. W. J. Carruthers for the Victorian League of Rights in the Age on Thursday is an undemocratic attempt to weaken the strength of the Australian people within the British Empire by inciting feeling between sections of the Australian people," said Mr. N. Rothfield, chairman of the Public Relations Committee of Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies, last night.

The spirit of the meeting at the Exhibition Building was of profound sympathy and loyalty between the Jewish people and the British people. Strong criticism was expressed against what was considered the anti-British policy of the British Foreign Minister (Mr. Bevin), in continuing to supply arms to Arab chieftains outside Palestine, to be used to make war within Palestine and to break the authority of the United Nations, said Mr. Rothfield.

For it was after all the U.N., the highest international authority, which declared that an independent Jewish State should be set up side by side with an independent Arab State, he added.

"It is possible to agree and to disagree with Mr. Bevin's foreign policy, but surely the right of Australian citizens freely to express their views on this, far from being anti-British, involves the essence of our British democratic form of life which means so much to all Christians and Jews," concluded Mr. Rothfield.

## Reply to Rothfield

The following reply was sent by the Victorian League of Rights, but was not published:

4th June 1948.

"The Editor.

"The Age.

"Sir,

"It is interesting to have the assurance of Mr. Rothfield of the Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies of their loyalty to the British Empire, but actions speak louder than words. There is now ample authentic evidence available to those concerned demonstrating the close affiliation between Political Zionism and Russian Communism (vide the report of Sir Frederick Morgan, former European Director-General of U.N.R.R.A.; British Government report to U.S.A. Government re large percentage of Communists amongst illegal immigrants; the Communistic type of society which has been established in Palestine; and recent newspaper reports).



CONGRESSMAN CELLER  
Pushes for Zionists in U.S. Congress

"It is important to note that not all Jews are Zionists, and such eminent Jews as Henry Morgenthau, Senior, Mr. Benjamin Freedman, and the late Sir Isaac Isaacs have specifically repudiated the creation of a Jewish State in Palestine. The non-Zionist American Council for Judaism has also clearly stated that their only allegiance is to the United States. We suggest that it would clarify the issue for those concerned if the loyal British Jews in Australia would make a similar statement.

"Further, for Mr. Rothfield to suggest that Mr. Bevin's foreign policy is anti-British is ludicrous in the face of British commitments and interests in the Middle East.

"It is, perhaps, unnecessary to add that the right of Mr. Rothfield and his associates to hold a public meeting is not in question.

"Yours&c,

"W.J.CARRUTHERS,

"Chairman Victorian League of Rights."

This letter appeared in THE AGE, June 8, replying to an attack on the British made by Mr. Ashkanasy, K.C.:

## ZIONISTS AND BRITAIN

"The public, including many thousands of Australian Jews, will dissociate themselves from the attacks on Britain made by fanatical political Zionists such as Mr. Ashkanasy, K.C.

"They will place the blame for the present tragic situation in Palestine where it rightly belongs, namely, on the self-same political Zionists who have insisted on the establishment of a Jewish State, and on the terrorists in Palestine, who by their actions forced Great Britain to relinquish her mandate over the country.

"Australian Jews have been brought up to recognise the great debt that the Jews of the world owe to Great Britain, and realise that had it not been for that much-maligned country Palestine would not have been conquered from the Turks in 1918.

"Furthermore, had not Great Britain stood alone against the common enemy of humanity in 1940, Jews throughout the world would, in all probability, have suffered the fate of the millions of their co-religionists in Europe.

"Unfortunately, however, some memories are short.—ARCHIE MICHAELIS, M.L.A. (Parliament House)."

## Zionists and Britain

These two letters appeared in the Age on June 9:

"As a rabbi with over 40 years' experience in Australia, I would like to express my deep appreciation of the excellent sub-leader in the Age (9/6) Australian Jewry and British Policy.

"The just views and sentiments set forth are completely shared, I am confident, by the large majority of Australian Jews, who fully and gladly recognise their privileges and obligations as loyal citizens of the Commonwealth, and who deplore and keenly resent the violent and irresponsible outbursts against Britain by individual Zionist extremists in this country and elsewhere.

"As pointed out by Mr. Archie Michaelis, M.L.A., in his letter in the same issue, Australian Jews, as a whole, dissociate themselves entirely from such ill-considered attitude and utterances, being gratefully cognisant of all that Britain has done towards successful Jewish settlement in Palestine, and ever remembering the magnificent services unboastfully rendered by it to modern civilisation, particularly during the critical years of the recent great war."—JACOB DANGLOW (Minister, St. Kilda Hebrew Congregation).

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# THE GREAT BETRAYAL

By C. H. DOUGLAS (Reprinted from "The Social Crediter")

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*Perhaps it is desirable, at this stage, to bring again into prominence the practical importance of recognising the world's ill as the result of a long-term policy. A skilful propaganda to the contrary has been linked with anti-Christianity. Reference to the subject has been made before, but, e.g., the course of events in Alberta demonstrates that it will bear constant recall.*

The first point on which to be clear is that if we are *not* faced with a long-term policy, our position is quite hopeless. If every step in the industrial arts merely confronts us with more devastating wars, more restrictions and controls, and, except in the United States, a lower standard of life, mankind is so hopelessly perverse that his only tolerable future lies in early annihilation, more especially in view of our decreasing (average) intelligence. But if we are facing a satanic policy, our position, although very serious, is not necessarily irremediable. But we must first face the facts. No policy, no cure. Clear policy, clear problem. A problem clearly stated is half solved. The second aspect of this situation is equally indisputable. Policies *in vacuo* are a contradiction in terms. Policies embody strategies; you do not fight a strategy, you fight the human beings who are carrying out that strategy. "It's the system we're fighting not men" is one of those half-truths, which are of the greatest assistance to the Enemy Generals.

Akin to this is the "anti-anti" or "anti-negative" propaganda. Without attaching too much importance to the fact that a double negative is a positive (i.e., an anti anti-Jew or Russian is, by definition, a pro-Jew or Russian, not a neutral) it is fairly obvious that the main use of this technique is to stampede the innocent into disclosing their position, thus being put on the defensive. The best defence is attack. Do you propose to allow your enemy a monopoly of it?

This raises the question of (a) The inimical objective; (b) The Enemy troops.

For clarity and brevity it would be difficult to improve on St. Matthew iv, 8-9: "And the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." That is an offer of World Dominion, on condition of the acceptance of collectivism—the worship of the group idea.

In these days we are fortunate in one thing, if in no more. We can actually see and read in our daily paper that the devil's offer has been accepted, and two attempts, the League of Nations and U.N.O., have been set up. By their fruits ye shall know them.

Now as to the troops. As Mr. Jaques so clearly brought out in his speech, much, and probably the most important part of the organisation of the World State is financial and industrial—the control of credit and raw materials.

While it is difficult to deny the existence of such organisations as the international chemical trust, the World Bank and international monetary fund and similar world cartels, because they are visible to the eye and mentioned in the newspapers, their relation to the world state is not so visible and not so easily exposed. But if we grasp the fact that the essence of Communism, which is the politics of the World State, is centralised vesting of the planet in an organi-

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## Correspondence on Zionists' Loyalty To Great Britain

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### Mr. Bevin's Policy

Archie Michaelis, M.L.A., is entitled to his views (8/6), but he has no claim to speak on behalf of his co-religionists, whose representative body is the Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies, and for Australia the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

"He does British democracy a grave disservice by implying that criticism of British Government policy is one and the same thing as criticism of Britain.

"Australian Jewry has always appreciated the friendship of Britain and has the deepest sympathy with the problems of the British people.

"It is because we believe that Mr. Bevin is entirely out of accord with the true will of the British people, and also the vital welfare of the Empire, that we are endeavouring to draw public attention to the present situation in Palestine." — NORMAN ROTHFIELD (Chairman of Public Relations, Executive Council of Australian Jewry).

### Defence of Britain

The Melbourne *Sun* published these two letters side by side on June 9:

"Sir, —While deploring, with all my co-religionists, the appalling tragedy in the Holy Land, I cannot, unlike Mr. M. J. Ashkanasy, K.C., attribute the blame wholly to a tired and war-exhausted Britain.

"Dr. Robert Weltsch, for some 20 years (1919-38) editor of the *Jeudische Rundschau*, official organ of the Zionist Organisation in Germany, writing from Palestine in March, 1948, places the 'blame' squarely elsewhere. 'Criticism,' he writes, 'will bring us no nearer to a solution of the Palestine problem as long as we do not understand and admit that the present state of war with the Arabs and of quasi-war with the British is in large part the result of Jewish policy during the last three years.'

"After all they have sacrificed and withstood, after all the contributions which they have made to human decency and civilisation in every country of the world, the British peoples do not need the advice of Mr. Ashkanasy as to what constitutes their obligations in regard to Palestine or anything else.

"Hostility is a two-edged weapon and those who claim to represent the Jewish community might better apply themselves to calming passions rather than to inflaming them." —NEWMAN ROSENTHAL (The University, Melbourne).

### Terrorists Blamed

"Sir, —The executive committee of the Victorian League of Rights strongly protests against the views expressed by Mr. Ashkanasy, K.C., at a meeting of the Jewish National Fund.

"We, as Britishers, emphatically deny that we have any responsibility for the bloodshed in Palestine, which is a direct outcome of the terrorist and over-aggressive activities of the Zionist Jews. It comes well from this gentleman to talk of liberty, honesty, and truth when we consider the misleading propaganda directed against Great Britain by Zionists throughout the world.

"The British Empire has been a haven for the Jews for generations, and it savours of ingratitude to be accused of infamy because the British Government will not agree to all the extravagant demands of Zionism." —W. J. CARRUTHERS (Chairman, League of Rights).

On the same day the following letter appeared in *The Age*:

### "Keeping Faith"

As a rabbi with a vast experience in Australia and in the British Empire, I am appalled by, and dissociate myself from, the tenor of Rabbi Danglow's observations (8/6), which cast an untenable and unwarranted reflection upon the loyalty of the majority of his co-religionists.

Loyalty is a quality, which demands the keeping of faith with all objects to which loyalty is due. To the Jew and to any person with religious feelings, it means assistance to the needy, help to the persecuted, relief to the starving and afflicted, and the endeavour to bring liberty to those who do not enjoy the freedom which is their right. The duty of the Jew towards his afflicted brethren overseas is magnified after the shameful horrors through which they have passed.

Rabbi Danglow has seen fit to suggest disloyalty against those who do not agree with Mr. Bevin. The falsity of this contention is as fallacious as to suggest to any Australian that he is disloyal because he disagrees with the foreign policy of Dr. Evatt.

Far from speaking on behalf of the majority of British and Australian Jews who favour the type of loyalty of Mr. Winston Churchill and General Smuts, who have roundly condemned Mr. Bevin's disastrous policy, Rabbi Danglow has spoken on behalf of an insignificant minority. —L. M. GOLDMAN (Minister, Melbourne Hebrew Congregation).

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sation expropriating and cutting across all local and personal sovereignty, we cannot be much in error if we identify internationalists, open or concealed, with treason to the individual and his race and country. In an earlier part of the speech by Mr. Jaques to which reference has been made, he remarked. "The hon. member for Macleod said, if I remember correctly that there are just two kinds of people in the Civil Liberties Association (a Canadian "Red Front"), traitors and stooges, the dupes." *Coeteris paribus*, it appears to me to be true that any organisation which is working to transfer sovereignty from those who are associated under a national constitution, to those who have secretly concocted an international constitution by the misuse of national resources, whether those persons are working inside or outside the country, are enemies of and traitors to believers in the national conception. Their motives may be diverse and obscure; but when you see an enemy soldier obviously working for your destruction you do not investigate his motives, you shoot.

There are myriads of organisations which are working to destroy nationality (*not* Stateship) ranging from the highly "respectable" Royal Institute of International Affairs openly financed by cartels (Chatham House, whose secretary, Dr. Toynbee said "we are working secretly, but with all our might, to undermine the sovereignty of our respective nations") to the hundreds of Communists shop stewards in industry working like musk-rats to cripple and disrupt local control. And, it should be remembered—there is a lucrative career in it.

The "Canadian" Broadcasting Corporation is notoriously "Red," and the genealogy of its parent organisation, the "B." B.C., as well as its peculiar form of extra-national management and its link with the patent monopoly of the Marconi network, can best be viewed as the functionalised monopoly of information. The London School of Economics has linked internationalists (frequently, but not always, Jews) in key positions in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

So far as the population of these islands is concerned, the triumph of the traitors has produced swift and spectacular results. Mr. Attlee's Administration claims that there are more persons gainfully employed (i.e., being paid paper money) than ever before. Not only that, but they are (so it is said) more efficiently directed, using more power and better machines and methods than would have been deemed possible in the time.

To which I should myself comment that not 10 percent of the population is really better off, by which I mean has more control over its material and spiritual destiny than it had 50 years ago (and this includes the New Kommissary), and 90 percent, are not merely worse off, their prospects are infinitely worse. That is where they have been brought by "traitors and stooges," in an era of unparalleled advancement in the industrial arts, directly and solely due to individual initiative.

If that were all it would be serious enough. But the basic wealth of a nation is in its intangibles. It is faith, which moves mountains, and the decline of faith is perhaps the most noticeable change in the general population. No one believes in anything or anyone any more. Let us eat, drink, and be merry in the Black Market, for tomorrow one more big racket will be put over on us. So far from the consumer being always right, he no longer has any rights; he merely has a few coupons. He doesn't give his orders to the shopkeeper, he gets what the "Co-operative" decides to let him have, of any quality or none, and if he doesn't like it he mustn't throw it away—it's an "offence."

And if any explanation is required or given it's the export drive. He is told to save, and his savings are taken off him by Government stimulated rising prices, taxation, and downright confiscation. He "buys" a house and pays ten times what his grandfather did for the same house, and finds he hasn't bought it; it can be, and is, "requisitioned" at the instance of any obscure alien in a selected bureau. Until it is, and sometimes after, he pays in rates and taxes more than the original rent, for the privilege of "owning" it. If he murmurs, one of his conquerors tells him that "we" don't intend an Englishman's home to be his castle. In fact, "we" will see that it isn't. Why not emigrate? "We've plenty to replace you, and we are replacing you—you've served our turn."

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"The intellectuals of the *goyim* will puff themselves up with their knowledges, and without any logical verification of them, will put into effect all the information available from science, which our *agentur* specialists have cunningly pieced together for the purpose of educating their minds in the direction we want. Do not suppose for a moment that these statements are empty words: think carefully of the successes we arranged for Darwinism, Marxism, Nietzscheism. To us Jews, at any rate, it should be plain to see what a disintegrating importance these directives have had upon the minds of the *goyim*."

"The intensification of armaments, the increase of police forces—are all essential for the completion of the aforementioned plans. What we have to get at is that there should be in all the States of the world, besides ourselves, only the masses of the proletariat, a few millionaires devoted to our interests, police, and soldiers."—*Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*, II. ii. and iii. VII. i.

If there is one claim made by Socialists more confidently than that their *credo* is that of the "common good," it is that they are the torchbearers of progress, and the champions of "science" against reaction—a word used to dispose comprehensively of any views not held by the London School of Economics. It is significant, therefore, that what is perhaps the most operative principle in the workings of natural forces on this planet—entropy—is never mentioned by them, and is perhaps a conception which their minds dare not entertain, in view of its implications.

The rigid definition of entropy is "the quantity of heat in a closed system, divided by its *absolute* temperature" and this implies that it is a numerical expression, which increases as energy loses availability, because energy is only available for useful work where there is a fall of potential (a waterfall is the most obvious example). Consequently, if we are to introduce the analogy of physics into Socialism (and there is no intrinsic *social* science worthy of the name) we derive two ideas from entropy: (1) that of the total amount of energy (initiative) in the world it is only that which is above the average, is not standardised, which can be expected to produce results. (2) To the extent that Socialism tends to produce social equality, it increases social entropy. It is in fact the technique of social death.

So far as I am aware there is no instance of an individual who has accomplished anything which is not routine, while retaining abiding belief in equality as a social principle. There are numbers of instances (Karl Marx or Mordecai is one) of schemers and revolutionaries who have used "equality" as a catchword with which to demoralise their enemies; but practically all of them, including Marx, have left on record their contempt for their dupes.

There is therefore an analogy if nothing more, between the principle of entropy in thermo-dynamics and the social forces (for want of a better term) tending to reduce humanity to a dead level in which nothing can be done—there is no difference of potential. If that state is attained, it would not be fanciful to characterise it as one in which social entropy was a maximum.

It is desirable to recognise that we are familiar with a certain type of repetition-analogy in what we call physical forces. The octave in musical sounds repeats from the lowest audible bass to the highest audible treble, and there is an octave in the light scale, the spectrum

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While we have no proof of the rigid nature which can be measured by instruments, as in the case of temperature-entropy, that a social dead-level exhibits the same kind of relation to a highly diversified civilisation that a stagnant pond does to Niagara Falls, there is much to suggest that it may be so.

Fortunately, the Socialist habit of giving to words a meaning, which does not correspond to anything realisable, while it has a disruptive effect of serious importance, ensures its own exposure. "Equality" in action always raises the question of hierarchy in function. No one in possession of average intelligence supposes that one man could be at once a cricketer equal to Bradman, an engineer equal to Brunei, a mathematical physicist of the order of Eddington, and a General such as Lord Wavell. This being obvious, on what function do you equate him? And when you have decided on the inequality of his functional excellence, how do you deal with the inescapable hierarchy of function? Does any one suppose that on the one hand only one man could build the Tower Bridge, or on the other every engineer would be equally successful?

As Mr. Christopher Hollis, M.P., remarks in another connection, "Simply to say that we must get rid of privilege is to mistake a phrase for a solution" (a common socialist procedure). "Few of the valuable achievements of life are the achievements of a single generation; if this principle were advanced as a principle of biology rather than of politics, it would be hailed as a progressive principle. But whether biological or political, whether progressive or reactionary, it is at any rate a true principle."

If we realise that the outstanding necessity of our times and our culture is to minimise social entropy, to raise available individual potential (and not merely economic potential); and at the same time we observe that immensely influential agencies have financed propaganda and organisation on every plane of society directly and skilfully designed to produce the degradation (in the exact sense of the word) to which the British people are being subjected, only one conclusion is possible in regard to that situation. Every person involved is at the best a dupe of a national enemy; or otherwise is a traitor, and should be dealt with according to his merits.

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One of the reasons frequently and reasonably advanced against what is called the world plot theory is that it postulates a degree both of organisation and discipline which is out of all proportion to anything with which we are familiar on the necessary scale.

It would be possible to answer this objection on its own ground, because there are several aspects of religion, secret societies, and commerce, which are not too greatly disproportionate to such a task. But, in fact, it is highly probable that the proof does not lie along those lines, and that permeation and perversion, the product of education, observa-

tion, and patronage, is the technique mainly effective. A little elaboration of this theme may be useful.

If you want to catch mice, you don't specialise in canaries, you keep a cat. If long observation has convinced you that success in politics or industry is impossible unless a certain hierarchy of function is preserved, and you wish to destroy a rival, you don't at least at first, order him to consult his office boy before making a major decision—you stimulate the formation of Trades Unions, permeate the schools, take great care that words such as policy, administration, and ownership are mixed up so that they can mean anything or nothing, and secure executives in the Trades Unions who are both ambitious and technically ignorant. In fact, you hypnotise everyone into agreement that the office boy knows it all. If you can ensure that Trades Union policy is based on the assumption that the object of life is full employment you have an almost omnipotent monopoly ready made. The leisure class is, you say, living on the worker, and, consumption being a mere by-product of production, the consumer should be given less and less and the production process absorb more and more. You will almost automatically develop a state of affairs, which requires supermen to run it. Then abolish all principles of law, morals, or politics on some theory such as the divine right of majorities and the omnipotence of Parliament, and you may be confident, that your Materialist State, which requires supermen to run it, will elect for that purpose demagogues ignorant of the elements of the problem with which they are required to deal. Quite naturally, they fail, and still more "sacrifices" are suggested. Quite a small organisation of conscious, trained traitors can bring

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"Some of our ants appear to be going in circles and others wander about at random. Such tactics are confusing and might result in a Works ant being exterminated with Health poison or a Health

ant being killed with Works poison which would be contrary to the Regulations and result in extensive investigation.

"In view of the fact that Works poison has been found to kill any ant just as dead as Health poison and vice versa, request is made that your office draw identical poisons from both Public Works and Health Departments and mix same so that there will be no way of knowing which poison killed ants."

—Sydney *Sunday Sun*, June 13.

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# Mr. Menzies And The British Empire

(A letter to the Editor from Bruce H. Brown.)

Sir, —In the Melbourne "Argus" of the 1st June, 1948, Mr. Menzies is reported to have issued "a grim warning" to those who were present the previous night at a farewell dinner given him by his Electorate Committee at Camberwell. The warning was that the British Empire must not be allowed to be broken up. He is reported to have used these words: —

"It is an almost terrifying paradox that an Empire which has twice delivered the world from disaster should exhibit so many signs of breaking up. The world outlook was pretty grim, and Churchill and Smuts, the two outstanding Empire leaders in the last thirty years, had been discarded. There could be no worse calamity for the world than for Australia to go her own gait, South Africa to sheer off, and Canada to enter the sphere of the United States, leaving Britain as an island with her own problems. We can lose by inadvertence what it has cost the blood of many men to win and preserve."

The question I should like to put to Mr. Menzies and to all those other Australians who are prominently associated with the Liberal Party, is this: If you are sincerely concerned about the British Empire, why have you scoffed for years and years at those who have had the knowledge and the courage to expose the identity and plans of the enemies of that Empire? Why have you continued to serve those enemies, and what evidence can you give that you do not intend to go on serving them?

## Churchill and Smuts

If Churchill and Smuts have, in fact, been the "two outstanding Empire leaders in the last thirty years," then obviously the very position in which the Empire finds itself today (breaking up) is largely their responsibility, for that is where they have led it. It may shock some people to read that there is abundant evidence to show that these two men in particular have used their influential public positions to protect and advance interests which were inimical to the welfare of the British Empire, and that they have, in fact, taken a leading part in implementing an alien policy in their respective countries.

And so, Mr. Menzies and other leading members of the Liberal Party, if they are sincere about preventing the further break up of the British Empire, need shed no tears about Churchill and Smuts notwithstanding their competence as morale boosters for the purposes of war.

As for Mr. Menzies himself, it seems to me that he also is treading an equally anti-British and dangerous path. He too has taken a leading part in implementing an alien policy in this country. He has supported all the international "agreements" and "treaties" which have as their object the undermining of the sovereignty of British countries and the subjugation of the British people to a policy of debt and regimentation dictated by the policy-makers of the United States of America. These "policy-

makers" are not the ordinary American people, but they are a comparatively small group of anti-British and anti-Christian men, and Mr. Menzies has already had personal contact with some of them. This leads to some doubts concerning the purposes of his present trip abroad, for he has publicly admitted that one of the important aims of his visit overseas is to renew personal contacts. He sailed from Melbourne a few days ago in a foreign vessel.

What contacts overseas could be of practical benefit to the men and women of Australia? I have not asked him to see anyone on my behalf, and I know of no one else who has requested him to do it for them.

## Overseas Contacts

And who are these "contacts?" They are similar to those so frequently made by Dr. Evatt, P.C. and Mr. R. G. Casey, P.C., and include Mr. Bernard Baruch, a leader of world Jewry, who during and since the 1914-18 war has been the permanent unofficial President of the United States. At different times, it has been publicly admitted that in finance and economics he is the most powerful man in the world. Governments may change, but he remains to ensure continuity of Judaic policy. Mr. Casey travelled all the way to the United States from India recently, on his way back to Australia, and he did so to see this important "contact." That explains why he returned here so favourably disposed towards the Socialistic Tennessee Valley Authority (T.V.A.), of which David Eli Lilienthal was the chief executive. How convenient it is for Judaism that these two "contacts" are now the chief men in control of the development of atomic energy! Churchill and Smuts also had frequent "contact" with Baruch. So has Mr. Attlee who, according to newspaper records, even went so far as to receive official reports from Moscow written in Hebrew! These so-called "Americans," who first and foremost are Jews, were behind the Bretton Woods plot, the World Bank scheme, the "Marshall" aid plan, and the "One World" idea, all of which are designed to make the nations of the world financially subservient to the United States and to extend the system of international loans on a gold basis to such an extent that the debts will be greater than can ever be repaid. Those who control the debts control the world. Mr. Menzies and Mr. Casey have publicly supported these plans, but doubtless they would be greatly offended if the sincerity of their pro-British professions were questioned. We should carefully watch both of them, particularly Mr.

Menzies and the "contacts" he makes during his present excursion abroad. These will give a lead to what we may expect after the Federal Elections next year.

## Betraying a Trust

It will not be "inadvertence" that will deprive us of our heritage. Only treason will do that; and every politician who lends his support to plans, which undermine our national sovereignty, is playing directly into the hands of those who are striving to liquidate the British Empire as a world force. To undermine a nation's sovereignty is to betray a sacred trust, and when it is being done by members of the Privy Council, whether knowingly or not, it is necessary openly to challenge their conduct. If Mr. Menzies and his "Liberal" colleagues are for the British Empire, then they are against the present Jewish system of international finance. If they continue to support this system of finance then they are against the British Empire. They cannot have it both ways, and if the British Empire is to continue, as we know it this is one of the very first things to be tackled. It is not only the British Empire that is at stake, but Judaic policy-makers are also out to kill Christianity. It is silly to expect a Christian policy from Judaic policy-makers. —Yours faithfully,

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# ON THE NOES

By FOOTLE

*It seemed ages since I had had a friendly chit-chat with Pongo Pyke—"Percival" to you and to my aunt Ella, as my wartime readers might remember—and it was with something amounting almost to enthusiasm that I ran into him a week or two ago.*

*It was May 29th, and I had just done the right thing after much cogitation, which, however, had nothing to do with the way I wanted to vote, but only with the way I was exhorted to do so.*

The old cerebellum was thronging with all sorts of speculations on democracy and all that which had commenced as soon as I beheld the ballot slip on which I was required to place a "1" and a "2," thus indicating a preference as though "no" is a function of "yes" as the mathematical johnnies are wont to say.

I tried to explain this thought to Pongo, who, I should mention, is so thoroughly demobilised that he writes in the correspondence columns of the newspapers under such pseudonyms as "pacifist" and "pro bono publico." But I had my usual difficulty.

"You don't mean to tell me you didn't know how to vote!" he demanded severely.

## "Mutually Exclusive"

"Of course not!" I disclaimed. "All I'm saying is that whoever is responsible for the ballot paper doesn't seem to realise that the monosyllables 'yes' and 'no' are positive and negative; thesis and anti-thesis; er—oh dash it! Think up your own scientific syllogisms. What I mean is the terms are what the learned blokes call 'mutually exclusive.'"

"It doesn't seem to matter much so long as you put the digits in the right place." Pongo always ignores subtleties.

"But it does matter," I grumbled. "It's as though I say on the ballot paper, 'Of course old chappie, you can see I really want "no" but if it can't be "no" by all means let it be "yes." Doesn't that look kind of, daft to you?"

"Only when you say it."

"Oh, well, have it your own way! But how would it seem if lovers were like that? 'Do you love me George?' Reply: 'yes' 1; 'no' 2. Or the butcher. 'Have you any sausages?' Reply: 'no' 1; 'yes' 2. You know very well you wouldn't stand for it yourself. Your reply would be informal or even anti-social. One of these days you'll be asked to vote at a referendum; "yes" 1; "yes" 2, and you'll call it a misprint."

"And I should be right while we have democracy."

"When did we get that?" I asked with suitable scorn.

"There you go again!" complained Pongo. "You don't know the simplest things. Everyone knows we are a democracy; the papers are always full of it."

## Idea of Democracy

"Very well then! You tell me your idea of democracy! No! On second thoughts, don't tell me! I couldn't bear to hear that Abraham Lincoln slogan again."

"Doubtless you have a better one," said Pongo stiffly.

That's the trouble with Pongo. He believes democracy for us started with the execution of Charles I. and reached the peak of inevitability in the sentry's song in "Iolanthe," philosophising how

"Nature always doth contrive

That ev'ry boy and ev'ry gal that's  
born into this world alive,

Is either a little liberal or else a little  
conservative."

He would point out that this arrangement had persisted with no change except the names of the two opposing parties. Thus: cavalier and roundhead; tory and whig; conservative and liberal and that although you might introduce other parties or sects, crisis always eliminated all but two. This result he calls "democracy."

As I pointed out to him the only working theory I could find was the right to accept or reject one thing at a time.

"What's the difference?" he demanded. "There are always two parties and I always reject one of them."

"The difference is that you are bound to accept one of them. And when you are bound to accept something you have lost your freedom."

"Now you are claiming the right to reject two at a time and you can't do that!"

## Only for You

"Why not? I could reject twelve at a time if I liked."

"Not intelligently. Besides didn't you just say that you wanted to do one thing at a time? That's the way with most people; they can't do more than one thing at a time. Some of them have a job to do that."

"It's beside the point but since it interests you I know crowds of people who can do two things at a time; people who play and sing frinstance, and anyway I once saw a chappie stand on his head on the slack wire while he played a tune to order on the mandolin and worked out a pretty hot multiplication sum at the same time."

"He's the exception proving the rule," retorted Pongo. "You couldn't do any of that stuff even one thing at a time. Anyhow I can't see any use in standing on one's head. No-one ever does it nowadays."

"What about economists?" I asked. "But never mind! The sum of it is, you agree with this one-two business."

"Maybe!" grumbled Pongo, "but I wouldn't have done only for you."

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