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SIXPENCE WEEKLY

Will There Be War? FIFTH COLUMN MENACE

Events in Berlin over the past few weeks have resulted in an intense interest in the question: Will there be war with Russia? Unfortunately the great majority of those asking this question are unaware that the war has already started. Communism is an international conspiracy and Russia is the main base from which this conspiracy is being directed.

War can be waged by various methods, and people who regard Soviet Russia merely as a military danger are making a serious mistake.

The controllers, of Soviet Russia have large numbers of dupes and conscious traitors working to undermine all British countries from within.

It can be taken as certain that the Soviet gangsters have no desire for military conflict until such time as other countries are virtually on the verge of internal collapse.

Communist Strategy

In his authoritative work, *The Problems of Leninism*, Stalin outlines the major strategy of the Communist conspiracy for those sufficiently interested to read it.

He says: "Objective: to consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat in one country, using it as a base for the overthrow of imperialism in all countries. The revolution is spreading beyond the confines of one country: the period of world revolution has commenced."

The major problem confronting this and other British countries is to ensure that there is a more widespread and intelligent understanding of the Communist technique of corrupting a community from within.

This technique has been clearly outlined in the Canadian Royal Commission's Report on espionage and other Communist activities. Just how many Russian agents there are in this country we do not know, but the Canadian disclosures make it clear that they are in every British country.

International Zionism

At the risk of being termed "anti-Semitic," which, of course, we are not, we again direct attention to the open association between International Zionism and International Communism.

The overwhelming majority of those found guilty of espionage in Canada

were Jews who had in some cases come to Canada from Eastern Europe as "refugees."

The Canadian Royal Commission Report states: "It is significant that a number of the documents from the Russian Embassy specifically note 'Jew' or 'Jewess' in entries on their relevant Canadian agents, showing that the Russian Fifth Column leaders attached particular significance on this matter."

A recent news report over the ABC said that 500 Jewish refugees from the Jewish refugee camps in Cyprus were being flown to Australia. Most of the Jews on Cyprus, of course, were those who were prevented by the British from illegally entering Palestine."

Most of them came from Russian dominated portions of Europe, are fanatical Zionists, and have amongst them many Russian agents.

We ask readers to consider carefully the significance of this matter.

Key Positions Held

In the event of military war with Russia, we are convinced that there are a large number of undisclosed Communists in key positions who could create great internal havoc.

The real Communist menace can only be defeated by a competent exposure on a widespread scale.

It is also essential that it be clearly understood that the Communists exploit the conditions resulting from the financial and economic policies, which so many people still refuse to examine constructively in any way.

The war against International Communism cannot be won unless there are sufficient people prepared to arm themselves with the information and knowledge so essential to victory for the British way of life.

"Pass the Ammunition"

One of the major functions of *The New Times* is to supply the essential "ammunition" for a real offensive against our enemies. It is therefore essential that our readers realise the grave urgency of rapidly increasing the circulation of this journal as quickly as possible.

The facts and information given week by week are necessary for every individual who wants to fight the good fight to prevent the complete destruction of our way of life.

Wars cannot be won without some real fighting.

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

Wake Up, Dr. Evatt!

What is Russia's Military strength? Mr. Holt, M.H.R., asks some pertinent questions of Australia's Minister for External Affairs, Dr. Evatt, who should know, but apparently doesn't.

House of Representatives, May 5th:

Mr. Holt. — I desire to ask the Minister for External Affairs a question based on information, reported through the press, which is alleged to have been given by United States of America military advisers to Congress during recent discussions in the United States of America.

The information includes these items—

The Russians have —

More B-29's than the United States—built from United States models which landed in Russia during the war and which the Russians seized.

An aircraft industry which, in military aircraft, is outbuilding the United States 12 to 1.

Air bases in North-East Siberia across the Behring Strait from Alaska, from

COMMUNIST PROGRESS IN CHINA

Turning now to the Chinese Communists, we find them dominating — apart from Peking, Tientsin, Tsingtao, and two or three more cities—a territory between the Great Wall and the Yangtze five times as big as Great Britain.

In the "liberated areas" they are taking measures to set up a regularly constituted government in place of the loose committee under Mao Tse-tung.

They have unified their currency throughout these areas, and their voluminous news sheet, published weekly in London, gives glowing reports of industrial revival" which certainly contain some truth.

The Communist Party in China is now said to have 2,000,000 members; and it is noticeable that agrarian reform, by which the peasants were first won over, has taken second place to the task of imposing Marxist doctrines and government everywhere.

Mao Tse-tung's New Year broadcast foretold the liberation of "the thousand million peoples of the East" through Marxism-Leninism; and the Communists' May Day slogan was addressed to "the working classes of China and of all countries," with "American imperialism" pilloried as the great enemy.

—O. M. Green, in *The Observer* (London), June 6, 1948.

The New Despotism

Further proof of the ruthlessness of Government monopoly or Government departments is given in the N.S.W. "Labour" Government's recently gazetted regulations.

Under these Hitler-like regulations a worker's wife who uses gas or electricity (which she pays for) before 6 a.m., so that she can prepare her husband's breakfast, is liable to a fine of £500!

In the meantime, the sources of the trouble—high taxation and Communist control of industry—still remain.

which they could bomb any city in the United States.

From 260 to 300 submarines some of them of the German type.

Some 265 divisions (including 95 satellite divisions) which could be expanded to 400 divisions in 60 days.

Is there any official information in the possession of the Australian Government, which would confirm those statements, or establish their substantial truth?

If not, can the Minister state the correct position?

If the statements are substantially true, can he tell us whether any protest has been made by a representative of this or any other English-speaking country, or has an explanation been sought for this abnormal peace-time military and armament activity?

Dr. Evatt. — None of the information sought by the honorable member is in the possession of the Government, so far as I know. . . . I cannot speculate upon pos-

sibilities, but this is the first time I have heard of any such extraordinary expansion in that part of the world.



HAROLD HOLT, M.H.R.
Asks Pertinent Question

In our last issue we published extracts from the important Queensland League of Rights Petition sent to the Governor-General (Mr. McKell), pointing out why he should dissolve Parliament immediately and send the present Federal Government to the country.

Australian electors who believe that in a British country the subject has the constitutional right to approach the Crown or the Crown's representative direct, will be astonished to know that Mr. McKell has refused to accept the Queensland League of Rights latest communication. Its most recent approach to Mr. McKell, sent registered airmail and with an acknowledgment card attached, has been discourteously rejected by the refusal to accept the latter, which was endorsed by the postman "Refused to accept delivery."

The letter followed an earlier complaint to Mr. McKell that letters forwarded to him had been answered in the third person by an "Official Secretary" and bore no signature. The League pointed out to Mr. McKell that, after taking counsel's opinion, it could not consider unsigned letters as official replies.

The League first wrote to Mr. McKell last November asking him to grant a double dissolution. It received a reply from the "Official Secretary" that the petition was being sent to the Governor-General's Constitutional advisers for consideration. No other reply was received.

In May this year the League again wrote to Mr. McKell, pointing out that the result of the Prices Referendum opened the way for a dissolution.

Another reply was received from the "Official Secretary," saying that the matter would be referred to the constitutional advisers. As outlined in the Petition published last week, the Queensland League of Rights then pointed out what these constitutional advisers, Dr. Evatt and Professor Bailey, had to say in Dr. Evatt's well-known work, *The King and His Dominion Governors*, published before the war.

If the King's representative in this country is going to refuse properly presented petitions from responsible organisations representing tens of thousands of electors, it is high time that the Opposition at Canberra took the matter up and asked what Mr. McKell proposes to do about this matter. If Mr. McKell is going to deny British subjects their fundamental right to approach the Crown direct it is obvious that he is not fitted for his position. The Opposition must ask: Is Mr. McKell still a party hack serving narrow party interests? And they must demand an answer.

Article Republished

We were pleased to notice that *The South Australian Farmer* of July 2 reprinted Mr. Eric Butler's important broadcast, "The Only Way To Increase Purchasing Power," published in our issue of June 18.

Fadden Gives Facts On Huge International Commitments

Speaking at Canberra on April 15, Mr. Fadden, leader of the Australian Country Party, made some comment on Australia's international commitments which must be read by every Australian concerned with the preservation of Australia's sovereignty as a part of the British Empire. **The daily Press practically ignored Mr. Fadden's speech, extracts from which we publish:**

.. It is impossible to traverse even a small part of the ground in a debate of this nature. There is need for much more frequent debates on this and kindred subjects, so that current international affairs, and Australia's participation in world organisations, can be more quickly and more closely scrutinised by the Parliament.

The index to the statement on international affairs contains various subdivisions of the United Nations organisation, such as the Interim Committee of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, regional economic commissions, the Economic and Employment Commission, the Trusteeship Council, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Commission for Conventional Armaments, the International Refugee Organisation, as well as several alphabetical word-puzzles such as the I.L.O., the F.A.O., the I.T.O., U.N.E.S.C.O., U.N.R.R.A., and I.C.E.F., Benelux, and so on, almost without number.

Endless Committees

Each of those organisations holds committee and sub-committee meetings, and the difficulty of keeping track of and co-ordinating, their discussions is almost insurmountable.

However, UNESCO has held three specialised meetings.

The first conference dealt with some sort of Latin-American educational fundamentals, in which Australia was represented by observers.

The second conference concerned itself with museums, whilst the third conference discussed the role of philosophers in the modern world.

Again, the Economic Commission for Europe, after conducting negotiations with the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agricultural Organisation, the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, secured a satisfactory division of responsibility in the fields of timber and fertilisers. . . .

Embracing Communism

It is unfortunately true that the relief of starvation in many European countries through Russian aid was obtained only at the price of embracing Communism.

We should be wary of unconsciously assisting Russia in its plan for European domination through economic aid.

For instance, Australian food to the value of £1,000,000,000 was given recently as additional post-UNRRA relief.

I should like to be assured that none of this Australian food will be used merely for the purpose of relieving Russian satellites of some of their economic



THE HON. A. FADDEN
Suggests U.N.R.R. A. Used to Build up Russia

problems, thereby releasing Soviet grain for propaganda purposes elsewhere in Europe.

This matter will need careful investigation, because Poland is apparently one

of the nations to participate in the distribution of this Australian food. . . .

Splitting Sovereignty

All nations, which abide by United Nations decisions automatically lose some of their independence of action; in other words, participation by sovereign States in the United Nations Assembly must result, in some measure, in the transference or division of certain of their sovereign rights.

I fear that Australia may already be committed to a splitting of its sovereignty with the international organisation to a degree, which is not generally recognised.

At the Second Session of the General Assembly, members were called upon to carry out its recommendations on economic and social matters. The Minister admits that these recommendations gave the Council and the Assembly a more direct influence on the economic policies of national governments, and for that reason they received the full support of the Australian Delegation.

I should like to know to what degree these recommendations have mortgaged Australia's freedom of action by compelling future Australian Governments either to abide by the United Nations decisions or to break faith. . . .

New Super-Bureaucracy

Again, Australia is represented on a sub-committee on employment, which considers international action in the field of full employment and economic stability.

What will be the extent of our obligation under these headings?

Will it mean the establishment of a super-bureaucracy, which will regulate

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BRITISH AID TO RUSSIA

Announcement of British-made machines and equipment which Britain has promised to supply Russia with over the next two or three years in return for 750,000 tons of coarse grain has resulted in a great amount of comment in industrial and business circles here.

Russia agreed to send all the grain by September 30, 1948, while Britain has undertaken to supply the Soviet Union with 25,000 tons of light rails and the possibility of a further 10,000 tons.

Release of the list coincided with publication of what *goods and equipment Britain might receive from the United States* under the proposed Marshall Plan to aid Europe.

Informed sources here do not see how Britain can meet this commitment without cutting down the export of goods and equipment promised to other countries, and especially to hard currency areas.

At the same time, no information was released on prices the U.K. is to pay for the grain or what Russia will pay for the goods she gets.

Additional items, which the British have promised to supply, include: 1,100 narrow-gauge locomotives; 2,400 flat trucks; 2,400 two and three drum winches; 210 excavators; 54 caterpillar

loading cranes; 250 automatic timber carriers; 14 tugs; 4 dredgers; 150 mobile diesel electric generators; 24 steam power turbine stations of 500 k.w.; £1,050,000 worth of plywood equipment; £400,000 worth of timber mill equipment; £150,000 worth of scientific and laboratory equipment; 4 pile-drivers mounted on pontoons; 4 sets winding gear; 1 electric dredger; 18 ball mills for copper ore grinding; 8 ball mills for grinding apatite; 3 rod mills for grinding ore; 3 railway steam cranes; 6 complete distributing sets; and 45 isolating switches, 154 k.v.

—World Markets, New York, Feb. 2, 1948.

Any one of the electric generators would supply a Sydney suburb with much-needed electric power, or any industry now held up for power supply.

what we shall grow and how much we shall produce in Australia?

Will it mean international industrial conscription?

Will the redundant, overlapping Commonwealth Employment Offices scattered throughout the States be absorbed as agents within its structure?

We have had more than enough of restrictive regulations on a national scale during wartime, and it will be a poor lookout for us if super-economists on the international scale are to be given the regulation and control of our national economic life. . . .

Faced with unprecedented Government spending at home, we should carefully weigh any increased dollar commitments abroad.

The United Nations budget for 1947 was 28,000,000 dollars. This year it jumped to 39,000,000 dollars, which was subsequently reduced to approximately 35,000,000 dollars.

If the specialised agencies are included, the total will be approximately 60,000,000 dollars.

Added to this, the United Nations is pledging its credit to the United States of America to the amount of 65,000,000 dollars for a building loan.

As the Minister said, it may be that the expenditure of these vast sums is a wise investment.

However, these international conferences have a habit of getting out of hand financially, and I should like to pass an accountant's eye over the de-

Exports To India

According to the "B."B.C. 8 a.m. Bulletin, Home Service, June 14, 17 percent of our exports of capital goods (in the last year?) have been to "India" and "Pakistan." How much of this has been paid for by sterling balances run up in the defence of India? Or to put it still more shortly, How much of it is sheer loss? May we have the names of the Civil Servants involved?

-The Social Creditor (Eng.), June 26.

No Machinery Shortage?

As a matter of interest to our readers who have been following the confusing statements on the coal position and who may have wondered about the alleged shortage of machinery, the following letter from Le Tourneau (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., Rydalmere, N.S.W., is of interest. It is reprinted from *Smith's Weekly* (July 17): "The new Earthmovers mentioned by you to be used at Wensley Bray field of Victorian State Electricity Commission are manufactured by us and we have also supplied large numbers to N.S.W. Water Commission, S.A. Leigh Creek coal authority.

"There's an export trade, too — Australian earthmoving equipment goes to N.Z., Malaya, India, South Africa, Sweden. It, perhaps, isn't generally appreciated how self-sufficient this country is in its manufacturing capacity in this field.

tailed accounts before deciding whether we are getting the most for our money.

Controlling Public Expenditure

Before the next budget of the United Nations is placed before us, we should be given the opportunity to debate the specific expenditure involved.

The Australian nation should not be committed without such consideration to an annual expenditure of nearly 700,000 dollars.

We are obliged to meet 80 percent of our contributions in hard currency, and to pay further large sums in dollars in order to send our numerous representatives and their advisers overseas.

In keeping with the democratic principle that Parliament should have full control of every penny of public expenditure, the United Nations' budget should be presented specifically to this House, so that every member could express his views on Australia's proposed commitments. .

Zionists Dominate U.N. Says American "Letter"

"Nothing in the whole history of U.N. discloses better the forces that dominate it and that probably called it into being. For just one group was interested in forcing through this Palestine project, namely those political Jews who are the backbone of the Zionist Movement.

"We think that most American Jews know little about this question, and care little. They are American first, just as the vast majority of Americans, of other origins, are Americans first. Those who forced this project through UN are Jews first.

"Drew Pearson, who claims to be on the inside of many things, asserted in his column of December 3, that President Truman had 'cracked down harder on his State Department than ever before to swing UN votes for the partition of Palestine.'

"And he proceeded to tell in detail just what Mr. Truman did to put it across. Apparently the international Jewish organisation left no stone unturned to bring pressure on Mr. Truman, and Mr. Truman went all out to carry out the desires of this group.

"This makes it pretty clear that the Truman Administration is in the hands of this group.

"Taken in connection with the bitter fight to land three Jews in the membership of the vitally important five-member Atomic Energy Commission; the aggressive efforts to force through the Communist-inspired FEPC law, as well as the so-called anti-discrimination laws that have been passed in two or three States; the violent efforts to force a modification of our immigration laws to permit the bringing in indiscriminately of more Jews from Europe; the studied abandonment by the federal government after 1941 of keeping records of Jewish immigration; the fact that both this and the preceding Administration of Mr. Roosevelt were infested on almost all levels

International "Democracy"

DR. GAHA (Debate on International Affairs, House of Representatives, April 15):

The representatives of the nations so chosen should attend the United Nations with authority to give and take as the occasion demanded. It would naturally follow that sessions would be held in secret and votes taken in secret so that the peoples of the member nations should not know how their agents spoke or voted. We should then begin to get somewhere in international affairs.

Big Money In International Socialism

The Under-Secretary of the United States Department of Labour, Mr. David A. Marse, has been elected Director-General of the International Labour Office, succeeding Mr. Edward Phelan, who is retiring. The post pays \$20,000 annually. It is non-taxable, with expenses added.

—Canberra Letter, June 21.

with Jewish appointees, many of them Communistic; read in conjunction with all of these facts, it becomes apparent what force has been moulding the policy of the United States in recent years, involving it in war, and making well-nigh treasonable concessions to Soviet Russia.

"It explains why, after a century and a half of closely following American tradition, the United States has become repeatedly involved, at whatever cost, in events all over the world, in most of which she has not the slightest vital interest, but which, if persisted in, will surely lead the American Republic to destruction.

"The Truman Administration has been greatly influenced by this group. So, we believe, to a large extent, was the Republican Party in its campaign in 1936, and especially in its campaigns of 1940 and 1944.

"The grave question before the American people is whether in 1948 the Republican Party will permit itself to be dictated to, both with respect of its platform and its candidate, as in the recent past."

—Economic Council Letter No. 181 (U.S.A.) Empire State Building, New York.

The major item in the Policy Speech at the opening of the Republican Convention in Philadelphia on June 21, 1948 reads:

"We welcome Israel into the family of nations, and take pride in the fact that the Republican Party was the first to call for the establishment of a free and independent Jewish commonwealth."

RUSSIA BACKS SECRET SOCIETY TO AID PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

By JOHN PASSPORT, Foreign Affairs expert for "London Tidings" (May 27).

Back in 1932 a secret organisation known as "Kvarantana" was founded to assist Jews to escape from Germany into the surrounding States. This organisation lapsed to some extent with the outbreak of war, to be revived late in 1945 in Moscow by Professor Mikhoels and Itsyk Feffer.

Mikhoels was at that time director of the Jewish State Theatre, and with the writer Feffer formed a Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow.

During the war three congresses were held, attended by many Soviet public figures, including Zaslavsky, Ehrenburg, and Vasyl Grosman.

Following an extensive tour of America, Canada, Mexico, and Great Britain by Professor Mikhoels and Feffer, it was learned that the "Kvarantana" was functioning again, this time on the Hungarian border of Rumania, near Arad.

Considerable financial support was received especially from two American institutions, the Committee of Jewish Scholars, Writers, and Artists, and the Jewish Council of Russian War Prisoners.

The Soviet Red Cross representative in New York, Dr. Lebedenko, is also reported to have collected considerable sums of money for this secret organisation.

Home in Soviet Union

The stated purpose of the "Kvarantana" was to offer survivors of Hitler's massacres a home in the autonomous region of Birobodzhnan, in the Soviet Union.

Its chief was Leonard Guenzberg former Captain in the Red Army and a Soviet citizen; his deputy, Sasha Mikunishiev, was also a Soviet citizen.

At the headquarters at Arad a comprehensive index system was made of Polish, Rumanian, Hungarian, Czechoslovak, and other Jews who desired to emigrate to Birobodzhnan.

Late in 1946, however, it was found that the destination of the emigrants was not Russia but Palestine, for which most of them set sail from Black Sea ports.

From that moment neither Professor Mikhoels, nor Itsyk Feffer, played any further part in the organisation, which they had been instrumental in reviving.

Towards the end of last year the "Kvarantana" was shut down; its comprehensive card index system was handed over to Trajani Padure, a member of the Central Committee of the Rumanian Communist Party, who was in charge of the Council for Assistance to Palestine at Galatia, and which was from then responsible for transport arrangements to Palestine.

"Diversisionaries"

Quite obviously the possession of such a list of Jews, anxious to emigrate, was of great value to Russia in selecting young candidates for the "Soviet School of Diversisionaries" at Kislovodsk, the

fruits of which are only too evident in the pattern of world events today.

The link between the Soviet and Palestine is the powerful trade union to which nearly all Jews in Palestine must belong—Histadrut.

The great majority of Jewish communities in the Soviet Zone of Germany, and in all the satellite countries, had made contact with Histadrut early in 1947.

This great trade union completely dominates the economic life of the Jewish settlements, and was closely concerned with all Jewish immigration into Palestine.

The centre of pressure from which Russian activity in Palestine is directed is the Soviet Embassy at Ankara; the vehicles used are the Palestine Victory League, which evolved from the Palestine Society for Friendship with the U.S.S.R., and two political parties, the Hashomer Hatzair and Poale, which united this year, and to which nearly half the members of Histadrut belong.

Infiltration

Thus, without the leaders of the trade union of necessity being conscious of it, Histadrut is being carefully infiltrated with young Jewish blood, carefully trained in Soviet methods at one of the fifty-six political training centres for Jews which are functioning in Bohemia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, Slovakia, and in Sub-Carpathian Ruthenia.

Through the action of Zionist organisations in Palestine, the country is thrown into a ferment, which may yet grow into a full-scale war.

Russia, with her eye constantly upon the rich lands of the Near East (and of India and China beyond), marches step by step with all who are at the centre of trouble, Jew or Gentile, and will continue so to do until her object is achieved or the balance of power against her forces her to withdraw frontiers within their natural limits.

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Making Use Of The English

Walter H. Page, American Ambassador to Britain, writing from London on October 25, 1913, to President Wilson, said: —

"The future of the world belongs to us. A man needs to live here, with two eyes in his head, a very little time to become very sure of this. Everybody will see it presently. These English are spending their capital, and it is their capital that continues to give them their vast power. Now what are we going to do with the leadership of the world presently when it clearly falls into our hands? And how can we use the English for the highest uses of democracy?"

—Page 144 of *The Life and Letters of Walter H. Page* (Heinemann, London, 1924).

In 1905 a certain Colonel Goldsmid, of the well-known family of Jewish bankers, recommended to Dr. Theodore Herzl, the Zionist, the imposition of heavy taxes upon land, with a view to the ruin of the landholders.

It will be observed that this was prior to the "Liberal Landslide" of 1906, which inaugurated the period of "spending our capital," e.g., Estate and Legacy Duties, to which Mr. Walter H. Page makes reference.

There is an exact parallel between the sweeping victory of the Liberals (the financiers' party) with whom the nascent Labour Party was associated in 1906, and the sweeping victory of the Labour Party (with whom the financiers are associated) in 1945, and the history of the years 1906-14 can be seen clearly as a coherent part of the "use of the English for the highest uses of democracy," i.e., their subordination to Wall Street.

—The Social Creditor (Eng) June 26.

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OUR TASK

From time to time we are told by some well meaning supporters that we should not be so "negative" but more "constructive." We are urged to put forward "our scheme" for solving the community's problems. While appreciating the point of view of those who make these and similar suggestions, we feel that they indicate a misunderstanding of the basic problem confronting us. It is not only useless, but very dangerous, to put forward technical financial or other schemes when we have no sanctions to compel the introduction of such schemes. This does not mean, of course, that those who require to make a detailed study of finance, etc., should not do so. We have an excellent range of literature for such people, and will supply any technical information to people requesting it.

Before any problem can be solved, the first essential is to ensure that the problem is clearly stated and generally understood. So far from the basic problem confronting us being clearly understood, we have no hesitation in saying that there has never been such confusion in the community. This confusion has been deliberately created. One of the major tasks of this journal is to remove this confusion. It has been well said that a problem clearly stated is half solved. We ask our readers to consider this point carefully.

"Perhaps the best approach to the issue is to recognise that we are at war. Now, wars can only be won by the application of the correct principles of warfare. The first principle of warfare is to identify the enemy and to study his methods. This may appear very "negative" to some people, but how can any enemy be attacked and defeated unless those opposing him clearly understand what he is about. Is it suggested that there is general understanding amongst the Australian electors concerning the identity and methods of their enemies? Surely not.

"The New Times" is produced for that section of the community which has the will to understand the basic problem. It attempts to provide understanding. Every reader should use the information we give. In this way understanding will be increased in the community. And when there is understanding action can be taken. But how can intelligent action be taken unless there is first understanding? We ask our readers to be realistic and face this issue. Do not let us dissipate our efforts in directions, which cannot, at present, lead to success.

One of the most important tasks our readers can engage in at present is to make certain that the information we make available every week is made available to those "key" members of the community who may be able to do something effective as a result of having this information. There are plenty of "positive" activities for those who really want action.

A Vital Lesson For Actionists

There is a well-known story, probably apocryphal, of a successful General in the American Civil War who was asked by a European officer what school of strategy he favoured. "Don't know nawthin' about this yer strategiee, but I gets there firstest with the mostest."

There is a lesson in this story, which is important to Social Crediters, bearing in mind that the General was, pardonably, confusing strategy and tactics.

FIX YOUR OBJECTIVE IN RELATION TO YOUR RESOURCES. *This is rather more than to say concentrate on a narrow front — it means narrowing your front until you MUST break through.*

There are hundreds of spots in the present position which are vulnerable to quite weak forces.

—*The Social Crediter* (Eng.), July 10.

The Brutality Of The Mass-Mind

"Ortega y Gasset sums up the situation in his well-known book *The Revolt of the Masses* with a harsh candour we shall do well to ponder. He says:

"The characteristic of the hour is that the commonplace mind, knowing itself to be commonplace, has the assurance to proclaim the rights of the commonplace and to impose them wherever it will. . . *The mass crushes beneath it everything that is different, everything that is excellent, qualified, and select. Anybody who is not like everybody, who does not think like everybody, runs the risk of being eliminated.* And it is clear, of course, that this 'everybody' is not 'everybody.' 'Everybody' was normally the complex unity of the mass and the divergent specialised minorities. Nowadays 'everybody' is the mass alone. Here we have the formidable fact of our times, described without any concealment of the brutality of its features."

—F. M. R. Walshe.

If anyone has an explanation of majority rule, which will meet this criticism, we should like to hear of it.

The Hallmark Of A World Idea

Experience of life and politics leads to the conclusion that the German conception of the *zeitgeist*—the idea which is "in the air" is always one with which to reckon.

To what extent it is the fruition of propaganda, or, on the other hand, an unexplained upsurge of the sub-conscious, is not always clear.

It is possible that there are two varieties, a "real" and a synthetic, but without one of them little that is effective can be done.

One of the most astonishing, and in some ways un-noticed accompaniments of Social Credit propaganda is the sub-conscious and often instantaneous recognition of its appropriateness—always the hallmark of a world idea.

In the same way Constitutional reform is recognised as a live issue everywhere

—*The Social Crediter* (Eng.), June 26.

CHILDREN OF THE MARTYR RACE

By Maurice M. Feuerlicht.

(Condensed from "The Forum" and reprinted from "Digest of World Reading" Tenth-Anniversary Reader.)

I learned early in life that I was Jewish, and that there was a "Jewish problem." Through the years I have learned further that Jews as a group do not act like normal people, and by normal, I merely mean the majority of citizens.

As the son of a Rabbi and the product of a typical Jewish environment, I am hardly prejudiced against Jews, and I have no desire to avoid being known as a Jew. But I do not believe there are any Jews at birth. Their Jewish consciousness is cultivated consistently from the moment they are capable of understanding the spoken word. Every religious experience thereafter tends to remind them that they are not Gentiles. My earliest memory is the celebration of the Feast of the Lights, or Chanukah. I sat at my father's feet, as have countless other Jewish youngsters, and heard him tell the thrilling story of Judas Maccabeus and his brave band, who risked their lives for their religion. I lighted candles and sang,

"Children of the martyr race,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes with your song
Where ye may be scattered."

I had the theme, "Children of the Martyr Race," dinned into my consciousness so deeply that it became a basic element of my daily life. Almost the first words I understood were "oppressed* people," "martyrs," "prejudice," "persecution." When little Gentiles called me "Jew," my parents carefully explained that the boys meant to insult me, and that the world didn't like Jews.

Home Instruction

My home instruction never allowed me to forget the past. Vicariously, every Jewish youngster suffers the pains of persecutions, which have been visited upon his group for 3,000 years. After Chanukah, I celebrated Passover, and hated Pharaoh with all the fervour of my childish heart, because he persecuted the Jews. Lest I forget the hasty flight through the Red Sea, I ate unleavened bread to remind me of hardships suffered 2,000 years ago. In Sunday School and at home, while other children learned fairy tales and played with tin soldiers, I learned of the tortures of the Spanish Inquisition and of the Jewish confinement to the Ghetto and the Pale.

Like all other Jewish children, I emerged with a "persecution complex," which grew stronger as I grew older. I did not learn a great deal about the religious principles of Judaism, but I certainly knew all about the Dreyfus case, the Ku-Klux-Klan, the country club, and hotel restrictions. The knowledge, more than anything else, constitutes the Jewish consciousness we have today, for we are more conscious of our maltreatment than we are of our religion.

Persecution Complex

Our persecution complex makes us abnormal in dealing with our neighbours. The Jew who flunks in school, fails to get a job, or make a club, or sell an order, says, "They were prejudiced; it is

because I am Jewish." Few of us have the courage to admit that the fault might rest in our personal make-up. It is true of human nature generally that men seek the blame for failure everywhere except at their own doorstep, but we Jews diverge from the normal when this becomes a mental habit with which we constantly salve the wounds of all our failures.

In the prominent Eastern school which I attended, 15 percent of the student body was Jewish, several distinguished members of the faculty were Jews, yet the college had been charged with discrimination in admissions. And an astounding number of Jewish parents made equally astounding charges of prejudice because their son had failed to make a team, an office, or had failed a course of study. I knew from daily contact that many of these boys were

unmannered, lazy, spoiled youngsters, who constantly carried a chip on their shoulder — who would have been just as undesirable if they had been Presbyterians or Confucianists.

Chip On His Shoulder

An infinite number of similar examples could be given, covering every phase of life and every type of Jew. For the many cases of actual prejudice do not obscure the fact that too often the prejudice ascribed to race is a completely justified personal one. Most Gentiles are fair-minded and judge individuals on their own merits. It is the Jew with the chip on his shoulder who creates false issues and makes Gentiles dread him.

A person with a "martyr complex" harbours a desire to hit back blindly. The appearance of a Gentile at any Jewish social function is severely criticised by those very Jews who are most anxious to gain recognition in Gentile social functions. If a Jew commits the most heinous of all offences, and marries a Gentile, he feels the full force of prejudice, which Jews have built around themselves.

The far-reaching consequences of the martyr complex go beyond any effect on the individual Jew, however, and do not leave unmarked even the most sympathetically inclined Gentiles. Since the

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MR. CHIFLEY SAYS "TIGHTEN YOUR BELT"

As we expected, Mr. Chifley has returned with a "tightening of the belt" programme similar to that of Mr. S. M. Bruce (now Lord Bruce) of some years ago. According to the *Melb. Sun*, July 14, Mr. Chifley's 3-phase programme is: (1) An inspiring campaign to increase production and abolish strikes, &c.

As high taxation is sabotaging our production and is the main cause of strikes, our P.M. either intends substantially reducing taxation or he is merely indulging in hypocritical and idle talk.

Number two is a more vigorous supply of exports to earn dollars — more self-denial resembling Britain's export drive.

Britain's export policy, which we are expected to imitate is—longer working hours, if anything, less production, and then export everything she badly needs herself.

Mr. Chifley should know that the more any country exports, obviously the worse off that country must be.

Point (3) reads—"Willingness to share with Britain the risks incurred in obtaining a dollar loan."

This journal long ago pointed out the risks incurred in the Dollar Loan and Bretton Woods, but it is something to hear Mr. Chifley admit it, as previously he had nothing but praise for these international financial schemes. How he expects electors to share his "willingness" is hard to understand!

Then there is to be a campaign for more self-denial, so that we can send more food to Britain.

The New Times has repeatedly pointed out that only a very small percentage of our exported food is going to Britain, and that a great deal of it is being shipped to



PRIME MINISTER CHIFLEY
Announces More Austerity

countries that are anti-British. At the same time we are importing foodstuffs from Britain. *It is up to Mr. Chifley to see that our food is exported direct to Britain.*

If the Government relaxes taxation and controls which are stifling our food production and gives the primary producers a real incentive to produce, then this country will supply plenty of food both for herself and the Mother Country, as she did in the pre-war years.

THIS IS IMPORTANT!

The following are a few brief comments on our circulation drive. Unfortunately the offer of excellent cash prizes for readers obtaining the greatest number of subscribers by September 10 has not resulted in any great response.

The offer of cash prizes was, of course, an experiment. At the time of going to press we have only heard from several Melbourne readers.

Would any other readers who have obtained readers or are intending to get readers please communicate with us immediately in order that we shall know whether to continue the competition as a worthwhile avenue of activity for obtaining new readers.

We desire to impress upon our readers the great importance of the circulation of *The New Times* being increased by at least 500 in order that with the present sized production we can pay our way without a subsidy from share capital and donations. Surely it is not beyond our thousands of readers to obtain

this limited objective of 500 new readers within a few weeks.

We urge every reader to make a determined effort to get at least one new reader over the next few weeks. The improved quality of *The New Times* has been commended by readers from all over Australia.

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Melbourne readers can make a worthwhile contribution to our circulation drive by forwarding us the names and addresses of likely subscribers to *The New Times*. We shall then make arrangements for these prospective subscribers to be called upon.

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"Once the cross was in all the flags of Europe, of France, Prussia, Russia, Austria, and the others. Now it remains only in that of this country, the Scandinavian ones, Switzerland, and Greece.

—*From Smoke to Smother*, Douglas Reed, p. 49.

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Children of Master Race

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Jew is hypersensitive on the subject of his Judaism, Gentiles fear to offer constructive criticism lest they be accused of prejudices. Thus the Jew is denied the benefit of honest evaluation of the very real differences and prejudices existing.

Great Tragedy

The great tragedy of this attitude is the inconsistency on the part of the Jew who complains bitterly because he is not accepted by the world as an individual first, and a Jew second. He forgets that his own first reaction is that of a Jew. If the newspapers state that: "Isaac Rubens, 26, Jewish, robbed the Smith Grocery last night," every Jew in town is up in arms against the editor for the gratuitous libel. But if Albert Einstein presents a revolutionary scientific theory, those same Jews glow with satisfaction at the phrase, "the great Jewish scientist." We must decide whether we want the world to think of us as individuals or as Jews.

I believe we Jews will never be normal individuals as long as we foster our martyr complex; so long as we remain evasive of self-appraisal and self-improvement, and so long as it is easier to blame the other fellow for our own faults.

We can never reconstruct our relations with the Gentiles if we dwell bitterly on the injustices and blind prejudices we have met. Let us not look at our Gentile with accusing eyes; let us turn our thoughts inward; let us look to the promise of the future rather than the scars of the past, and then perhaps we may find it possible to be at once good Jews as well as good neighbours.



GREAT BRITAIN ENSLAVED! Douglas Reed Exposes Socialist Tyranny

In his latest book, "From Smoke to Smother" Douglas Reed, famous British writer, outlines in detail the most damning indictment of the Socialist regime in Great Britain which we have yet read. This frightening book should be placed in the hands of every responsible Australian.

It is a complete answer to those people who keep on protesting that "It can't happen here." The fate of the British people is of vital concern to every thinking Australian.

Douglas Reed makes it clear that he does not subscribe to the misleading nonsense about the plight of Great Britain being the mere result of the "incompetence" of Socialist politicians. In his summary of the situation in Great Britain, he writes:

"The world today is witnessing a planned deliberate attempt to reduce a great nation to serfdom, and the unplanned, convulsive, instinctive effort of that nation to evade the closing clutch."

"It is the decisive stage in the great design which, in the course of 150 years, has re-enslaved nearly all Europe. If it succeeds, not only England, but Europe as we know it, will be finished."

Same as Germany

In the introduction to his survey of the Socialist tyranny in Great Britain, Reed says: *"In the moment of victory (in 1945, after the General Election), a British Government began to inflict on my own country all the penalties of defeat which a conquering Hitler would have imposed, and to set up in England, stage by stage, the regime which I had watched Hitler build in Germany."*

Reed believes that serfdom in Great Britain really started with the introduction of bread rationing by former Communist Strachey: "Bread tickets, as I knew from observation abroad, are the recognisable keystone of dictatorship, a word which means starvation, destitution, and imprisonment brought about by governmental action . . . their importance is that no man can be starved if he may freely buy bread; while he cannot, his submission to every decree can be enforced by denying it to him."

Reed effectively disposes of the myth about bread rationing being imposed because of a world wheat shortage. Our regular readers will recall the great amount of factual material we have published on this subject from time to time.

All-Powerful Bureaucracy

Reed's indictment of the imposition of despotism by the expansion of an all-powerful bureaucracy will sound terribly familiar to Australians who have watched the growth of the same type of despotism in this country.

"In Attlee's Government," writes Reed, "are Ministers whom England never knew before in peace: One for Food, one for Fuel and Power, one for Housing . . ."

"Now the Minister 'for Food' proved to be for rationing, that is, against food; the one 'for Fuel and Power' did not increase and cheapen light and power, but 'rationed' them under penalties; the one 'for Housing' forbade men to build houses, 'rationed' bricks, mortar, and timber, and punished the offender against these vetoes."

Enforcement Officers

By January 1947 there were 380 "Food Enforcement Officers" in England with powers to enter and search private homes—powers not even made available to the police in cases of murder. Reed sees in the "Food Enforcement Officers" the first shadow of the secret police.

Questioned in the House of Commons in 1947, Mr. Attlee admitted that 17 of his Ministers and their subordinates had the power to authorise inspections involving entry into private houses without a magistrate's warrant. Reed says that this state of affairs means the return of the "spy informer."

"Reptilian by nature, they are always just below the surface, waiting to be used. I saw them build up the Gestapo State in Germany. In England, in 1947, a Chief Constable 'appealed to private citizens to inform the police of any instances which come to their notice of wastage of electricity by householders . . . names and addresses will have to be given, but will be treated as confidential by the police.'"

This recalls the appeal, by a taxation official, to Australians to act as anonymous informers concerning fellow Australians thought to be escaping the clutch of the taxation Monopoly.

The Communist Menace

Reed makes some startling statements about the Communist menace in Great Britain. He knows all about the most dangerous of these traitors; those who do not disclose their affiliations. He claims that one-tenth of the 393 Socialists elected in 1945 are undisclosed Communists. He points out that most of the Communist strength is the result of domination of the trade unions.

The Communists supported the direction of labour policy of the Attlee Government, as they did the imposition of bread rationing.

In dealing with the large number of Jews, most of them rabid Zionists, in the British Socialist Party, Mr. Reed does not pull his punches. He also quotes an estimate, which states that between 60 and 70 members of the House of Parliament are Jews. *This significant fact has received no publicity in the daily press of this country.*



DOUGLAS REED
Former "Times" correspondent in Germany. Author of "Insanity Fair," "Disgrace Abounding," "Lest We Regret," "All Our Tomorrow," "A Prophet at Home," etc.

The Police State

Reed's book is an overwhelming answer to the question often asked by many sincere but misled people: "Is it possible to implement Socialism without introducing the Police State?" The sponsors of the Socialist racket had no illusions about this matter.

The hard cold facts concerning the Socialist regime in Great Britain should leave no reasonable person with any doubts about this matter. Those who want to ignore the facts must be recognised for what they are: power lusters similar to those controlling Soviet Russia and large parts of Europe.

Reports from Great Britain state that Douglas Reed's *From Smoke To Smother* will undoubtedly be a best-seller. It may prove to be one of the most important books of recent times.

HOW AUSTRALIANS ARE BEING SWINDLED BY THE PARTY POLITICAL GAME

By H.R.

After a run dating back to the early days of the war, during most of which time the Chifley Government basked in the sunshine of approval from the "capitalist" Press, so that electors came to accept it as a permanent institution, there have been fairly obvious signs during the past few months that the same Press has taken upon itself the responsibility of preparing "public opinion" for a change.

How far that change will be removed from any change of policy is indicated in the evidence presented below.

Whether or not "public opinion" responds to the present press campaign there are signs that our "Labour" politicians, who know quite well who pulls the strings in Australian politics (particularly the purse strings), are preparing against the possibility of the worst, whilst no doubt still hoping for the best.

Stage Being Set

To those who can read between the lines in Canberra politics it is clear that the hope behind the Representation Bill (1948) is that the not-so-safe Labour seats will be made safe and the safe seats become safer yet, whilst an enlarged Senate elected by proportional representation will prevent a landslide there.

Seeing that the stage is being prepared for a change of the actors in the not so distant future, it might be wise, and not without profit, to explore the possibility of a change of policy away from the totalitarianism of Mr. Chifley and his Socialist caucus.

To do that we must examine the history of the present "opposition" and take particular note of their more recent utterances.

"Opposition" Statements

Perhaps the best point for the commencement of our search is the confessions of Messrs. Menzies, Spender, and Harrison when rising in defence of the people's freedom and the Constitution at the commencement of the debate on the Rents and Prices Bill (1948).

On that occasion Mr. Menzies said: "I say quite plainly that there are speeches of mine to be found in which I have advocated a system in which there would be a great centralisation of power with an effective decentralisation of function. But the events of the past few years have changed all this."

This is how Mr. Spender eased his conscience: "I have changed certain of my views on centralising power because I have come to realise in the past few weeks and days that a government may use its power irrespective of the wishes of the people."

The conscience of Mr. Harrison, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, had also to

be salvaged before the wicked totalitarians could be put to flight. These are the words with which he emptied the skeletons from his private cupboard:

"There was a time when I was a strong supporter of unification and believed in the centralisation of power in Canberra, but I have learned that when a government is dishonest enough to introduce into the Parliament legislation designed to affect fundamentally the lives of the people, without having a mandate to do so, there is danger of the loss of freedom."

Convenient Change

This change of outlook in the Opposition leaders seems to have conveniently occurred at the same time and the right time, and to have conveniently coincided with a newspaper campaign against the Chifley Government.

It is clear from the above utterances that the three gentlemen who made them are not so much concerned with the centralisation of power as such, as they are with the continued exercise of power by a party other than their own.

This concern of the leaders of the Opposition for the will of the people seems strangely out of place against the classic statement by Mr. Menzies in his book, *The Forgotten People*, that:

"It is notorious that many electors believe that the function of their member of parliament is to ascertain, if he can, what a majority of his electors desire, and then to plump for it in parliament. A more stupid and humiliating conception of a member of parliament can hardly be imagined."

If Mr. Menzies has outgrown his contempt for the will of the elector, he certainly gave no indication of it when he and a majority of the "opposition" cooperated so readily with the socialist totalitarians in the ratification of the Bretton Woods "Agreement", quite unconcerned for the will of anyone other than the people behind the international control of finance.

Earlier Opinions

In 1939, when Mr. Spender was Assistant Treasurer of the Commonwealth, he said: "Our Constitution is inadequate. I hope the time will come when the States will completely disappear. There is no

rational reason why the States should be maintained."

There is reason to believe that Mr. Menzies had similar aims at that time, and the Melbourne *Herald* of 19th October had this to say regarding some of the present "defenders" of State sovereignty:

"'Wartime is no time to be meddling with the Constitution,' said the Federal Country Party Leader (Mr. Cameron) commenting on reports that three Federal Ministers—the Assistant Treasurer (Mr. Spender), the Postmaster-General (Mr. Harrison), and Sir Frederick Stewart—advocated the abolition of State Parliaments."

But the above are not the only skeletons in the cupboards of the parties which constitute the Opposition at present. It should not be forgotten that price control was originally introduced by the Menzies Government at the outbreak of war, with no right of appeal to the Minister, together with many other controls.

It is also interesting to reflect that one of the parties in the present Opposition was responsible for the establishment of most of the boards set up to control the farmer.

(To be Continued.)

Horsham Meeting

The second of the series of discussion groups being conducted by the Horsham Voters' Policy Association was held last Thursday, July 15. Mr. Eric Butler was the speaker. There was much excellent discussion after his talk. We again urge other supporters to follow the lead of our Horsham supporters.

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The Benefits Of Composting

The following is a brief summary of the principal benefits of compost farming or gardening:

The fertility of the soil is increased, resulting in greater production.

The soil's ability to absorb rain and retain water is improved. This should be carefully considered by Australian agriculturists, most of whom have a comparatively low rainfall.

In his *Pay Dirt*, the American organic farming authority, Rodale, says that compost increases the capacity of the soil to absorb and retain rainfall by up to 50 percent.

No Erosion, Few Floods

There is no soil erosion and few floods.

The increased flooding of rivers in many parts of the world can be traced directly to the destruction of vegetation and humus by fires, the indiscriminate falling of timber, over-cropping, &c., in the water sheds.

Howard writes: "There is . . . ample humus (in the forest soil) for the direct absorption of moisture. The excess drains away slowly by way of the sub-soil. There is remarkably little run-off, even from the primeval rain forest. Hardly any soil is removed. Nothing in the nature of soil erosion occurs. The streams and rivers in forest areas are always perennial because of the vast quantity of water in slow transit between the rainstorms and the sea. There is therefore little or no drought in forest areas because so much of the rainfall is retained exactly where it is needed. There is no waste anywhere."

The soil is looser and more easily worked.

This saves work, which helps to compensate for the time spent in making compost.

The farmer or gardener can start work much sooner after rain.

Soil lacking in humus is very sticky after rain and later sets hard.

More Earthworms

The greater the humus content of the soil, the greater the number of earthworms.

One of the most damning indictments against chemical fertilisers is their destruction of earthworms. The earthworm plays an important role in increasing soil fertility.

Boring deep down into the soil they bring basic minerals to the top.

Earthworm castings have a great fertiliser value. In recent years there has been a great awakening to the fact that the earthworm is one of the greatest assets the farmer and gardener has. In his book, *Vegetable Mold and Earth-*

worms, Charles Darwin estimated that earthworms will, in fertile soil, add an average of 1/5 of an inch in thickness of topsoil every year.

Organic soil will not pack hard under the weight of heavy machinery.

Aeration is much better.

It has been shown that the roots of plants in poorly aerated soils suffer from asphyxiation and practically strangle. It is well to remember that the burrowing of earthworms also helps aerate the soil.

Heat Absorption

Compost darkens the soil and permits the quicker absorption of heat.

The soil thus warms up earlier in the spring and helps germination of seeds.

In his agricultural classic, *The Clifton Park System of Farming*, the great English authority, Robert H. Elliot, writes:

"It is important to note too that the

air passing over a humus-fed soil would be cooler and moister than air passing over a mineralised soil. The dew-fall therefore would be greater and when the land throughout the country becomes generally humus-fed, the rainfall would be more advantageously distributed, and fall over a greater number of days in small showers instead of in heavy falls as in the case when the land is clothed with forest."

Soil Healthier

Plants grown on compost manured soils are healthier.

Insects do not attack healthy plants grown on compost. This eliminates the necessity for all the time and money spent on chemical sprays.

It is surprising how some agriculturists will argue against composting because of "extra" work while they spend long hours on spraying, &c., necessitated by diseases which would be eliminated by the use of compost.

The production of healthy crops, plants, and animals by composting would soon result in a considerable reduction in human diseases.

UNREALISTIC EXPERIMENTS AT ROTHAMSTED RESEARCH STATION

Lady Eve Balfour, famous authority on modern methods of organic farming, paid a visit to the orthodox agricultural research station at Rothamsted, England. She described what she saw in a recent edition of the Quarterly Review, "Mother Earth," journal, of The Soil Association.

On the morning of the day I spent with him, Dr. Ogg [Director of Rothamsted Agricultural Research Station, England] most kindly took me on a personally conducted tour of some of the laboratories at Rothamsted. Some of the work being done in them is of very great scientific interest, but I could not help thinking it was a pity that the fragmentary laboratory technique was carried into the field experiments, where something a little more realistic, one felt, would have been of more practical use.

So-called Compost

Later, I was taken to the farm at my own insistence. I naturally asked to see any compost they had been making or any composting experiments that were being done. *The thing that startled me most was to discover the nature of the material, which the Rothamsted workers call compost.*

There is a concrete pit, like a small swimming bath, where straw is soaked with water mixed with sulphate of ammonia, and then forked out onto a kind of draining board.

A second so-called type of compost consists in very large heaps of waste ma-

terial from threshing, simply left to rot by itself.

Some so-called compost is also made with farmyard manure as its basic ingredient, but even this has sulphate of ammonia added to it.

12 Months To Make

None of these "composts" take less than twelve months to make, and even after that period no true decomposition has taken place. The straw is shorter, but it is still obviously straw. The beautiful, fine, leaf-mould material—practically soil—, which we understand as compost, is unknown at Rothamsted.

This means, of course, that any statement of opinion which comes out of Rothamsted, as to what compost can or cannot do, and similarly any criticism as to our claims of what it can and cannot do, must be the result of secondhand information or else of guesswork.

They are certainly not the result of any experimental work undertaken there.

Primary Production Boards in Victoria: Staff and Salaries

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 16th JUNE. Mr. LECHTE (Oakleigh) asked the Minister of Agriculture—

1. What is the number of State statutory boards and committees which deal with primary products in Victoria?

2. What total number of persons is employed, and what salaries and allowances are paid to members of these boards and committees?

Lieut.-Colonel DENNETT (Minister of Agriculture).—The answer to the first question is—

1. Fourteen boards and committees. The answer . . . is as follows— 2. Total number of persons employed is 634.

The salaries and allowances paid to members of these boards and committees are as follow:—

Victorian Inland Meat Authority—
Chairman, £1,300 a year; members, £400 a year; travelling allowance, 20/ a day.

Grain Elevators Board— Chairman, £1,250 a year; members, £4/4/ a day. (Wheatgrowers' representative, maximum, £400 a year; railways' representative, maximum, £275 a year.) Travelling allowance, 16/ a day; interstate travelling allowance, 32/ a day.

Milk Board—
Chairman, £1,000 a year (plus cost of living allowance); members, £3/3/ a day (maximum, £400 a year); travelling allowance, 16/ a day; interstate travelling allowance, 32/ a day; special travelling allowance to one member to attend meetings, 30/ a day.

Victorian Dried Fruits Board—
Chairman, £675 a year (plus cost of living allowance); members, £100 a year; travelling allowance, 25/ a day.

Potato Marketing Board— Chairman, £400 a year; members, £200 a year; travelling allowance, 17/ a day; interstate travelling allowance, 30/ a day.

Onion Marketing Board— Chairman, £400 a year; members, £150 a year; travelling allowance, 17/ a day; interstate travelling allowance, 30/ a day.

Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board—
Chairman, £350 a year; members, £250 a year; travelling allowance, 17/ a day; interstate travelling allowance, 30/ a day.

Chicory Marketing Board—
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