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## "Democratic" Leaders Used By the Soviet Gangsters

Radio Talk by ERIC D. BUTLER, over 3CS Colac

Whatever one thinks of General Franco's regime in Spain, the following letter by Franco to Sir Samuel Hoare, British Ambassador to Spain, on February 21, 1943, reveals that long before the war finished the Spanish Government was fully aware of the menace of Soviet Communism to the whole of Western Europe: "Our alarm at Russian advances is common not only to neutral nations, but also to all those people in Europe who have not yet lost their sensibilities and their realisation of the peril.

"Communism is an enormous menace to the whole world, and now it is sustained by the victorious armies of a great country, all those not blind must wake up."

In replying to Franco's letter, Sir Samuel Hoare made statements, which, in the light of subsequent developments, are almost unbelievable.

He said: "You say the greatest European danger is Communism and that a Russian victory would bring the destruction of European civilisation and of Christian culture. Our point of view is, on the contrary, entirely different. . . . The feasible situation at the end of the war will be thus: French, English, and American armies will occupy the European Continent. These armies will be supplied with the best war weapons and would include fresh first order troops, not wasted and tired as those of Russia's armies. . . . British influence will be the greatest ever seen in Europe since the time of Napoleon's downfall. . . . So I accept no fear of after-war Russian danger for Europe. Nor can I accept the idea that Russia will at the end of the war follow an anti-European policy of her own."

If other British leaders accepted the views expressed by Sir Samuel Hoare—and it is obvious that they did—it is not surprising that the Soviet gangsters made them pawns in their plans for world conquest.

### *The Truth About Yalta and Potsdam*

The terrible truth about what happened at the Yalta and Potsdam Conferences is now emerging. Surrounded and advised by such pro-Communists as Morgenthau, Roosevelt agreed to every major demand made by Stalin.

Increasing numbers of Americans are coming to realise that the Roosevelt

regime was one of the most corrupt of modern times.

The March issue of the American journal *The Cross and The Flag* contains the following item: "Sixteen thousand bottles of liquor were consumed at the Yalta Conference. It was at this conference that the diplomats, including Roosevelt, drank from 30 to 40 toasts at a sitting. It was at this conference that Roosevelt violated his oath, superseded his authority, and gave away territories, islands, and whole nations to Stalin. It was at this drunken orgy that Roosevelt agreed virtually to lower millions of white boys into human slavery." It has been since revealed that Roosevelt and Stalin united in opposition to Churchill's proposal that the British and American armies should invade Europe from the Mediterranean-soft under-belly of Europe." as Churchill termed it. The result of the rejection Churchill's policy was the subjugation of the whole of Eastern Europe by Soviet Russia.

### *Held Back U.S. Army*

The Roosevelt regime was responsible for deliberately holding back the American armies until the Russians first reached Berlin.

And what a fantastic decision for the British; and Americans to agree to the taking over of a portion of Berlin when Berlin itself was inside the Russian dominated portion of Germany.

It would almost appear that the way was deliberately prepared for the present Berlin crisis. We must face the fact that

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the Communist crusade against European civilisation and Christian culture has been aided and abetted by the blind folly of British and American "leaders." There has also been deliberate treachery by powerful groups, such as those who controlled Roosevelt. So far from the war forcing the Soviet dictators to deviate from their long-range objectives, they simply used it to further those objectives.

### *Policy of World Conquest*

Every "agreement" entered into by Stalin is regarded merely as a matter of expediency for the furtherance of the major policy of world conquest. Anyone who denies that there is a

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### **OUR POLICY**

1. The preservation of Australia's sovereignty as a part of the British Empire, and the exposure of all internal and external groups which attack that sovereignty.
2. The preservation and extension of genuine local government.
3. The preservation and strengthening of all Constitutional safeguards for the purpose of protecting fundamental individual rights.
4. The encouragement of all activities designed to bring Governments under more effective control by the electors.
5. The preservation and extension of genuine free, competitive enterprise and private ownership, and opposition to all Monopoly, whether it be "private" or State.
6. The support of a financial policy which will (a) permit free enterprise to make available to all individuals an increasing standard of living and greater leisure for cultural pursuits; (b) result in no further increase in the community's indebtedness and the sound business practice of gradually reducing existing debt.
7. Recognising that the basis of any sound economy is agriculture, the encouragement of agricultural policies which will ensure the preservation and building up of soil fertility by organic farming and gardening; and the prevention of soil erosion and the protection of forests and watersheds

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

# Democratic Leaders Used By Soviet Gangsters

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policy of world conquest is either a knave or a fool. Unfortunately there are still many knaves or fools in high places.

Let us hear Dr. H. V. Evatt on Soviet policy. He said in 1945: "Does Russia intend aggression? . . . Having during the last four years come to know some of Russia's greatest statesmen, I take the view that the Soviet Union's policy is directed towards self-protection and security against future attack. In my opinion its desire is to develop its own economy and to improve the welfare of its peoples."

This type of dangerous nonsense is similar to that uttered by various politicians through the English-speaking world. Many of them still delude great numbers of people by talking about possible agreements with Soviet leaders.

Irrespective of how much the peoples of the world may delude themselves into believing that they can live in permanent peace with a Russia dominated by Stalin and his henchmen, Stalin suffers from no such delusions. In his text book for all good Communists, *Problems of Leninism*, Stalin quotes with approval the following words by Lenin: "We are living, not merely in one State, but in a system of States; and it is inconceivable that the Soviet Republic should continue to exist interminably side by side with imperialist States. Ultimately, one or another must conquer. Pending this development, a number of terrible clashes between the Soviet Republic and the Bourgeois States must inevitably occur."

## Significant P.E.P. Statement

In assessing Russia's role in the present crisis confronting civilisation it is necessary to recall that very significant statement made by one important segment of the international groups plotting for world domination, Political and Economic Planning in Great Britain. **In 1938 P.E.P., dominated by Mr. Israel Moses Sieff, said that it was only in war or under the threat of war that the British people would submit to large-scale Government planning.**

The war was provided by Hitler, brought to power and helped in every possible way by the international plotters, most of them political Zionists operating from New York. With the defeat of Germany it became essential that the threat of war be continued by another country in order to ensure that the British people would submit to Socialist planning.

We can now see why during the war steps were being taken to ensure that Russia emerged from the conflict in a powerful position; also why various International Organisations such as Unrra have been used to build Russia up at the expense of the British peoples.

## How Unrra Has Been Used

Unrra was used to send enormous quantities of food, agricultural equipment, locomotives, and even military supplies, into Soviet-dominated areas in Europe.

This policy was pursued at the expense of the American and British peoples. International planning—plotting would be a much more accurate term—has reached such a stage where the citizens of the various countries have no idea of what is happening.

How many Australians are aware that they have helped to strengthen the Communist grip on Europe? In 1945-46 Australia contributed £5,811,067 to Unrra, £18,116,917 in 1946-47, and £2,240,163 in 1947-48. Not only was Unrra established and controlled from America for the purpose of building up Soviet Russia; it was also used as an agency for getting Soviet fifth-column agents out of Europe.

It is now known how Unrra was used to get the Zionist terrorists out of Europe and into Palestine. These terrorists are all Communist advocates, and it was not surprising to read the following item in the *Melbourne Age* of August 11: "The arrival in Tel Aviv of the Soviet Minister, the first diplomatic representative of a major Power to take up his post in the State of Israel, was marked with pro-Russian editorial comment and many Communist posters in the streets . . . Popular sentiment in Israel is undoubtedly overwhelming pro-Russian . . ."

It is clear that Soviet Russia has thus obtained a foothold in the Middle East. The present situation in Palestine is a victory for the Communist conspirators, who have even used the United Nations Organisation to further their policies.

## The Infiltration Technique

They are experts at infiltration and the use of propaganda to "soften up" the democracies from within. Note carefully the following extract from the *Cross and The Flag*, March 8.

1948: "The United Nations and their bureaucratic ilk seem to get along just fine with the American Communists. It now becomes increasingly evident that Trygve Lie is the plaster-of-paris tool and puppet of Josef Stalin. Here comes a report that a Communist from school known as the New School for Social Research, located at New York City, is conducting a special series of classes. The report reveals that they have called on high officials of the United Nations to deliver these special lectures. They include Benjamin Cohen, assistant United Nations Secretary-General; Byron Price, Assistant Secretary-General in charge of administration and budgetary affairs; and Arno Huth, of Berlin, former radio consultant to the U.N. These are just a few of the U.N. walking delegates who are being used by Stalin's friends in this country to build up propaganda and lend respectability to Marxist intellectuals."

## Widespread Exposure Needed

If Western civilisation is to be saved, those individuals responsible for the present plight of the world have got to be named and their power-lusting methods exposed. The growing Communist offensive will not be halted and defeated until all sections of the com-

munity unite against the common enemy. Communist policy is based upon the exploitation of the people's grievances.

Unless we can extend our system of free enterprise to prove the individual with far more inducements than those offered by the Communists, our civilisation will soon collapse beneath the greatest tyranny of all time. In order to fight the battle for Christian civilisation effectively the first essential is to forget the advice of the political "leaders" and newspaper commentators who have helped make the present crisis responsible.

By their fruits ye shall know them.

As our present "leaders" have demonstrated all too well their inability to understand and defeat the real Communist menace they must stand aside in favour of men who know what to do.

## D.S.C.M. WOMEN'S GROUP (VIC.)

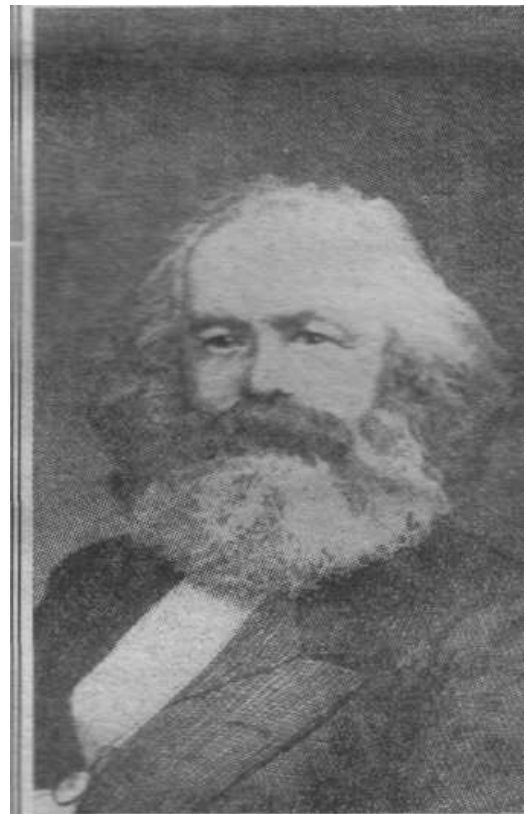
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# WOMEN ON THE RAMPAGE

## The Case Against Food Rationing

*A statement prepared by the Food and Production Committee of the Christchurch (N.Z.) branch of the National Council of Women. It is being sent to the Hon. W. Nash with the request that these assertions be answered immediately.*

OUR FOOD COMMITTEE supports the abolition of Rationing. It realises that if food can be produced in abundance IN WARTIME—to the extent of huge gluts of meat, butter, fish, eggs, wheat, vegetables, fruit, and other goods—a STILL GREATER quantity can be produced IN PEACE TIME.

We object to the costly business of Rationing—costly in more ways than one—besides being a waste of time by those compelled to indulge in it. Such effort should be directed to saner channels; such as ensuring that our New Zealand meat is prevented from going into the "digesters." Here, meat, which was once GOOD MEAT, is converted into manure—WHILE PEOPLE STARVE—and we ask WHY?

### Production—Not Restriction

Why not direct the huge effort absorbed by "Rationing" to the PRODUCTION of Food rather than to the RESTRICTION of that production—which it does? Armies of men and women are employed and a mountain of effort used up in this "Rationing" business and other forms of control.

We women are horrified at the willful destruction of God's gifts and fail to understand why protest has been so small.

Rationing is the cause of "Black Marketing" and has certainly changed man's heart, for the worse. Today, many people find it difficult to live unless they shop on the black market. Rationing has recently introduced an additional cost of 2d. per pound on meat (June 10, 1948) and a number of commodities are sold on the black market, at exorbitant prices.

### Rationing Destroyed Food

Rationing introduced the destruction of all classes of foodstuffs. This was unfair to our Armed Forces, because could not fight the enemy in front and the enemy behind them, at the same time. Forty-seven thousand bobby calves were slaughtered, in ONE WEEK, in the Waikato district alone. And this slaughtering was going on throughout the Dominion. Loss of cheese was about 5,000 tons, in the Taranaki district (1944). The loss of butter, in that district, was 2,300 tons annually. In 1944, 21,000 cows went out of production—also in the same district. Forty-three companies reported that 224 farms, carrying 8,757 cows, went out of dairying and there were still 17 companies to send in their returns, in Taranaki—ONE DISTRICT ONLY.

*The Social Crediter*, August, 1946, reported that maize, wheat, citrus fruit, and meat were being deliberately destroyed or dumped into the sea in order to create "Artificial Scarcity" and bol-

ster up prices, in the interest of food speculators.

There were 2,000,064 tons of foodstuffs used as locomotive and factory fuel, in the Argentine alone. Two million tons of potatoes were destroyed in the U.S.A. and this destruction cost the Government of that country 20,000,000 dollars. The services of 140 clerks were necessary to tabulate the records of this destruction. We have in our possession a series of photographs, which portray the enormity of this offence against humanity.

### Makes High Prices

We believe rationing keeps up and increases prices, restricts production, and provides an excuse for Bureaucracy. These "Licences to Live" are mainly to get people used to controls and Bureaucrats. We dislike secrecy, deceit, and mismanagement, especially when directed against, the welfare of our people. We believe that the whole truth should be told to our people, instead of asking them to accept the Coupon "hoax" and the Rationing "racket."

Meat is sent FROM Australia TO Great Britain and then sent BACK to Australia, in the form of Bovril. In 1946, Australia offered 7400 tons of meat to Great Britain as a gift, and it was refused the explanation that so small a quantity could not be distributed in England. We ask why it was not given to Hospitals and Orphanages, etc? This was at a time when the farmers of Great Britain were asked to produce more and the NEED was GREATER than ever.

In the Sydney Metropolitan area, 10,000 horses were slaughtered annually. Some of the animals were riddled with cancer and TB. Many thousands of people ate horse-flesh, without knowing it—and this while foodstuffs were being destroyed. Is it any wonder we are horrified?

### Queer Trade Agreement

Under the International Trade Agreement, meat is exported to England, from the Argentine. In exchange England compelled to sell her Argentine Railways (worth over £1,000,000,000). The value of the foods Britain received in return was £190,000,000 and poor old Britain still has to pay £20,000,000 on the deal. —(British Hansard.)

The Argentine sent fruit and rabbits to England while the British fruit crop rotted on the trees and the pastures became "rabbit sick." Four million five hundred thousand pounds worth of agricultural machinery was EXPORTED from Britain, when her farmers were asked to produce more. Tractors and spare parts were exported whilst the British farmer has to obtain a "permit" and then wait 8 to 18 months for a machine. (British Farmers' Union "Gazette," November, 1946.)

### More Food Scandals

South Africa is compelled to take FOOD FROM GREAT BRITAIN, which South Africa doesn't want -- and this from STARVING BRITAIN. We ask what is the OBJECTIVE behind these scandals? While this "racket" is going on, Great Britain is compelled to buy millions of pounds of foodstuffs from ravaged Denmark. — (British Farmers' 'Gazette,' 1946.)

We ask why tinned fruits are imported into England, on a pre-war scale (in 1947), while British canners are prohibited from canning the British crop? A crop, be it noted, specially grown for the purpose? We ask, also, why the British canners were prohibited from making contact with the British growers of this fruit? In 1947, 700 tons of flowers—not food—were imported from France, while the British growers were prevented from growing these flowers. One hundred and twenty tons of white lilac were imported from Holland in 1947.

We strongly object to every encouragement being given to luxury pursuits, such as luxury meals; the liquor trade, horse racing, gambling, and other forms of waste—WHILE PEOPLE STARVE. Is it any wonder? Observe the destruction of fowls, here in New Zealand. Observe the scarcity of eggs when what the people-need and want is fresh eggs—pulp and powdered rubbish. We health and this can be obtained ONLY from fresh foods.

The Democracy our sons fought and died for is meaningless if we refuse to combat these evils. Rationing is plainly a "racket" planned by evil doers and the women of New Zealand are now called upon to declare whether they stand FOR or AGAINST these evils.

Mr. Nash says that every coupon saved means more food for export. So it may. But though he has been asked the question, he studiously avoids saying that this saving of coupons means MORE FOOD for the PEOPLE of Great Britain. He has admitted that the amount of

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### ALTONA BROWN COAL

In your issue (6/3) under the heading Brown Coal Can Supply City's Total Gas Needs, I did not see any mention of the Altona coalfields, which, in my opinion and that of many others should be Melbourne's natural supply.

This huge supply of coal, only 11 miles from Melbourne by road or rail and only three miles from the Newport power station, has been ignored by our State Government for years.

The reports of the two German brown coal experts—Messrs. Broome and Klug—and also of Mr. Paul Prescher, brown coal expert, who was sent to Victoria in 1914 by a London syndicate to inspect and report on the Altona field, were more than favourable compared with other brown coal sources in Victoria.

This coal would not only save 599,000 tons of N.S.W. black coal a year, but would save at least 100 miles of pipe line if the Government so wished.

—J. F. MOORE, J.P. (Altona). Letter to *Melb. Age*, Aug. 19.

# How to Increase Wages Without Increasing Prices

## An Alternative Policy to the Inflation Menace

*This is the Final Part of a Booklet to be Published Shortly by "The New Times":*

The following is a brief summary of the main benefits of the suggested policy outlined:

(1) It would provide the wage-earner with the necessary incentive to cooperate in a system of free enterprise for the purpose of making increased production possible, confident in the knowledge that he would obtain increased purchasing power as a direct result of this increased production.

**Show the wage earner a policy where-by he can share in the general prosperity resulting from increased production, and he will no longer be willing to listen to the Communist and other agitators who exploit his present grievances.**

Unless the various employers' organisations and the advocates of free enterprise generally can place such a policy before the wage earners, all their advocacy of increased production will not arouse very much enthusiasm.

**Genuine free enterprise must be based upon voluntary association.**

A leading American Trade Mr. Philip Murray, said in 1947: "The best way to preserve the American system of democracy and free enterprise is to make that system work better than ever before." This is the big issue confronting the advocates of free enterprise an over the world.

### **Employers Should Endorse This Policy**

(2) Employers of all descriptions should enthusiastically endorse a policy of Production Bonuses and Price Subsidies.

**With this policy in operation they would not be in the unfortunate position of having to antagonise workers by resisting wage increases.** In their desperate struggle to prevent costs from rising under present arrangements, they are compelled to resist wage increases.

Increased production resulting in increased purchasing power would mean stable markets. Here is an opportunity for employers to give a constructive lead to their employees and to show them that the advocates of free enterprise are capable of genuinely progressive ideas.

### **For Those with Savings and Fixed Incomes**

(3) All those with savings and fixed incomes must give careful consideration to any policy which will ensure that the purchasing power of their money is not destroyed by rising prices. The application of Price Subsidies as a result of expanded credit against increased efficiency in industry would, of course, **reduce** prices and thus give their money **increased** purchasing power.

### **Producing Greater Stability**

One of the most important effects of the policy would be to eliminate social friction resulting from inflation and to produce greater stability in the community.

Inflation always creates instability for the very good reason that people cannot plan ahead with any great certainty; there develops an attitude of "Well, what's the use. Eat, drink, and be merry now—goodness knows what will happen tomorrow." This dangerous attitude, all too prevalent today, can only result in the social disintegration which the power lusters desire.

Rising price levels tend to aggravate the differences between the various wage groups.

**Reduced prices have exactly the opposite effect.**

Take one example of the social friction resulting from increasing prices: Before the war many workmen could and did own their own motorcars. In spite of wage increases, price levels have risen so high that it is becoming harder for the wage earner to own his own car.

The Communists then exploit the situation, and those who have no cars and no possibility of ever obtaining them are subtly turned against those who have cars. This matter is much more serious that many people realise.

### **Implementing the Policy**

Well may the question now be asked: "Well, having heard about this matter, what can we do about it?"

Every individual impressed with the ideas outlined should first introduce them to as many other people as possible.

Get the fundamental idea discussed—in Trade Unions, Employers' Organisations, Housewives' Leagues, &c.

As already pointed out, it is not the function of the sponsors of this brochure to lay down any technical method of implementing any policy.

As supporters of genuine free enterprise as the only basis for individual freedom and independence, they are, however, concerned with stimulating consideration of any ideas which may be suitable for the solving the problems confronting free enterprise today.

### **Conclusion**

It is ridiculous to suggest that there are not competent financial experts who can evolve a satisfactory formula for the purpose of ensuring that (a) all increased financial payments to workers do not increase industrial costs; and (b) that prices are subsidised in order that all members of the community can get the benefits of increased efficiency in industry as a whole.

Once agreement is reached that new financial credit expanded against increased production should reach individuals outside the wage system, public opinion should be mobilised to insist that our political representatives make the financial and other appropriate experts responsible for working out the technical methods necessary to make possible the results desired by the electors.

It is a matter of history that Parliament has never yet initiated a reform; that all reforms must be forced upon Parliament by electors. The growing menace of inflation will not be solved unless electors unite to demand that a solution be bound.

The suggestions outlined in this talk are suitable as the basis of constructive action by all those who want to demonstrate that free enterprise has something greater to offer the individual than have the advocates of Socialism, Communism, or any other form of totalitarianism. But unless this action is taken before long, it will be too late to turn the totalitarian tide.

### **Women on the Rampage**

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food allowed the people of Great Britain is governed by the International Food Board, at Washington, U.S.A.

Our pensioners cannot afford to buy meat, so they pass their coupons in.

These old people, who, by the way, made Zealand, need good food and it is our duty as Christians to see that they get it.

### **Artificial Scarcity**

In England, the Herring Board produces ARTIFICIAL SCARCITY by compelling the fishermen to throw catches back into the sea and this again WHILE PEOPLE STARVE. The Board actually fears a glut—too much fish for starving Britain.

*Reality* says: "The United Nations Food and Allocation Board is the Body responsible for the food situation. Its accounts are kept secret. Its policy and its personnel is a mystery. It allows the people of U.S.A. the highest standard of living, while the people of Great Britain are kept on the bare sustenance level."

Why is it that victorious Britain should be made so to suffer? Is it because she won the war? And again *Reality* asks: "Why should the U.S.A. receive all the plums?"

We have ample reason to believe that the present food restrictions are a falsehood and we would remind all women that no remedy can be built ON A FALSEHOOD.

Here is an example of such: A farmer in Lincolnshire grew six acres of wheat more than he had licence to do. He was fined £150 and put into goal for four months. Just imagine a heavy fine and a stiff sentence being imposed on a man who produced MORE FOOD FOR STARVING BRITAIN. This item was Cable News and was published in our New Zealand newspapers and many other journals throughout the world.

So once again we ask—WHY?



# THE BATTLE LINES

(Gleanings from Msgr. Fulton Sheen's "Communism and the Conscience of the West")

"It is a characteristic of any decaying civilisation that the great masses of the people are unconscious of the tragedy.

". . . we are definitely at the end of a non-religious era of civilisation which regarded religion as an addendum to life, a pious extra, a morale builder for the individual, but of no social relevance, an ambulance that took care of the wrecks of the social order until science reached a point where there would be no more wrecks, and which called on God only as a defender of national ideals, or as a silent partner whose name was used by the firm to give respectability but who had nothing to say about how the business should be run.

## The Religious Phase

"The new era into which we are entering is what might be called the religious phase of human history. By religious we do not mean that men will turn to God, but rather that the indifference to the absolute which characterised the liberal phase of civilisation will be succeeded by a passion for an absolute. From now on the struggle will be not for the colonies and national rights, but for the souls of men. There will be no more half-drawn swords, no divided loyalties, no broad strokes sophomoric tolerance; there will not even be any more great heresies, for heresies are based on a partial acceptance of truth. The battle lines are already being clearly drawn and the basic issues are no longer in doubt. From now on men will divide themselves into two religions—understood again as surrender to an absolute. The conflict of the future is between the absolute who is the God-man, and the absolute which is the man-God; the God who became man, and the man who makes himself God; brothers in Christ and comrades in Anti-Christ.

## Ends, Means and Communism

"Under Communist ethics is the principle 'the end justifies the means.' The needs of the revolution determine morality; hence whatever fosters the revolutionary overthrow of democracy and the violent dispossession of those who

won property is a morally good act; whatever hinders the revolution, such as a refusal to take orders from the dictator, and the refusal to think the way you are supposed to think, is a morally bad act.

"The Communists find no ethical contradiction when, for example, they extend a friendly hand to religion one year and the next year persecute it; or when they ally themselves with democracy at one time, and the next time seek to overthrow it or when they sign a treaty with Nazism and then fight against it.

## Cyclic Civilisation

"Civilisations are cyclic, they are recurrent, they go through the same phenomena of birth and death and never come to life again. Religion, however, is a continuous upward linear movement, rising to new heights after the decay of each particular civilisation. As a Christian civilisation grew out of the decay of the Greco-Roman world, so a new Christian order will grow out of the decay of historical liberalism and Communism."

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1. A resolution condemning the Thomas-Rankin committee investigating un-American activity.

2. A resolution to make it possible for Communist Party members to teach in the schools.

3. A resolution hailing with great satisfaction the "partitioning" of Palestine with the co-operation of the United States and Russia, with the hope of "furthering common grounds" between the U.S. and Russia.

4. A resolution opposing rebuilding Germany.

In addition a plea was made for the U.S. to furnish the Zionists with arms, weapons, and money to continue their murder in Palestine.

Here again we see the "Oneness" of Political Zionism and Communism. Here we see the Devil asking Christian Americans to starve German children and supply food and munitions for Zionist terrorists to extend Communism in the Middle East.

God help us if we don't soon wake up—and STAND UP.

—*Voice of Electors*, Canada, June 1, 1948.

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## WENSLEY BRAY AGAIN

*There was quite a stirring in the dovecotes of the Victorian Liberal-Country Party Government in early July when Labour leader Cain gibed them that they were endeavouring to institute Socialism on the cheap. Mr. Cain was referring to a remark made by the Minister for Mines, that if he could get the Wensley Bray brown coal mine cheaply enough he would socialise it.*

*After this dovecote upset, an apparent change of government policy to help free enterprise overcome certain production difficulties at this mine was made. Since the introduction of mechanical aids satisfaction has been expressed in the fact that this mine has been able to step up production by over 100 percent in the short space of weeks.*

*But this change of direction away from Socialism is not now so apparent. In reporting the Federal Loan Council's recent grant to Victoria, the Melbourne "Age" of August 25, says that £250,000 has been set aside for the PURCHASE and re-equipping of the Wensley Bray brown coal mine near Winchelsea.*

*As hard experience has taught, there is little difference between Liberal-Socialism and Labour-Socialism. The great danger with a Liberal-Socialist government, however, is that the vast majority of its supporters who are genuine in their opposition to Socialism are being duped by their face-both-ways representatives. The menace of confusing the spoken word for the done deed should now be obvious to all anti-Socialists.*

*Here we have but another example of the great truth that all governments tend to accumulate more power unto themselves.*

*If the Liberal-Country Party Government is uncertain of its correct role, i.e., to remove the obstacles hampering private enterprise to function properly and NOT to concentrate monopoly powers in the State—it is high time that we electors pointed this out to them.*

*Some very leading questions should be asked of Victorian State representatives as to the Government's intentions. If the Government is going to give us Socialism, on the cheap or the dear, it is just as well that all hypocrisy be dropped and that the "Liberal" Government adopt the correct label of "Socialist."*

## ABOLISH BUTTER RATIONING

We hope that our readers will agree with this suggestion. Most of us would gladly further reduce our consumption of butter if we could feel that by so doing we were helping our less fortunate brothers in any part of the world, BUT all the evidence goes to show that some very considerable portion of our sacrifice is being devoted to ends which can best be described as "racketeering."

It is not good enough.

America today is undoubtedly the best fed country in the world, as all travellers agree. It therefore is most illuminating and also annoying to learn that the Hon. A. H. Nordmeyer (Minister of Industries and Commerce) states that one of the reasons why Parliament should ratify the Geneva Agreement is that America has made tariff concessions to enable New Zealand to sell "large quantities" of butter to her—See Press, June 26, 1948.

Two days earlier than this statement (See Press, June 24, 1948) a letter was received from Mr. H. G. Kilpatrick, Secretary of the Canterbury Freezing Workers' Union, who is attending the I.L.O. Conference at San Francisco, stating that New Zealand butter was selling in San Francisco at the American equivalent of 5/6 per lb.

Our politicians and the jackals have sold us the idea that by eating less butter ourselves we are putting more in the mouths of our British kinsfolk.

**In essence such a statement is a bare-faced bald-headed lie.**

We really have had rationing imposed upon us as one of the various means of acquiring the elusive dollar.

Commonwealth politicians have sold the British Empire into dollar slavery, and there is no "maybe" about it. The law proscribes heavy penalties for high treason. Perhaps there is some kind of vague connection between the last two sentences.

—New Zealand Social Crediter, August '48.

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### Russia Uses U.N.

Russia's outlook on the United Nations was expressed at a meeting of the Polish Politburo in Warsaw in May 1945, when the nations were meeting at San Francisco and the world looked hopefully toward that city. Jacob Berman, the Communist leader of Poland today, told a group of Communists at a secret meeting: "The Soviets are doing their usual clever job at San Francisco. We will continue to blind the West by entering agreements, as we did at Yalta and elsewhere."

—English Tablet, July 3, 1948.

# RUSSIAN-ZIONIST ALLIANCE IN MIDDLE EAST

The following is the text of an important Bulletin issued by the Institute of Arab American Affairs on May 15, 1948:

Now that the situation in Palestine has deteriorated into an impending long-range war between aggressive Zionists and indigenous Arabs, it will be interesting to observe what role Communism will play either secretly or overtly in the entire Middle East. Because the present conflict between Arabs and Jews seems eventually bound to cause world-wide repercussions, it is particularly apropos to devote this entire issue of the Bulletin to a review of the Communistic portents in the Arab world.

Such a study must be made against the background of the official foreign policy of the United States—a policy that has committed the American Government to stop the expansion of Communism at the borders of Greece and Turkey, a policy that gave birth to the Marshall Plan, with Congress appropriating billions of dollars to save Western Europe from being engulfed within the Russian orbit, a policy that saw many private American citizens joining a telephone, letter-writing, and cable campaign to induce Italians to vote against the Communistic candidates in the April election in Italy.

If it is a true corollary that the spread of Communism feeds primarily on trouble, then such a stage was adroitly set in Palestine by Russia's support of partition in the United Nations last fall and her insistence that no change should be made in that policy, although official American policy this spring has advocated a trusteeship setup. It is significant that of all the major powers in the world, only Russia persisted in the partition plan, although, as every school-boy knows, partition has led only to mounting trouble.

Soviet leaders do not want peace for the Arabs any more than they want to see peace among the Greeks, the Italians, the Koreans, the Chinese. They prefer to see trouble everywhere in the world, because only by conflict can they wedge their way into some areas where the ideology could never naturally penetrate. Partition, despite the blandishments of a super-powered Zionist propaganda, will never be accepted by the Arabs.

The first link in the evidence that Zionism and Communism had much in common was revealed last January when Moshe Sneh, who emigrated to Palestine about four years ago from Russia, resigned from the Jewish Agency because that organisation would not align itself more openly with Russia. Mr. Sneh was recognised as the organiser of illegal immigration of Jews into Palestine and very prominent in Haganah. A new left-wing Palestinian party was formed by the merger of the Hashomer Hatzair and the Ahdut Avodah with its object to have Zionist foreign policy rely on Russia more than on Western democracies. Last month the Zionist Press in Palestine reported that a mission to Moscow, headed by Mr. Sneh,

## Russia Shifts Policy From Anti to Pro Zionism

Shortly after the Bolsheviks seized power 30 years ago Zionism was banned in Soviet Russia. Official Red Government literature since then has branded Zionists as "the lackeys of British imperialism." Joseph Stalin, Russia's present dictator, wrote a book, *Marxism, Nationalism, and the Colonial Question*, in which he vehemently repudiated the idea of Jewish nationality and the Zionist political state. About a year ago the same treatise was republished but with this significant difference: the chapter that condemned Zionism was deleted.

Other evidence of Russia's desire to foment trouble in the Arab world of whose oil resources she is envious and



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from which she has been excluded by the prior entrance of Americans and British, is indicated in the support which the Comintern gave financially in backing the Arabs against the Zionists at the time that British policy was aiding and abetting Jewish immigration into Palestine against the natural and legal rights of the existing Arab population, which then, as now composed the majority. Russia at that time was not actually interested in the Arab cause, but it afforded her an opportunity to embarrass the British administration. She was hoping by causing such trouble to realise the ancient dreams of the czars, namely, expansion into the Mediterranean area. It was when the Zionists turned against the British in 1942—the very friends who had enabled 500,000 of the present 700,000 Jewish population to immigrate to Palestine—that Russia's policy veered from her previous, deadly opposition to Zionism to its support for a political state in the Middle East.

Such a change in policy took on a more clear form after October 1943, when Ivan Maisky, former Soviet Ambassador in London, visited Palestine. The diplomat was escorted by Zionist leaders to their colonies and collective settlements. He inspected their industries. He returned to Moscow impressed with the close resemblance of Zionist operation to Communist realities. Later in 1943 an announcement was made that a special Soviet delegation would visit Palestine. Then this curious event happened: at a time when the United States was risking scarce ships and the lives of American citizens to rush Lend-Lease materials to the Russians, at a time when Washington was straining war production to the utmost in order to feed war planes to our Allies, at a time when the Red Army needed every bit of support to reel back the Nazi armies from Russian soil Russia brought to Moscow via air transport articles produced by Jews in Palestine for an exhibit in the Soviet Union.

## Jewish Collective Settlements Fit Soviet Ideology

To understand the close alliance that Russian Communism has among Zionists in Palestine is to recognise the fact that Jewish collective settlements fit smoothly into the pattern of Russian ideology—a pattern which the Arabs, by their natural and loyal adherence to Islam, have repudiated. The very economy of the kibbutz [Jewish collective settlement] is based on the same Marxian principles as practised by Russian Communists. Maisky clearly saw that affinity. Eliahu Ben-Horin, Zionist Jewish writer, in an article on "The Soviet Wooing of Palestine" in *Harper's* magazine of April, 1944, said: "Palestine can boast of better achievements in the field of economic

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communism than Soviet Russia." So, the foundation for the political exploitation of the Middle East along Communistic lines already exists, thanks to the Zionists.

Like the Crusaders of the 11th and 12th centuries and like the missionaries from France, Italy, Germany, England, and the United States in the 19th and 20th centuries, Russia has failed to proselytise the Moslems. Islam is so deeply rooted in the Arab world that no material power however mighty can force the Arabs to accept a new ideology. After all, Arabs do worship the very same God as Christians and Jews, only the Arabs' worship has far more simplicity of understanding than either of the other two. Arabs, like the Roman Catholics, can never embrace Communism because of its very godlessness. Russia knows that. Therefore Moscow's best means of penetrating into the militarily strategic and oil-rich Arab domains is through such organisations that form the basic mode of life for Jews in Palestine. With the support of Zionists, Russia hopes to split up the Middle East and then impose her Communist ideology. That has been the pattern she has followed in Poland, Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria — cause trouble first, then seize control later.

It is also rather significant that 85 percent of the Jews in Palestine come from Russia, Poland, and Eastern Europe, where the Russian sphere of influence is so completely dominant now. Many immigrants in Palestine have lived under a state-controlled economy so long that they become quite amenable to its being politically imposed upon them permanently. Here is one evidence of proof: the land which the Jewish agency buys becomes in effect a state domain since the Jewish National Fund charter forbids the sale of land thus acquired to non-Jews. The control and distribution of the land is permanently vested in that Fund. Nor can the land be exploited according to the American conception of free enterprise. Jewish immigrants who work the land in the communal settlements follow a communistic way of life. The Russians recognise that the Zionists have thus furrowed at least one spot in the Middle East for the seeding of their Communistic ideology.

## Communism In Jewish Labour Movement

Just as the Communists have infiltrated into the labour movement in England, France, Italy, and the United States, so have they penetrated into the Jewish Labour movement in Palestine. According to the publication of the American Zionist Emergency for June 1947, called "Palestine Affairs," "Palestine Communist Party members now belong to the Histadrut." When Russia opposed the principle of a Zionist state in Palestine so did the Communist Party in Palestine. The "Palestine Affairs" publication also says that "When the Comintern was dissolved the Jewish section came to the conclusion

at its, convention in May, 1944, that it [the party policy opposing Zionism] was wrong from the point of view of Leninist-Stalinist national policy." Thus when the Soviet hierarchy reversed its quarter-century policy so did its agents in Palestine.

It will be recalled how Moscow's rulers banned the Christian Church in Soviet Russia for many years. It was only rather recently that that restriction was lifted and especially in favour of the Greek Orthodox Church. The patriarch of that denomination is once more recognised by Stalin, after the prelate's authority had lapsed for nearly 30 years. One might reasonably ask: "Why?" There are thousands of adherents of the Greek Orthodox faith in the Arab world. For centuries that denomination had looked to Russia for protection against the rule of the Turkish sultans, just as the Catholics had looked to France as their protector. In fact, as many as 60,000 Orthodox Russians flocked annually to the Holy City as pilgrims. This custom was interrupted by the First World War, and it was never resumed, because the Bolsheviks banned priestly orders and effectively controlled travel in or out of Russia.

Prior to Communist seizure of power, the Russians had built hostels, churches, hospitals, orphanages, monasteries, schools, and consulates in such communities as Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Hebron, Ramallah, Ain Karim, and Nazareth, as well as in Lebanon. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that with trouble stirred throughout Holy Land, because of the Zionist aggression to found a political state, Stalin may send forces to lay claim to these former properties, using the claim as an excuse to intervene with Red Army forces in that area. Since the end of the Second World War Russian has clearly shown a determination to share in the domination of the Middle East. For example, on May 13th of this year it told the United Nations that it should be represented on any committee charged with the economic development of the Arab regions.

## Russian Diplomat in Cairo Urges Collaboration with Zionist Cells

Still more evidence of Russia's hope to expand into the Mediterranean may be seen in the exclusive expose published by *Al Bolagh*. Cairo newspaper. January 4, 1948. Mr. Sultanov secretary of the Russian Embassy in the Egyptian capital, made a tour in Palestine following which, according to *Al Balagh*, he stressed upon Moscow the importance of collaborating with the Zionist Communists as the surest way to establish a base for Soviet interests in the Middle East. Mr. Sultanov, who is a Moslem, cited the availability of the Jewish collective settlements as prospective supporters of Russian ideology in that part of the world. He referred to the organised Jewish labour movement as another potential ally for the Russians.

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What is equally significant, too, is that the former Soviet diplomat in Cairo has been recalled to Moscow, where he is now reported to occupy a key position in the Middle East section of the Russian Foreign Office.

Wherever there are Communist underground cells in the Arab countries the leaders have been found invariably to be Zionists. On March 29, 1948, *Al Misri* newspaper reported that Cairo police arrested Yulanda Cohen, an Egyptian Jewish girl, for passing a bag that contained Communist propaganda to a Jewish young man. Other confiscated documents revealed the names of 20 leaders of Communist groups in Egypt and their connections with foreign agents.

## Russian Propaganda Stirs Arabs' Enmity Against Britain, U.S.

An official Soviet bulletin issued by the Russian Embassy in London quoted a *Pravda* newspaper commentator as bitterly attacking the policy of the Arab League, according to *Al Misri* of March 9, 1948. The bulletin accused the Pan-Arab movement as making it difficult for Russia to gain any foothold in the Middle East. This kind of admission amounts to an admission by Moscow that there is a unifying spirit among the Arab states that stands as a bulwark against Communistic infiltration in that region. When the Arab League observed the third anniversary of its founding on March 22 Radio Moscow, *Pravda*, and other official Russian publications used that occasion to accuse the Arabs of serving the interests of the Americans and the English.

Russian propaganda utilises every pretence possible to smear the Arab League as a tool of the Western democracies. It is this same kind of smear, which the Zionists have used in accusing the Arab League of being a British instrument. American Zionists followed the same line in their attacks upon Washington, before President Truman issued the sudden recognition of the Zionist State.

*Al Misri's* London correspondent on April 7, 1948, reported that in an attempt to plant the seeds of discord between the various members of the Arab League, the official Russian news agency, Tass, spread a malicious story that in the treaty between Great Britain and Trans Jordan there is a secret provision by which the English are supposed to help King Abdullah annex the Arab part of the proposed partition of Palestine, besides a segment of the proposed Jewish state, near Haifa. This is the kind of false propaganda first trumpeted by the Zionists and now echoed by the Communists in their design to split the unified foreign policy of the Arab League states, and thus neutralise the Arab world in the event of another world conflict.

*Al Misri* on March 18, 1948, carried a report from Turkey that several Russian officers of the Red Army bearing false passports had passed through the Dardanelles on their way to Palestine to help organise Zionist terrorists.

That Russia certainly has some designs on the Arab world has been indi-

cated by Henry L. Stimson, former U.S. Secretary of War, who in an article in the March, 1948, issue of the *Ladies Home Journal* said that at the Potsdam conference Stalin demanded bases for Russia in the Mediterranean. And it is an old story that Russia also seeks to share in the trusteeship that may be set up for the former Italian colonies in North Africa.

## Cairo Police Raids Reveal Communist-Zionist Link

*Al Ahram*, a highly conservative Cairo daily newspaper, reported on March 31, 1948, that in raids on the underground Communist movement Egyptian police confiscated than 580 letters and other documents that had been exchanged between Henry Corielle, the reputed Communist boss of the Egyptian Communists, with Comintern headquarters in Paris, Moscow, and Belgrade.

The independent daily newspaper *Al-Asas* of the same date asserted that the seized documents also linked the Communists in Egypt with similar followers in Palestine. The underground movement is so cleverly designed that Communist groups have their own codes of communication as well as definite spheres of influence for their operational activities.

On March 31 1948 the French daily newspaper *Le Progres Egyptiense* asserted that the Communist round-up involved many personalities prominent in public life and in key commercial operations. Abbas Mahmoud Al-Aqqad, noted Egyptian writer, enumerated in the *Al-Asas* newspaper the links between the Communists in Cairo and in other major Arab cities with the Zionist High Command in Palestine.

On March 16, 1948, the Iranian newspaper *Sadia Watan* reported that Iranian police in the city of Khonnashah confiscated a shipment marked "leather goods" destined for Jewish firms in Palestine. The shipment, which originated across the northern Iranian border, contained arms for the Zionists. Further investigation revealed that arms traffic was operated through the little-travelled Iraqi Desert. Eight Iranian Jews were arrested in that plot.

*Kol Ha'am*, a Hebrew newspaper, is recognised as the spokesman for the Communists in Palestine. In an elected Jewish body, three of more than 100 members are known Communists.

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# THE HOMESTEAD ECONOMY

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Of what does this wealth consist? Churchill's statement of our post-war needs as Food, Homes, and Work will serve well enough to define its three most essential forms, provided of course that by work is meant satisfying and socially valuable occupation, and not just so many man-hours fed into a wage-yielding machine. But is the homestead the only, or even the best way of obtaining it?

Quite a number of influential and apparently well informed persons seem to think otherwise, and do not hesitate to say so. Accepting as both beneficial and inevitable a continuance of nineteenth-century progress, they claim that agriculture suffers less from exploitation or neglect than from "backwardness" as an industry and that any attempt to redevelop it on traditional lines would be "retrograde."

## Question of Values

Oblivious to the fact that, were it not for the untiring zeal and resourcefulness of the farming community, few of us would be alive today, their greatest fear is that we might be guilty of "subsidizing an inefficient agriculture." These technologists maintain that peasant values are now obsolete, that even countryfolk are increasingly disinclined to put up with rural "isolation and lack of amenities"—by which they mean urban conveniences. They argue that agricultural efficiency must be increased, by which they mean that costs must be reduced, and that the only way to do it is by the development of big "units of production" employing much machinery and relatively little but well-paid human labour, in short, factory-farming.

There is, of course, one perfectly simple answer to the first part of this argument. It is that peasant values, being natural values, are constants.

Our ideas and our techniques may change; but our instincts and our elemental hungers, like our physiological needs, do not. **People will on wanting a "place of their own," and crops and livestock of their own, till the end of time. That much is now conceded, even in collectivised Russia.** And even within the borders of our great cities, where one would expect urban values to be paramount, many thousands of men and women, in the most adverse circumstances, try to satisfy their peasant instincts with allotments, back-gardens, and miniature poultry-runs.

## Desire For Land

It is, therefore, interesting to quote from "The Small Man On The Land," a

booklet recently compiled by an extremely representative body of men.

Summing up the pre-war situation, these men say that "it would probably not be far from the truth to say that while many men in actual occupation of the smaller kind of holdings were finding it impossible to make a satisfactory living, there remained a persistent and permanent desire for a life of independence on the land."

The situation today is that, despite the highest farm wages in history, it is impossible to obtain enough men for agricultural employment, while on the other hand, despite official discouragement, there is a large and growing demand for small holdings. **At the moment of writing, the Services Training Scheme for Farm-workers has obtained less than two percent, of the anticipated number of applicants but the Scottish Department of Agriculture has a waiting list of over 10,000 for small holdings, and one English County Council alone (Holland Linc.) has over 800 ex-Service applicants.**

## Facile Assumption

But there is another fallacy inherent in the "industrial efficiency" argument—the facile assumption that agriculture is an industry, and as such amenable to technological change and economic manipulation. Industry, admittedly, consists of technical processes, by which inanimate materials are converted, with the aid of inorganic forces, so as to increase their utility; these processes are devised by man and remain more or less completely under his control.

But agriculture, by its very nature, had quite a different basis. Man cannot combine for himself the resources of the soil sunlight air, and moisture so as to nourishment. He can live on the surplus of the vegetable kingdom, either directly or through the agency of herbivorous animals.

Predatory man, particularly the nomad, obtains this surplus by capture; he lives precariously on the country. Civilisation, which is the art of living together, substitutes cultivation for capture. Soil, plants, and animals are so husbanded (i.e., tended) as to yield an assured and increasing surplus. Hus-

bandry is not an interference with Nature's processes, but an intensification of them; it represents a modified ecological pattern in which man, by his culture, has earned a place for himself, in which he gives as well as takes.

## Variable Factors

These biological considerations have deep economic significance. They indicate that farming is directly productive only in its final phase — the conversion of the natural surplus into human foodstuffs. And even that phase cannot of course be reduced to routines and mechanised in the way that industrial processes can; there are far too many variable and sometimes unpredictable factors, such as the weather, the temperament of individual animals, and so on. **The most important phase of farming — the truly agricultural aspect of it — is concerned with reproduction, the cultivation of fertility in soil, plants, and animals.** The husbandman in short is the living connecting-link between our human economy and the natural economy on which it has been superimposed. That is why he cannot be regarded simply as an entrepreneur in search of profits.

## Differences

Thus agriculture differs from industry in at least four important aspects:

- (1) Industry operates by applying power to the conversion of pre-existing materials; **agriculture must cultivate its own "materials," generate its own "power," and conserve the sources of both by the return of wastes.**
- (2) Industry can be reduced to routines and mechanised; this is true only to a limited extent of agriculture.
- (3) Industrial processes are technical and fully controllable; **agricultural processes are cultural and depend upon constant co-operation with Nature.**
- (4) Industrial management is largely a matter of organisation; **agricultural management is largely a matter of organic contacts between men and the natural kingdom.**

Only by ignoring these fundamental distinctions can a farm possibly be envisaged as a food-factory. An attempt to increase its efficiency by applying industrial standards and methods is about as sensible as an attempt to improve seamanship by applying the standards and methods of railway practice. I can-

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not help feeling that what critics really mean when they say that any particular type or phase of farming is "uneconomic" is that it does not fit the industrial pattern to which their minds have become "conditioned."

## Law of Return

Far from being a "backward industry," agriculture has already suffered greatly from the impact of an industrialism which has come to expect more and more output from less and less effort. Industrialism has not only demanded more and more from the soil, but has sucked from it more and more of its indispensable husbandmen; and has returned to it only machinery and chemicals, neither of which have any biological value and may, in certain circumstances, be positively harmful to natural processes.

**The object of industrial efficiency is to get more output for less effort; the object of good farming is to give back to the soil at least as much as is taken from it. That is what Lord Northbourne has called the Rule of Return, and it is one of the laws of life. The more wealth we need from the land, the more wealth we must put into it.** What is this wealth that must be put into the land to conserve and increase its fertility? Clearly this is not just a matter of chemical constituents.

For while fertility undoubtedly has a chemical aspect, it is a general experience that even farmed-out and eroding soils have plenty of those elements that chemists tell us are necessary for plant-life. The two great essentials appear to be, first the return to the soil, in a suitable form, of all vegetable and animal wastes, and second the constant application of that skilled and devoted care which the editor of this book (H. J. Massingham—Ed.) has so well defined as "loving management."

**In short, just as the basis factor in good living is good farming, so the basic factors in good farming are Humus and Husbandry.**

## "Garden" Farming

I am very far from insisting, of course, that these are invariably associated with small production; unfortunately, there are many smallholdings on which they are lamentably deficient. Still less would I maintain that they cannot be achieved in large production; there is always a handful of outstanding men who combine a gift for sound husbandry with a head for business organisation, and where such men are farming well land which is not naturally adapted for smallholdings, they are undoubtedly performing an important public service.

There is, for instance, in the next parish to mine a thousand-acre place on a distinctly second-class land that is "farmed like a garden." The phrase is full meaning. It is the garden, which sets the standard for soil-culture. Indeed, if all Britain were "farmed like a garden" we should not only be able to feed ourselves uncommonly well, but have food to spare. Thus, the natural, and usually the best basis for intensive cul-

tivation is the relatively small holding. Taking into account human limitations and other natural factors, wealth per acre (both "input" and "output") tends to move in inverse ratio to size holding.

## Return of Wastes

There are several good reasons for coming to this conclusion. In the first place, the smaller a holding is, the more compact and complete is its soil-economy likely to be. The domestic gardener's produce is consumed on the spot. Household wastes can be returned with a minimum of waste, to be composted with weeds pea-haulm, cabbage-stumps, lawn-mowings, and other garden byproducts, and given back to the soil as and when its needs dictate. This may sound like a counsel of perfection. But it is the traditional practice, and is steadily coming back into general use as the importance of quality in foodstuffs is more widely recognised.

The farmer's produce, on the other hand, leaves the land altogether, and there is seldom any return. He makes as much muck as he can, and supplements it by such practices as sheep-folding and the use of keys. But obviously it is more difficult for him to cart straw, bank-trimmings, and other organic material to the steading, convert them into muck, and cart the latter back on to the land than it is for the gardener to wheel his barrowloads to the bottom of the garden and back again.

## Intimate Knowledge

Inevitably there is waste and maldistribution; and when labour is scarce and dear (relative to the price of produce) as it is now, these may amount to a very considerable source of loss. Similarly, in the same hands the spade will always get better results than the plough, because it is more flexible, more intimate, more amenable to the skill of the husbandman. **For the same reason, the single-furrow horse-plough, instantly responsive to the ploughman's pressures, is more efficient culturally than a multiple plough pulled by a tractor, especially when the latter is driven fast in an attempt to achieve a high "output per man." To study cultivation exclusively in terms of mechanics is just as unrealistic as to study fertility exclusively in terms of chemistry.**

Above all, there is the factor of personal attention. To quote Mr. Massingham again, "the family farm and the small workshop supplementing it are more likely to practise husbandry under the natural law than the manager of a larger unit who delegates authority and loosens responsibility."

## Personal Interest

No wage-earner, no matter how conscientious, can be expected to give quite the same degree of attention to details, or to keep so constantly in mind the needs of the holding as a whole, as does the working proprietor. He goes for instance, to the pie for a load of mangel, and brings it back; that is his allotted job, and he does it. He may note the heap of discarded thatch, but he "has no

orders about it" and consequently leaves it to rot where it lies. A small farmer, carting his own mangels, would hitch the thatch up on top of the load and bring it home to bed down the pigs and augment the muck-heap.

For many years I used to breed pigs as a department of a fair-sized mixed farm, leaving of necessity most of the work to my stockman. I used to reckon that we did very well with them. But when I gave up the farm, retaining the pigs as a personal hobby, I found I had to revise my ideas. Tending them myself, getting to know each sow intimately, constantly studying their individual needs, I was soon raising twenty shuts a year per sow (and better shuts too), where formerly I had been well content with sixteen. I do not mean that I was a better hand with pigs than my former stockman; it was simply the closer concentration of the personal element, the elimination of a "third party," that did it.

## Cumbersome Large Units

As for the saving in time and effort that is supposed to accrue from large-scale organisation and the division of labour, Adrian Bell, himself a small farmer, has some pertinent things to say about the claims of the factory farming enthusiasts:

"One begins to wonder, have they had any experience of what actually goes on on these large units and on these small ones? They seem to think in terms of Diesel-engine capacity, combine-harvester scope, not in terms of half-hours, and the time taken to fetch a gang of harrows from a distant field. Yet these are the joints of the day, the time taken to get started in the morning, to switch from one job to another, to make use of a shower of rain for a necessary barn job — and that **quickly**. Labour is the most expensive item of farming, and it can trickle away through these gaps—no, pour; I have seen it. And the larger the unit, the more overseers and under-overseers between the man and the master, the wider yawn (yawn is the right word) these gaps of inertia and lack of co-ordination, and a cataract of wasted time drops continually into the limbo of don't care."

Broadly speaking, the smaller the holding the better is likely to be its economy of organic matter — which in the long run means its fertility — and its economy of human effort — which in the long run means the amount of skilled attention it receives. Thus each acre, or for that matter each rod, gets more humus and more husbandry, and so yields more wealth in return. At its best, the homestead is the nearest approach we have to a complete, efficiently functioning, economic organism.

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