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# How To Deal With Victoria's Power Resources

In the week before lasts editorial we criticised the reported proposal of the Victorian Liberal-Country Party Government to nationalise the private coal mine at Winchelsea. We concluded our editorial by asking whether members of the two Parties, which allegedly stand for free enterprise, have any "conception of the power resources of this State being developed by genuinely decentralised, private enterprise." The present critical power position in Victoria demands an immediate answer to this question.

The genuine function of Government quate supplies of brown coal in various is not to enter into production itself, but to remove every obstacle which prevents free enterprise from functioning to capacity. In the case of the Winchelsea mine, it appears that exactly the oppo-

site has happened. The Melbourne Age of June 24 reports that the managing director of the mine is confident that the production of the mine will soon be increased to 5,000 tons per week. As anticipated in our editorial last week, the production hold up was apparently not the fault of free enter-prise. The Age reports the managing director, as saying that lack of machinery has been the main cause of the hold-up. He went on to say that "This machinery has been lying on the wharf for three months, but he had been unable to obtain its release through the Minister for tain its release through the Minister for

Mines (Mr. Lienhop)."

It was Mr. Lienhop, no doubt advised by the State Electricity Commission, who was reported to have proposed to nationalise the Winchelsea mine unless private enterprise could get production up! It is high time that rank-and-file members of the Country and Liberal Parties made clear to their political representatives the correct function of a Government, which is supposed to support free enterprise, and made the development of individual initiative possible.

#### **Individual Initiative**

The power crisis confronting Victoria ly be solved *immediately* by individual initiative. We cannot sit by and hear nice stories about the large-scale planning of the State Electricity Monopoly, which may, or may not, supply adequate power in the distant future.

If the money poured into the S.E.C. had been made available to free enterprise, we have no hesitation in saying that Victoria would have by now been practically independent of black coal from New South Wales.

Free enterprise can still be used to meet the present crisis. There are adeparts of the State. The State Government should offer every inducement to have supplies of this coal made available immediately.

Coal, not plans, are wanted.

There are, for example, large supplies of coal at Altona, right at Melbourne's doorstep. Production of coal from this area would eliminate transport problems and make more coal available for industry and the individual consumer.

It will be argued that present grates are not suitable for the use of raw brown coal. This is not an insurmountable problem. But it is not a problem for some Government Department.

#### Function of Government

The initiative and resourcefulness of the Australian is well known, as proved during the war.

The function of the Victorian State Government is to allow this initiative and resourcefulness the greatest possible play. It can, if necessary, offer a suitable cash reward to any individual or business organisation, which can immediately produce a grate suitable for raw brown coal.

Here is a splendid opportunity for a Government, which preaches verbally about the virtues of free enterprise, to permit free enterprise to demonstrate that it can meet the position and defeat the Communist domination of this State through control of the raw material used for its power production.

Since writing the above article we have had brought to our notice the statement by Mr. Guye, M.L.A., in the Victorian Parliament last week. Mr. Guye lives at Winchelsea, and has first-hand knowledge of the local brown coal mine.

While it appears from Mr. Guye's statement that the present management of the mine has been inefficient, apparently partly due to lack of adequate technical knowledge apart from lack of equipment, we cannot subscribe to the very

dangerous idea that the present crisis, desperate as it is, should be used to vio-

late a principle.

If this line of reasoning is pursued, the Canberra Socialists could argue that the failure of the private coal mines in New South Wales to produce sufficient black coal to save Australia-wide industrial chaos is a good excuse for the nationalisation of the New South Wales coal mining industry.

The function of the Federal Government is, of course, to remove every possible barrier to the production of sufficient coal by private management.

If there are technical difficulties associated with the removal of over-burden at the Winchelsea mine and other mines

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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 gradually reducing existing debt.
- 7. Recognising that the basis of any sound economy is agriculture, the encouragement of agricultural policies will ensure the preservation building up of soil fertility by wnich will 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.

WHITT1ER.

#### HOW TO DEAL WITH VICTORIA'S POWER RESOURCES

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which might be immediately opened up, the Victorian Government should make available experts from the State Electricity Commission to help private management.

We refuse to believe that private enterprise, if given sufficient inducement and every assistance by the State Government, cannot produce adequate brown coal in Victoria. We notice that private companies are functioning all right at Bacchus Marsh.

If a power crisis created by Socialist control from Canberra is going to be used to stampede Victorians into accepting the creation of a complete Socialist power monopoly in Victoria, we may as well cease fighting the Socialist idea imme-

diately.

The Socialists are experts at creating crises and then ensuring that the crises are suitably exploited to further the Socialist idea. As yet the great majority of non-Socialist Members of Parliament have not grasped Socialist strategy. That is why they have been on the defensive

for so long.

If the present private management at the Winchelsea mine is, even with expert advice and adequate machinery, not competent to produce urgently required coal for those industries of the Western District depending on it, we would be interested to know whether the Government does not consider that other private managements should be approached before resorting to nationalisation.

#### Minister's Statement

On going to press we have some apparently conflicting statements made to the Press by the Minister for Mines, Mr. Lienhop, and the Managing Director of Wensley Bray Coal Mining Co. Pty. Ltd.

The Argus, June 26, reports: "The statement by Mr. Cain, Opposition leader, that the State Government had refused to hand over machinery to the Wensley Bray brown coal mine was 'untrue and fantastic,' Mr. Lienhop, Minister for Mines and Electrical Undertakings, said yesterdav.

There was no record on departmental flies of any assurance by Mr. Cain (then Premier) to the Wensley Bray Company concerning use of any plant or equip-

ment,' Mr. Lienhop said.

'The facts were that £35,700 worth of equipment was bought and paid for by the SEC in the Philippines. It was known by the SEC at time of purchase that re-conditioning would be necessary. The plant arrived in Melbourne for discharge on April 23, 1948, and overhaul was begun at once. The position regarding completion of overhaul was: 11/2 yd excavator, six weeks until completion; 21/2 yd excavator, three months; one tractor, just completed; one tractor, two months; motor grader, two weeks.

'Mr. Cain's statement that the Government is trying to take over the mine is equally wrong, Mr. Lienhop said. 'At a public meeting at Winchelsea on June 11, 1948, in reply to a statement by a director of the mine that it had come to the end of its tether and wanted to get out, I said

that the Government was only concerned about failure of production at the mine. and preferred to assist and encourage private enterprise. I stated that if this failed I would place the matter before my Government for immediate consideration.'

'Mr. Lienhop said that on June 15 the managing director of the company had written to ask for Government co-operation, but on June 23, while the matter was under consideration, advised that negotiations had been completed for operation of the mine by Roche Bros."

The *Age*, June 28, reports:

"Machinery ordered by the Cain Government from the Philippines for use at Wensley Bray brown coal mine was refused delivery to the directors of the mine by the Minister for Mines (Mr. Lienhop) on May 21 last.

"The managing director of the Wensley Bray Coal Mining Co. Pty. Ltd. (Mr. John Hayes) said this last night.

'Mr. Hayes said the mine directors attended a conference with Mr. Lienhop on May 21. Mr. Lienhop told them the Government would not release the machinery.

"Mr. Lienhop refused to sell the machinery for cash, and also refused to make it available to a suggested company to be newly organised with capital of £100,000 or more, Mr. Hayes added.

"Mr. Hayes said last night that when Mr. Lienhop was asked why he would not agree to any of these proposals, he replied that the job was too large for private enterprise, and that the Government would buy the mine if the price were low enough."

#### **Power Monopoly**

While it is probably true that "no specific contract" (Mr. Lienhop in *Argus*, June 29) existed between the State and the Winchelsea coal mine company to supply to the company some of the machinery bought in the Philippines, it is certainly obvious that there must have been some discussion about the matter and some understanding. We are not particularly impressed by statements by the S.E.C., which is primarily concerned with extending its power monopoly. Unless the S.E.C. can give a definite guarantee that its taking over of the machinery will immediately produce more coal and more power, the Government should ensure that it is used elsewhere in order that more coal can be obtained NOW. We repeat: The sooner the Victorian Government understands its correct function in relationship to enterprise, the sooner it will start to deal with the concentration of economic power, the prelude to the Socialist State.

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#### PLANNED MEDICINE

unfamiliar ramifications of planning, or socialism and its connection with international finance, the following extracts from pages 42 and 44 of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* may prove illuminating: "DR. PEPYS' (MORRIS FISHBEIN)

DIARY.

"Dec 13—To the home of Mr. Bernard Baruch, where the executive committee came to discuss plans for medicine along with Dr. William Rawls.

"Dec. 15—Next with Elmer Henderson to visit A. A. Berg and to talk of Poe's 'Tamerlane' and the Bay Psalm Book and other bibliographic jewels and also of international medicine.

"Dec. 16—Then still later to play at captain gin with Charles Wilinsky, now president elect of the American Public

Health Assn.

"Dec. 17—The Board meets with the executive committee of the Public Health Assn. — Haven Emerson, Atwater, Heavell, and Wilinsky-to encourage development of more public health services in counties and in districts. Thereafter to luncheon with the committee of the World Medical Assn., where Routley, chairman of its council, explained its plans."

#### **Nationalised Airways Lose** Heavily

The volume of Britain's air transport business increased by 50 percent during the year ended March 31, but all three nationalised corporations showed a loss.

British Overseas Airways reduced its deficit from £8,000,000 to £6,100,000; British Empire Airways' deficit rose from £2,000,000 to £3,500,000, and British South American Airways changed a South American Airways changed a £70,000 profit to a £250,000 loss.

-Melb. Sun, June 24.

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## THE REAL DANGER BEHIND "FREE MEDICINE"

Radio Talk by ERIC D. BUTLER over 3CS Colac

It is most unfortunate that the controversy between the Federal Government and the BMA aver the "Free- Medicine" issue has obscured the real menace of a Socialised medical system. "Free Medicine" is an important aspect of the whole Socialist strategy and cannot be intelligently discussed unless this strategy is clearly understood. The fundamental purpose of a Socialised medical system is to further control of the individual by the all-powerful official.

Needless to say, those power-lusters In civilian life the individual can get a working to enslave the individual do not certificate to say that he is not fit to bluntly outline their objectives in order that everyone can understand them. Baits are essential to get the victims into

Propaganda about "free" medicine and "free" doctors is, of course, essential to persuade individuals to take the first steps towards surrendering completely

control of their own lives.

In a completely centralised "planned economy" such as the Socialists and Communists advocate, it is obvious that the central planners must not only have control of all industry and all raw materials; they must also have the power to direct labour as desired.

#### **Direction of Labour**

No Socialist planner has yet been able to demonstrate that a centrally "planned economy" can be implemented without direction of labour.

At least one prominent Socialist, Bernard Shaw, was frank about the ultimate results of Socialism when he said that "Compulsory labour, with death as the final penalty, is the keystone of Socialism" (vide English Labour Monthly, October, 1921).

During the controversy between the British doctors and the British Socialist Government, the fact has clearly emerged that one of the major objectives of Mr. Aneurin Bevan's State medical scheme is to ensure that there is no loophole left to any individual who does not want to be directed to work in any nationalised undertaking.

While private doctors continue as servants of the patients, there is at least one barrier to the creation of the complete Monopoly State in which the individual has no rights or freedom. When vidual has no rights or freedom. When doctors become the servants of the State
—and "Free Medicine" in Australia is a
major step towards this objective—their main function will be to ensure that all individuals are kept in what is termed "positive" health in order that they can work to serve the State.

#### Control of the Patient

Those who served in the Armed Forces gained first-hand knowledge of this totalitarian system. No one denies, of course, that it is necessary to have a totalitarian form of organisation in the Armed Forces, but a brief reflection upon the manner in which doctors and dentists primarily served the military organisation instead of the individual should convince any freedom-loving individual of the menace of such a system in civilian

In civilian life the individual can get a



SENATOR McKENNA Minister for Health and Social Services

work at such and such an undertaking; the doctor is the servant of the patient. But it is a different matter in the Armed Forces, where both doctor and patient are servants of the military organisation which must allow nothing to impede its

which must allow nothing to impede its object of quick victory.

Under complete Socialisation the all-powerful officials controlling the State have their objective of a "planned economy" and they cannot permit their plans to be thwarted by individuals having the right to get their doctors to say that they cannot be conscripted.

#### The Dossier System

Those who feel that all this is sheer exaggeration should recall that, when Hitler came to power, he found the highly centralised "Social Service" system a powerful ready-made instrument for the purpose of controlling the German people. No State medical scheme can be run without the creation of a detailed dossier system controlled by officials.

It may be argued that only those who need the services of a doctor will have a dossier, but this ignores the fact that the advocates of a State medical system insist that everyone must be examined for this and that. They must have "positive" health for the benefit of the State!

This means that everyone is thus brought within the dossier system. Under the guise of "positive" health dossiers could show all about the individual's family history, etc. Surely there has never been a more subtle manner of building up the Police State.

Australians must stop the foolish practice of continuing to parrot "it can't happen here!"—while all the time it is

actually happening.

#### **Example of Britain**

They should learn about what allpowerful officials are doing in Great Britain where Socialist planning is much further advanced than in this country. In the British House of Commons on March 6, 1947, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Glenvil Hall, revealed that there were nine departments whose officials were authorised to carry out inspections and investigations into private homes and premises without a search warrant.

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## **CANBERRA SOMERSAULT**

Mr. Chifley. —House of Representatives -9th April.

"I shall not attempt to describe all the economic conditions which necessitate the continuance of clothes rationing, but I merely indicate that difficult economic circumstances are prevailing in relation to the dollar situation which could affect the availability of materials in future. Therefore the Government decided not to accept, at this stage, the recommendation for the abolition of clothes rationing. Whilst the Government is most anxious to abolish clothes rationing, it does not desire to take precipitate action lest circumstances later compel it to reintroduce rationing.

Mr. Pollard. —House of Representatives –6th May.

3. The Government in not accepting these recommendations was guided by information, which would not have been known at the time either to the trade associations concerned or to the Rationing Commission. The very difficult position in regard to dollars has not abated and its effect is to limit considerably the future availability of woven cotton textiles. It must be realised that two-thirds of our woven textile requirements for clothing and household purposes are necessarily of cotton; that comparatively little cotton textiles are woven in Australia: and that United Kingdom, India, and other countries outside the dollar area are unable at present to supply our requirements even up to a rationed level of demand.

Sun News-Pictorial—22nd June. Mr. Chifley's 13-word statement, beating his previous record brief announcement of 42 words on the nationalisation of banking, said:

"The Prime Minister announces that meat and clothes rationing will cease from tomorrow.

## REAL DANGER OF "FREE MEDICINE"

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One was the Ministry of Health, which has power to enter and search doctors' premises to inspect Insurance Doctors' records.

Paragraph 130 of the famous Beveridge Report on Social Services, which is a great source of inspiration for Socialist planners in all English speaking countries, and which, incidentally, was featured by the "capitalist" press, speaks of "enforcement" of the citizen's "obligation . . . to take all proper measures to be well."

As Senator McKenna has warned that the "Free Medicine" scheme is merely the first step towards providing the people with a completely "free" medical scheme, it is urgently essential that both doctors and patients unite in exposing and opposing the policy behind this first step.

#### Rearguard Battle

If the doctors continue to base their opposition to the Government's "Free Medicine" scheme merely on the grounds that it is not wide enough and because of present penal clauses, they are fighting a rearguard battle which can only end in their defeat.

The Government can and will make "concessions" so long as the *principle* of the scheme is established.

Having got the scheme established other steps towards centralised control can be taken later.

It is certain that the financial cost will rapidly exceed present estimates.

There will also be abuses of the scheme. When this happens there will be an excuse for a more rigid control of both doctors and chemists. This will in turn further control of the patient.

#### Totalitarian Technique

This totalitarian technique has been clearly outlined by the former Canadian Communist, John Hladun, who was specially trained in Moscow. Hladun has stated: "In a Socialist economy, one control tends to cause another, until, as a logical result, the State controls and

finally owns everything."

The "Free Medicine" scheme is the introduction of a, form of control which must inevitably develop into further controls. Those who cannot see this have no understanding of the real Socialist

technique.

In a genuine economic democracy each individual should have the greatest possible freedom to use his money "vote" to indicate what his policy is. If permitted the free use of his money "vote" he may decide in favour of milk and fruit instead of bottles of medicine.

But the totalitarians work steadily to take the individual's money away and permit him to get what are termed "benefits" in exchange for it. When the State dispenses all "benefits," all individuals are at the mercy of the all-powerful officials who are, in effect, the State.

#### Sapping Independence

This also saps the initiative and independence of the individual and makes it progressively easier to impose more and more controls upon him.

particularly the right to spend their own money as they think fit. It must be obvious to every thinking person that "Free Medicine" is not going to be free—that those who use the medicine prescribed will have helped to pay for them. There is a great number of people who

What all genuine democrats should be

demanding is not "benefits," but rights,

have no faith in bottled medicine—they may feel that some properly grown and unadulterated food is far better for their health. But they must be taxed for the scheme—in other words they must be controlled.

Most of the chemists appear to be comparatively satisfied with the "Free Medicine" scheme. They are taking the short-term view concerning possible increased business. But they should realise that having accepted the principle of the scheme, they can also later be brought under control.

#### Matter of Principle

The issue must be fought on principle. There is far too much compromise in the community today. The Socialists and Communists have a major victory every time there is compromise on matters of principle.

There is a very vital principle at stake concerning "Free Medicine."

"Free Medicine" simply means that the individual is to have little "free choice."

Unless this matter is clearly understood as merely a part, although admittedly an important part of the whole Socialist strategy, arguments about the pros and cons of the technical aspects of

the scheme permit the authors of this totalitarianism to continue unimpeded with their plans.

All patients should be taking this matter up with their doctors and chemists immediately and asking them whether they are prepared to fight for the retention of fundamental liberties.

#### **Doctors' Homework!**

The doctor's real homework starts when he has to work out the meaning of all the regulations. Canberra has put its best foot forward.

On the number of times a prescription can be ordered, the doctor is asked to sort out the meaning of Regulation 15

(4) which reads:
"Except in the case of a prescription to which is attached a certificate under Regulation 17 of these Regulations, where a prescription directs that a pharmaceutical benefit is to be supplied more than once, and the pharmaceutical benefit has been supplied once, the number of subsequent occasions on which the pharmaceutical benefit may be supplied and re-ceived shall at the end of each period of 21 days after the first supply be the original number of subsequent occasions specified in the prescription in accordance with these Regulations reduced by the total of:-

" (a) A number equal to the number of such periods of 21 days which have

(b) A number equal to the number of occasions in excess of one on which the pharmaceutical benefit has been supplied during any such period of 21 days.

—Sydney *Century*.

## REFERENDUM WAS NOT A PARTY VICTORY

The smashing six States "No" vote has occasioned a good deal of backslapping in Liberal and Country Party circles. Unthinkingly it is regarded as an outstanding tribute to their joint efforts, and indicates the popularity of their political machines with the electors.

To the optimists the figures make certain an election victory next year. They quite forget that referendums have been rejected many times with little or no effect on subsequent elections.

Again their elation might be taken seriously, if it were not for the existence of a reliable yardstick against which their efforts can be measured. The Gallup Poll, a tested barometer of public opinion, forecast the actual Referendum

result within two percent.
The Gallup Poll figures show that in September 47, only 41 people out of every hundred favoured a "No" vote. In December, the figure had dropped to 39%. It was at this stage that the non-Party organisation, the People's Union, and our affiliates in other States, started an intensive, and vigorous campaign.

Between January 1st and May 1st, the figures climbed steadily until, with a month to go, 61 people of every hundred had decided to vote "No.'

It was at this stage that the Party Organisations began their expensive campaigns. As a result of their efforts, the blind faith in the power of paid advertising and costly propaganda schemes, the 'No" vote dropped down to 57 per cent!

The truth about the people's victory in

the Referendum is that it was won, and well won, long before the political Parties joined in. It was won because of the efforts of people without an axe to grind.

The following extract from the Sydney "Sun" tells the story:

SWING IN VOTES. For eight months the Gallup Poll has been charting prospects for tomorrow's vote, and the following figures (all published at the time) show that the Referendum was *tost* weeks before the political

parties began their campaigns: Yes No Undecided pc 41 рс 13 46 September . . . . December .... 39 44 88 53 48 February .... 45 March..... 11 May 1 ..... May 22 . 61 38

The number of people interviewed in each of the less populous States is too small for accurate separate analysis.

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## "CAPITALIST" PRESS BACKS **SOCIALISM**

According to Socialist theory, the "Capitalist" Press is an instrument used by the capitalist class for the exploitation of the workers. How, then, do the Socialists explain the fact that the "Capitalist" Press lends itself invariably to the furthering of Socialist policies? In Great Britain the London "Times" has played an important role in breaking down the opposition of the doctors to the Government's Socialist medical scheme. The Australian Press generally has supported the principle of the "Free Medicine" scheme, while creating arguments about the technical aspects. Instead of exposing the totalitarian policy behind the scheme, we find the Melbourne "Herald," in its sub-leader of June 22, actively assisting the totalitarian planners:

"Agreeing to discuss with the British Medical Association its main objections to the 'free' medicine scheme, the Federal Minister for Health (Senator McKenna) has arranged for a conference next week. If both sides show a willingness to adjust their differences, pharmaceutical benefits can take on some reality to the doctors' patients.... They (the doctors) have not strengthened support for their case by what has amounted to a mass boycott of the entire scheme. Their patients have been drawn unnecessarily, and at some expense, into a matter that can be settled only between the BMA and the Government." After advising doctors to give the scheme, with slight modifications, "a trial," the "Herald" makes the astonishing statement that "now that the scheme has been passed by Parliament there is a duty on the parties to make it work."

Primarily the fundamental issue at stake does not concern the BMA and Government as much as it concerns the freedom of the patient. But according to the "Herald," the freedom of the patient does not matter if Parliament passes legislation to take away that freedom—in this case, freedom to decide how to spend his own money. The "Herald's" conception of omnipotent Governments passing legislation, which it is then the "duty" of everyone to obey, is exactly what the Communists and Socialists advocate. It is not surprising that our country is helped further along the road to totalitarianism by both those who openly advocate Socialism and those who "oppose" it.

#### Spy Ring Here?

A Communist spy ring similar to the Assembly last night.

University.

—Melb. *Argus*, June 23.

#### **Rothschild and Delane**

"In this he [Delane] was the more inone recently uncovered in Canada almost terested owing to his friendship with certainly existed in Australia, Mr. Reid various members of the Rothschild (Lib., Box Hill) said in the Legislative family. This friendship originated in a curious way. Delane was in the habit After quoting from the report of the going to the same hairdresser's shop in the Canadian Committee on Subversive Ac- City that was patronised by Baron Lionel tivities, he said that he had no doubt that a similar subversive organisation existed in this State.

An Opposition Interjector: Yes — the Actoriant was patronised by Baron Lionel Nathan de Rothschild (the 'Sidonia' of Coningsby, and the 'Mr. Actorian' of the proprietor who his handsome young customer was, and on being told that he was the new Editor of *The Times*, he made Delane's acquaintance. They became great friends.

—Delane of The Times, Sir Edward Cook, p.

#### **BIG BUSINESS EMPIRE**

The existence within the United States Embassy of a "shadow" organisation which has been working on preliminary planning for the European Recovery Programme was disclosed to me in London yesterday.

This organisation, under the general supervision of Mr. Donald C. Bliss, United States Economic Counsellor in Britain, has conducted an intensive review of British production and potential

in industry and on the land.

The result of its investigations will be made available to Mr. Thomas Finletter, head of the Marshall Plan Mission to this

country, on his arrival.

Personnel for this group has been drawn largely from the economic section of the Embassy. Although the appointments to the Mission will not be made until Mr. Finletter's arrival, it is expected that several members of this 'shadow" body will be asked to serve on

An Embassy spokesman said yesterday that Mr. Finletter is expected in this country in a few weeks. He will bring some of his own staff with him. The whole organisation will "resemble Lend-Lease, but on a much smaller scale."

-The Daily Telegraph (Eng.), May 22,

#### **U.S.** Propaganda

Radio networks are giving much time to what might look like a harmless programme entitled Religious News. It theoretically gives news of the churches of all denominations. The fact is that this outfit is operated under the subsidy of the so-called Round, Table of Christians and Jews and directed by a Russian Jew by the name of Louis Minsky.

—The Letter, Washington (U.S.A.)

#### ERNEST BEVIN

We have always been able to restrain our enthusiasm for Mr. Robert Boothby, M.P., partly by contemplation of his carefully controlled intelligence. His attack on Mr. Ernest Bevin as "with the pos-sible exception of Sir John Simon, the worst Foreign Secretary I have known in my 25 years' experience of Parliament," makes that task still easier.

We consider Mr. Bevin to be handicapped by the lack of certain attributes indispensable to a British Foreign Secretary, and the experience and outlook, which go with them. In that sense, and only in that sense, we should agree with Mr. Boothby, adding that almost without exception Mr. Bevin's colleagues are far inferior to him, even though some of them, the worst, possess a simulacrum of the attributes which he lacks.

Having written that, we offer Mr. Bevin an appreciation based on a fairly clear conception of the problems with which he has had to deal. We have not done very well during his term of Office, but if the freely expressed opinion that he is to be succeeded by Mr. (or Dr.) Dalton is well founded, we may come to look on Mr. Ernest Bevin as the last flash of the English spirit.

-The Social Crediter (Eng.), June 12.

## "THE MASTER RACE" THEORY OF COMPULSORY EUGENICS

The following frightening article from the English paper "Housewives Today" for June 1947 is self-explanatory. We follow that by an extract from a series of articles by Dr. Felix Kersten, a Finnish physiotherapist who was Himmler's medical adviser from 1938 onwards and throughout the war. He reveals Himmler's views on compulsory eugenics.

During the latter part of 1942, when Sir William Beveridge was very much in the limelight, he took part in a Brains Trust. He was asked whether a method of predetermining sex had not been discovered. Sir William (now Lord is reported to have replied that there were some things concerning which he would prefer the public to be ignorant. We do not share this meddlesome concern for the "public's" morality, particularly now, when there seems to be a definite intention on the part of the press to make us all "A.I.D.-conscious."

" 'Spinster-babies' vicar shocks village mothers," said the *Sunday Pictorial* on 20th April 1947. But this vicar does not hold with A.I.D. "Report on Test-Tube Babies," said the *Daily Telegraph* on the

first of April.

"The views of doctors, psychiatrists, lawyers, and Church leaders on artificial insemination of women are to be published during the next few weeks by the Public Morality Council. This is being done, says Dr. Wand, Bishop of London, who is the Council's president, so that the public may be able to 'arrive at a balanced judgment of its own.'"

#### Secret Conference

The opinions were expressed at a secret conference held in London, at which Viscount Caldecote presided. Yesterday I saw an advance copy of the Council's

report. Opinions expressed include:
Dr. H. P. Newsholme, Medical Officer
of Health, Birmingham. — The legal aspects of A.I.D. (artificial insemination by donors) are disquieting. It cannot be

justified under any circumstances.

Dr. K. Walker. —Artificial insemination is often justifiable because it will bring happiness and will tend to safeguard

The Rev. J. C. Heenan, Roman Catholic Church. —The Catholic instinct is strong and constant in condemnation.

Dr. T. G. Dunning, Free Churches. -A.I.D., where husband and wife agree, involves so much that is questionable and incalculable that it should be, in the main, definitely discouraged.

writing on the Mr. H. Willink, K.C. legal aspects of A.I.D. in the Practitioner, expresses the view that artificial insemination by donor, even with the consent of the other spouse, constitutes an act of adultery and that the child would be illegitimate. — Daily Telegraph, 1-4-47.

So we are to arrive at a balanced judgment, are we? Well, then, we should like

a little more information.

Last February, during the depths of the winter and the fuel crisis, the B.H.L. held a most enlightening meeting at the Central Hall, Westminster, a protest

against the threat to our freedom of choice of doctor and hospital, as embodied in the National Health Bill. One of the doctors who addressed the meeting said that the powers to be given to those who would control State Medical Services would reduce the population to

the status of human guinea pigs. The difficulty is to get people to believe it.

How gradually the "public's" mind has been worked upon! Artificial insemination by denote the population to the status of human guinea pigs. The tion by donors—now modestly disguised as AID., would, even ten years ago, have been regarded as an unpleasant fairy tale. Yet here it is in the popular Sunday papers. But far longer than ten years ago, members of the Society of Eugenists were planning the population to an extent that even today is almost unbelievable. We are being "conditioned"

#### THE NEW MASTER RACE

"In an Upper Galilee settlement there is a Stock Farm for human beings. Fine figures of Jewish youths are imported, and breeding is accelerated. This blatant method of race production revolted us... I do not understand what all this is leading to—surely some form of Master Race,

so similar, it seems, to the Nazis."
—"Palestine Note-Book," XIX Century.

We have to thank Dr. Morgan, Labour Member for Rochdale, who in a fearless speech in the House, as long ago as the autumn of 1940, did what he could to warn us of the widespread nature of these plans. The following passage is quoted from Hansard — Dr. Morgan was speaking during the darkest anxieties concerning the future, during the opening phases of the Second World War.

#### Nazi Philosophy

Dr. Morgan (Rochdale): We are told that this is an international war of ideas. There are many sides to German philosophy. The hon. Member for Bridgwater (Mr. Bartlett) has stressed the need for propagating ideas in belligerent countries with a view to breaking down the power of German philosophy. With the permission of the House, I should like to stress the question of certain ideas which have been prominent in the writings of some pseudo-scientific writers in this country, and which have not, up to the present, been repudiated. It is the custom in democracy for every subject to be discussed, and that ideas, however bad should be considered, whether amoral, revolting, or Christian. There are certain men today to whom the Government appeal for medical advice on almost every subject like the Chinese

Abacus and, therefore, when certain popular individuals are being asked to give that advice on health and scientific problems, it is as well that this House should have regard to it, and should know what is being sponsored and advo-cated outside. The German philosophy with regard to breeding gets us nowhere. In Poland today Germany is giving expression to her racial ideas by sterilisation of males. Even in Russian Poland they have not stooped to this revolting and sordid practice. I want to stress specially one particular instance—that of an ennobled and very good physician, a very popular personality, who is frequently called in by the Government to give advice. The House may not be aware that in a book called *After Us*, published in 1936, this ennobled physician with the car to the Court the car sician, with the ear to the Court, the ear to Cabinet Ministers and facilities to the microphone, sponsored certain views. I propose to read one or two extracts from this book, because in my view the ideas are the converse or the reverse side of Hitler's philosophy of perverted science . . . . Certain Labour Members have asked that this gentleman should be appointed Health Commissioner with certain compulsory powers for London.

#### **Control of Human Beings**

On page 52 of this book, sponsored by this great physician—and here I wish to say that I have nothing to say against his medical knowledge; he has treated me personally with great consideration, and I am only stressing my personal views and not those of any organisation or of my employers—views are expressed upon which I feel most deeply. I think that these pseudo-scientific, bastard philosophies should be stopped as soon as

possible. On page 52 it states:
"There must be allowed no matings between the sexes to result in the birth of children, except where and when such births are desirable from the racial point of view. This is a very big step in the control of human beings."

On page 54 we find: The best way to put eugenics into practise is to make it compulsory for all male children to be sterilised soon after birth . . . . Certain male children of selected strains will be exempt from compulsory sterilisation. These children will be selected carefully by a thorough scientific

study of their pedigree."

Working-class people keep no account of pedigrees. The book continues:

"Their actual parents will not be so important as their ancestors for two or three generations back. One child in every 100 or 200 will be left unsterilised, and these children will become the fathers of the next generation.

#### Permission to Have Child

On page 26 it is stated: "Any woman desiring to have a child will have to apply to the Eugenic State

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Authority for the necessary permission. She will be obliged to produce the required facts relative to her own pedigree for two or three generations back. These will be verified and studied and if it is found that there is no hereditary taint, she will be granted the necessary permission. If that is satisfactory a list of suitable sires will be given her to choose

She will then spend a few days in hospital, where she will be artificially inseminated. This is a book written by Mr. Lockhart-Mummery. Now I should like to quote a phrase upon democracy:

Democracy is stated to be breaking down everywhere because it is essentially

This is the same democracy for which we are fighting for our very lives in this

war. My last quotation is: "No new ideas, however beneficial, can be introduced without opposition. One so radical as the official control of childbirth would produce violent antagonism. The method of sterilisation of males, however, will not cause such a revolutionary change in human relationships as the method suggested by Haldane of an ectogenic baby, where the ovum from the ovary removed from a selected woman is impregnated artificially in the laboratory and the embryo is grown in artificial serum in an incubator till the child is developed sufficiently to be brought into the air. On the other hand, there is the method suggested by Thompson, of introducing the artificially impregnated ovum of a woman into the womb of a cow, and allowing the poor old cow to find a new phase of usefulness by acting as the mother, as well as the

#### Revolting Doctrine

foster mother, of the human baby.

I hear some laughter. Ridicule and ironical laughter are the proper way to deal with such subjects; but there is the tragic side. I went into my constituency and read some of these quotations to a working-class mother. I said, "What do you think of this?" She said, "Is this a book written not by doctors for doctors but by a doctor under high sponsorship for reading by the public?" I said, "Yes." She said, "All I can say is that it is a disgusting, nauseating, revolting doctrine, and I would not have them standing on my doorstep." The House may ask, as an hon. Member asked, "What has this to do with the subject under discussion?" It is, in my view, of tremendous impor-It is, in my view, of tremendous importance if we are fighting this war for certain spiritual values and to prevent science being perverted against the working classes. If Christians are making a fight for the things that matter, these spiritual values are worth fighting for." (End of Hansard Extract.)

#### **Compulsory Eugenics**

What would be the first steps needed to usher in the Age of the Science of Eugenics? Without doubt control would be the first essential, control over the individual man and woman, control over

the children and family, control of would-be and expectant mothers. We need not ask whether the sponsors of Eugenics will support the National Health Bill and a State Marriage Welfare Service. These are first steps in the direction they want to go.

'Ridicule and laughter are the proper way to deal with such subjects"the laughter must ring from one end of the land to the other, and liberate the spirit of the people.

–B. M. Palmer.

#### Belief in S.S.

Now compare that with the remarkably similar views of the top-ranking Nazi, Herr Himmler, as told by his doctor (reprinted from The Voice, Hobart, Sept.

Himmler's belief in his S.S. organisation was complete. His devotion to them was second only to Adolf Hitler. To quote from a peroration he gave me on the subject, on June 20th, 1942, which I noted down:

"The National Socialist Party is a careful selection from the ranks of the German people. The S.S. are a body of men selected from this selection. After the war all State officials will be chosen from the S.S., for none but they can offer the guarantee that all of Hitler's ideas will be carried out to the letter.

"When an S.S. man marries, his wife is received into the S.S. Every prospective bride of an S.S. man must therefore be examined for racial purity. Mental assets are of no importance to a woman. Permission to marry must be

asked of me.
"An S.S. man who dares to marry without permission is expelled. Not only does he lose his office and livelihood, but he loses all his rights. . . .

#### "Immoral" Law

He often discussed with me the problem of marriage, marriage laws, and the place of women in society. I made copious notes on one of these lectures of his on May 3rd, 1943. This is what he

"Marriage as it is today is the satanic work of the Roman Catholic Church. Our present marriage laws are absolutely immoral. They presume that X man can find sexual satisfaction in congress with one woman. By that very absurd legal fact men are driven into promiscuity.

"Promiscuity being labelled by the law 'unfaithfulness' a state of tension arises between husband and wife. The State is defeated in its purpose—for this tension leads to mutual dislike, and the birth rate suffers. The marriage laws of today, presumably designed to 'protect' the family, in fact lead to a decrease in the size of families!

"After the war Hitler intends to change these laws. Monogamy will cease be enforced upon promiscuous to mankind. The S-S. and the heroes of the war will have special privileges. They will immediately have the right to take a second wife, who shall be considered to be as legitimate as the first.

#### Bigamy's Reward

I pointed out that there were certain economic difficulties that few men earned enough money to support such a household.

To this Himmler replied: "The permission to have two wives will be a mark of distinction and will carry with it remunerations in salary, bonuses, &c. The man who is permitted to be bigamous will occupy so important a position in the State that he will earn more than enough to support his families. The advantages the State will draw from such

an arrangement are many.

"There will be an immediate upward trend in the birthrate, and the quality of the offspring of such marriages will be superior. Before permission for bigamy is granted the man will, of course, be medically examined in order to ensure that no disease is propagated. *Permission* will only be granted, it goes without saying, to men of pure Germanic race,

proved in their loyalty and courage
"The Iron Cross, First Class, is the
minimum distinction for brayery that will be required. In this way, with fathers of such a class, a new race will be pro-

cured.'

#### Replacing A Wife

I asked him about divorce laws, in

these plans for the future.

"Any soldier," said Himmler, "who has distinguished himself in the war and is racially pure, will be enabled to better himself, matrimonially speaking, after the war, if he so desires. He will be al-lowed to replace a non-Aryan wife with one who is pure Aryan. Divorce will be facilitated in his case. Another cause for divorce will be sterility.

If it is the wife who is sterile she can be operated upon, where an operation is found to be feasible, at the expense of the State. If, after such an operation, she remains childless, the marriage will be automatically dissolved. In the case of the husband being to blame for the lack of children, the woman can report to a special office, the Lebensborn.

"This office will place at her disposal a qualified man, a 'begetter.' The child born of this extra-marital union will be

classed as legally legitimate.

"Every unmarried woman of 30 or over who is childless will be required to report at this office and put herself at their disposal, to be made pregnant. If she resists this order, she will be punished as an enemy of the people.

#### "Order of Mothers"

I suggested that such measures would occasion grief and suffering to countless sensitive women. To this, Himmler replied:

"How can you mention such trifles? Regarded in the light of history such considerations are of no interest. Three hundred years from now who will ask or care to know whether Fraulein Schulze or Fraulein Schmidt was content, exalted, or at peace at the moment she

conceived her child? . .

He went on to say that the title most coveted and revered in the new Germany would be that of "mother." Hitler was planning to create an "Order of Mothers." There would be three classes in that order: the mother of four children would

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## State Medicine Scheme Failure In New Zealand

Dear Sir, —"An ounce of practice is worth a ton of theory." On that assumption I submit we can advantageously consider an experiment in State Medical Service, which has been conducted by a Socialist Government in New Zealand for the past decade. Rising dissatisfaction with the resulting conditions found expression in debates in the House of Representatives, notably during 1945-46, when prolonged debates took place with the result that at the last session of which I have been able to obtain a record (September, 1946), the Minister for Health declared that he had been convinced that the system in operation had been attended by so many abuses that its alteration was inevitable.

He volunteered the information that neither the Government nor he, personally, had liked the scheme, and he announced the formation of a committee to review the whole situation.

The five-day 40-hour week seems to be in general operation in New Zealand, causing extreme discomfort and disloca-tion in many fields, but with especially disastrous effect in medicine. The public finds (1) that it is extremely difficult to secure any medical attention after 6 p.m. or during the week-end, and (2) that the whole tradition of professional service has changed; patients are treated "like sheep passing through a dip," to use the Prime

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receive a cross of bronze; the mother of six a silver cross; the mother of eight a cross of gold.

The possessor of a golden cross was to be entitled "Holy Woman of the Third Reich." "Her testimony," said Himmler, "will have double weight in any court. She will have the right, too, of admittance to Hitler's presence at all times. She will have priority in all Government offices, and will be entitled to a salute from soldiers, the S.S, and the police.

"The Fuehrer himself will be the god-

father of the eighth child in every family. If one of these Holy Women be in financial difficulties the State will provide for her. She will receive a pension. Should a woman have as many as ten children, the State will take under its charge the entire family and pay for the education of all the children, who will receive special land grants in the East.

Prom "APPLIED EUGENICS" by Paul Popenoe and Boswell Hill Johnson (New York. The Macmillan Company, 1933).

Chapter XIX—The science of Eugenics is the natural result of the spread and acceptance of organic evolution, following the publication of Charles Darwin's work on the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection in 1859. It took a generation for his ideas to win the day, but then they revolutionised the intellectual life of the civilised world.

The Eugenics Education Society was formed in 1908 with Francis Galton as honorary President.

For a score of years, under the active leadership of Major Leonard Darwin, a son of Charles Darwin, the organisation has always set a high scientific standard. Its name was later shortened to "The Eugenic Society." Its objects are now stated as follows:—

(1) Persistently to set forth the national im-

to "The Eugenic Society." Its objects are now stated as follows:—
(1) Persistently to set forth the national importance of eugenics, in order to modify (our emphasis) public opinion, and create a sense of responsibility in respect of bringing all matters pertaining to parenthood under the domination of eugenic ideals.
(2) To spread a knowledge of the laws of heredity so far as they are surely known, and so far as that knowledge may affect the improvement of the race.

(3) To further eugenic teaching, at home, in the schools, and elsewhere . . The eugenic aspect of the Orient must necessarily interest eugenists, since apparently the Orient will constitute a much larger proportion of the human species than it does today . . From Chapter XVIII—Taxation has been used in many countries and ages as a means of influencing the birth rate. The fact that births are markedly affected by economic factors makes this a natural line of procedure. (We can't say they didn't tell us!)

Minister's picturesque phrase. The State doctor, it was contended, "pushes patients through at the rate of one every five minutes," and any individual patient taking longer than this is thrust on to the public hospitals, which become consequently filled with trivial cases so that patients seriously ill are crowded out. A general practitioner may, immediately upon qualifying, be sure of a swollen income from the Security Fund (sums of £5,000-£10,000 were cited as frequent), and there is no incentive to undertake the protracted training required for specialist practice (at least twice as long as for a general practitioner); there is already a critical dearth of skilled physicians and surgeons and a consequent fall in medical research and post-graduate study. The de-moralization, which has overtaken the medical profession, is perhaps the saddest outcome of the experiment. A significant development is the enormous increase in the drug bill, indicating that the "bottle of medicine" fetish is rampant. The amount spent on drugs in 1942-3 was £563,000, and in 1946-7 it was £1,439,686. The cost of medical benefits rose from £1,016,000 in 1942-3 to £1,760,574 in 1946-7, and the cost of hospital benefits from £1,539,000 in 1942-3 to £1,986,288 in 1946-7. The total cost in round figures

of security insurance jumped from £21,000,000 in 1945-6 to £35,000,000 in 1946-7. This tax alone bleeds the individual citizen of more than 10 percent of his gross annual income. Yours faithfully,

E. GRAHAM-LITTLE. House of Commons. —*The Tablet* (Eng.), Oct. 18, 1947.

#### Jews and the Russian Revolution

"With the notable exception of Lenin, the majority of the leading figures (in Soviet Russia) are Jews. Moreover, the principle inspiration and driving power

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The same pertains with members of one family.

We are amazed at the diverse personalities that can spring from the same parents, and develop in the self-same home, and apparently identical environ-

Though there may be a certain basic similarity in speech, and a "family likeness" in appearance between certain members, the effect that each individual member has on those about him, and on the community in which he lives, is very different.

This is where people differ so basically from manufactured articles and where the mass-produced article differs from the hand-made product.

You cannot mass-produce people. Despite similar climate, type of environment, and education, personality will out. Each individual makes his or

her own contribution to the whole community, whether it be progressive or destructive, great or small.

'Do you believe in the education of the masses?" I was once asked by a lady who felt keenly her recently elevated social position, "Who do you mean by the masses?" I asked in reply—and she had

This recognition of the value of the individual is indeed at the very root of all our democracy.

There are, of course, in every group of people, some whose personalities are more dominant than others, some who by their innate qualities, or by their training, fit them to be leaders in their own sphere.

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## AN IMPUDENT FOOD RAMP

While Australians are being rationed and asked to deny themselves various kinds of food, five varieties of British-made biscuits are on sale in Perth at 3/8 lb. "Sunday Times" men bought them without restrictions yesterday at a large city store.

Biscuits are made of flour, sugar, fat, and probably butter, all of which are severely rationed in Britain because of the acute food shortage. Even bread, in which no fats are used, is rationed in Britain

Australians are told that the British people are short of food, and yet biscuits, made of rationed ingredients, are being sent 10,000 miles from Britain to compete with Australian made goods on the Australian market.

Last week we told of rye biscuits made in Britain being sold in Perth. And that seemed bad enough. But the latest instance is even worse because everything used is supposed to be badly needed by the British people.

These biscuits are made by the well-known British firm of Carr & Co., and are sent out here in tins, although tin is allegedly so scarce that Britain can't spare enough to allow Australia sufficient for her tinned fruit requirements.

This biscuit ramp is not only bad manners but bad business.

It is bad manners because it is an affront to our people who are denying themselves to send food parcels to England

It is bad business to sell these things in a country like ours where their sale does not return one dollar to make up the dollar shortage in Britain.

The *Sunday Times* is sorry for the British population, which, we are told, is

#### **COMMUNIST MESMERISM**

This bold statement in the Soviet Military Journal, *Red Star*. (Reprinted in *The Christian Science Monitor* of March 8):

8):
"The Communist movement has gained"
possession of the minds of men to such
an extent that there is no power in the
world which could postpone its final
triumph."

Shows not only the technique of Communism but the absolute necessity of individual awareness of its methods of operation. This assertion should be challenged mentally and audibly by every opponent of Communism, lest they become victims of mass mesmerism.

It behoves all believers in Christianity to awaken and know there is no power or influence greater than Almighty God; determined not to allow themselves unwittingly to yield to a state of universal mesmerism; and to be ready to help their upright neighbour to be firm and not become a victim of terrorism and domination . . . the Holy Scripture says: "He disappointed the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise" (Job 5: 12).

Hartford, Conn. (U.S.) Irving S.

Bailey.

—From a letter to *Christian Science Monitor*, April 10, 1948.

hungry or tired of a monotonous food diet. And we even send biscuits in our food parcels to try and help them out.

But apparently certain people in control of these things in Britain are not so sorry, or they would not be sending away 10,000 miles to sell in a sterling country things which are so much needed by their own folk.

It is interesting to note, too, that although Australia can't get tins to send food and other things to Britain, biscuits in tins are being exported from England for sale in Singapore.

We are not concerned with any rambling or evasive explanations that may be offered. We want to know this: —

How can we ask Australians to continue to deny themselves to help Britain in her food shortages when articles in which badly needed flour, sugar, and fats are used are made not to feed hungry Britishers, but exported to compete on a luxury market in Australia?

It is an insult to the generosity and the intelligence of Australians. In blunt language we say that an impudent ramp is being put over. And we object to it.

If Britain can afford to send rationed articles to Australia without even the possibility of earning dollars, then how can she hope to convince Australians that they should continue to send the ingredients of which these things are made to Britain on the plea that she needs this food?

The whole thing is indecent.

—Sunday Times, Perth, January 18, 1948

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## THE DENTAL ASPECT

By E. BRODIE CARPENTER, L.D.S., R.C.S. Eng.

In a recent tribute to Sir Albert Howard which appeared in the "British Dental Journal" reference was made to his "brief, but none the less impressive appearance on the dental stage." Many of the profession know that his imagination had been captured by the connection between nutrition and dental health a number of years ago, and that he was quick to see that the teeth are the first part of the body to show the inroads of improper feeding.

Dr. Weston Price, the dental surgeon who toured the world in search of the reason why the teeth of primitive peoples do not decay, has been consistently quoted by Sir Albert, who brought his work forward in the lecture to the Dental Association and gave it the prominence it deserves. Dr. Price is apt to be neglected in dental circles, and it was characteristic of Sir Albert's great enthusiasm for the subject to have underlined Price's work on nutrition.

#### Children's Teeth

It was after seeing a letter of mine published in the *British Dental Journal* of November 1944, that Sir Albert became so interested in the Royal Commercial Travellers' Schools. In that letter I stated that there had been a very marked improvement in the teeth of the children at these schools since growing their own food and that only organic methods were used. In the summer of 1945 Sir Albert paid a visit to the school

1945 Sir Albert paid a visit to the school. We went down to the fields with the head gardener and did a tour of inspection—the pigs and poultry, which supply the animal waste, the high piles of the compost heaps and clippings from the playing fields, the law of the return to the soil, and the consequent benefit to man being observed in detail.

Next we went and saw the boys working on rows of lettuce and marrow plants, thence to a large field of potatoes, healthy and free from blight, to pulses grown on silt from the River Pin, and broad beans waist high, all showing the cornerstone of sound horticulture on which the dental health of the school is built. Sir Albert was delighted and impressed and paid the school the great compliment of taking some of its produce home.

#### Figures of Improvement

Now follow some figures that show how the teeth of these children have improved since the school became selfsupporting even in potatoes.

In 1939 I graded the children as follows: A, teeth with none to two cavities; B, teeth with three to five cavities; C,

teeth with six or more cavities. In 1941 I examined them again for *fresh* decayed teeth. The numbers altered over these years, from 297 to 221 children, and the figures are therefore given as percentages.

Percentages of children with dental cavities, 1939 to 1947:

,	Α	В	C	
1939, boys and girls	50	32	18	
1941, boys and girls	56 2	27	17	
1945, girls	97	3	None	
boys	100 No	one	None	
1946, girls			None	
boys				
1947, girls			None	
boys		1.2	None	
The consistency since 1945 is quite re-				
markahle				

#### **Debt to Howard**

The dental profession owes a debt to Sir Albert Howard, who has shown a way to view the question of dental decay from a different angle. His lecture on "Nutrition and Dental Health" to the Dental Association gives hope that dental decay may one day be checked through food produced from properly cultivated soil.

—Reprinted from *Soil and Health*, Spring, 1948.

#### FOUNDERS OF CIVILISATION

When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of civilisation.

—DANIEL WEBSTER

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To regain his health, Dr. Barrett had to get out of the city. A friend offered, him an acre on a hot dry hillside at the edge of California's San Fernando Valley, saying, "Pay me \$5 a month when you can." The only growth on the steep slope was cactus and a scrubby peach seedling pushing out of a pile of rusting cans. The wiry little doctor and his wife spent weekends clearing their acre and digging in the shallow soil, to level a site for a shelter.

The doctor's first shovelful revealed a wriggling earthworm. That worm transformed not only the "farm" but Dr. Barrett's life as well. Earthworms have provided him with a livelihood and have made him famous enough to be listed in Who's Who. Horticulturists and government specialists from many lands beat a path to his door. His house is no longer a tiny shack, but a hospitable, ivycovered cottage, surrounded by trees, a grape arbor, and vegetable and flower gardens.

That squirming earthworm on his shovel inspired a mental flashback,

bridging 18 years. Thomas Barrett was a doughboy in France, watching an aged French peasant, oblivious to the booming gunfire, sweep up loose soil at the foot of a damp wall. The doughboy inquired why this particular earth was so precious.

"Le bon Dieu knows how to build good earth and he has given the secret to the earthworms," replied the old Frenchman gravely. He explained how he gathered the earthworm castings by the wall every few days and used them to enrich the soil in which he grew his choicest flowers.

"If a few earthworms could enrich that Frenchman's garden, why couldn't we put them to work turning our hillside into a garden?" Tom Barrett asked his wife that day in 1936.

He read up on earthworms, from Aristotle through Charles Darwin's monumental works, to present-day writers.

Earthworms, by their ceaseless boring, keep the earth's crust friable; they transform vegetable and animal waste into rich humus; they change the earth's (Continued on page 12)

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chemicals into soluble plant food; their countless trillions of tiny tunnels enable rainwater and air to penetrate the soil.

Dr. Barrett concluded that the most useful thing he could do with the rest of his years was "harness the earthworm," maybe help solve some of mankind's acute food problems.

Dr. Barrett named his hillside acre Earthmaster Farm. He started with some earthworms brought in from wellmulched dells in the rainy season. He got others from earthworm farmers. He found that earthworms, in a moist mulch pile, are prodigious reproducers if given all the food they can eat. They thrive on leaves, lawn trimmings, hay, manure, and scraps from the kitchen (which should be buried).

As the doctor experimented, his oncebarren hillside acre became more and more lush.

When he wasn't satisfied with the way a tree or shrub or vine was performing, he dug a hole close to its roots and planted a shovelful of soil from his earthworm culture bed.

Grass grew three times as heavy as on other lots in the vicinity. Petunias grew twice as large. The vines yielded topquality grapes. He grew carrots so big that a single carrot, diced and cooked, filled three standard cans. Some of his peaches weighed a pound.

Experiments at several universities have shown comparable increased yields

due to earthworm activity.

An earthworm, working the surface at night and boring into the earth by day, will cast up his weight in fresh soil every 24 hours. These castings are exceptional plant food. Topsoil, after being thus transformed by earthworms, has been found to be five times richer in nitrogen, seven times more plentiful in phosphate, 11 times richer in potash, in officially conducted tests.

Dr. Barrett estimates that he has now at least a million earthworms boring into his hillside, turning organic waste into topsoil and drilling as much as six feet into the rocky subsoil to bring up minerals that formerly were unavailable to

the roots of growing plants.

A million earthworms, he figures, weigh about as much as a truck horse, but their combined muscles are a hundred times as strong as a horse. They are working around the clock, while a horse could plough only eight hours a day, and they mulch around the roots of plants where a horse and plough couldn't possibly go. Instead of damaging the roots, the earthworms open holes for them in the compact subsoil.

Every so often someone asks Dr. Barrett why he doesn't buy the barren acre next door and turn his earthworms loose

'I don't want more land," he explains. "All I want is more topsoil. We can grow all the vegetables and fruits we can eat on this acre, if we let the earthworms do our cultivating and fertilizing. That's the trouble with people's thinking: everybody wants more acres, when what we need is more topsoil."

The doctor began talking about his earthworms and their achievements to anyone who would listen, and wrote scores of articles and letters to editors, which appeared in gardening and farm journals. When the mail began pouring in, several hundred letters a week, he printed a little book, which he offered for a dollar. To date he has sold 19,000 copies. The booklet is a condensation of a 200-page opus containing all he has learned in his ten-year research into earthworms; three years of this period he spent as a laboratory assistant at California Institute of Technology.

'Every city could maintain a farm where the garbage of the community would be used to feed earthworms and make soil, instead of going to waste," Dr. Barrett says. "The organic waste of a big city, if transformed back into soil by earthworms, could produce enough food to feed the city's population.

"It takes nature 500 to 1,000 years to lay down an inch of topsoil; under favourable conditions a sufficient number of earthworms can do the same job in five years. Any individual, working with compost pile, can start building topsoil for his garden or lawn.

"Crowded on the face of the earth are more than two billion people, depending on our dwindling supply of topsoil for food. It is time," says Dr. Barrett, "that we harnessed the earthworm to rebuild

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