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SIXPENCE WEEKLY

Will Non-Labour Politicians Oppose Communist Policies?

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

While we have made it clear over a number of years that we are uncompromisingly opposed to Communism in any shape or form, we feel that it is unfortunate that many people in the community are merely opposing the term Communism without concerning themselves about what Communism means.

In fact, one of the greatest dangers now confronting Western civilisation is the fact that Communist ideas are being advanced by people who claim that they are anti-Communists.

As a starting point for an examination of this danger, we can examine the Marshall plan for Western Europe, which, propaganda assures us, is designed to defeat Communism.

In the June, 1948, issue of the English journal *The Nineteenth Century*, the following comment makes it clear how the Marshall Plan is actually helping Communism.

"Having been initiated by the generosity of the U.S.A. to save European civilisation, the Marshall Plan has since undergone two total transformations at the hands of others. First, the U.S.S.R. turned it into a plan to avert Communism by the simple act of boycotting it; then Western Europe turned it into a plan for doing the Communists' work for them, by tying it up with the design for creating a uniform, federated, Socialist combine, to be described by some such name as the United States of Europe. British and other Socialists argued that only Socialism could provide that indispensable foundation of reciprocity, uniformity, and mutual confidence between independent States, which the efficient execution of E.R.P. required. But they entirely failed to ask themselves what would happen then. They would see the answer clearly if they asked themselves another question, namely, what state of affairs would the Soviet Government wish to bring about if it had its way in Europe? The answer is the same: a uniform, federated, Socialist combine, to be described by some such name as the United States of Europe. This has already been achieved by the U.S.S.R. in Eastern Europe, and is in process of being achieved for them in Western Europe.

The Strategy of World Conquest

In order to understand clearly the major strategy of the authors of the present troubled plight of the world, it

is appropriate to recall the famous statement made by the Financier-Socialist group, Political and Economic Planning (P.E.P.), in 1938.

These power-lusting planners said that they had started from the basis that it was only in war or under the threat of war that the British people would accept government planning similar to that in Soviet Russia. Well, the planners got their war, thanks to the building up of Nazi Germany by the international financiers, and the Russian agreement with the Nazis in 1939, and centralised planning was imposed in all British countries.

During the war years some planners made it clear that the longer the war went the more planning they could have introduced.

However, the war eventually came to an end, and the problem of how to continue planning under the threat of war could only be solved by building up Russia.

This was done through various international organisations such as U.N.R.R.A. which drained enormous quantities of food and machinery of various descriptions from British countries and the U.S.A. into Soviet-dominated Europe.

The Real Fight

Communism has only become such a menace because it is indispensable to the plans of the powerful international groups who are seeking to establish the World Monopoly State. Those who want to make a real fight against Communism must face the fact that the Communist idea cannot be defeated by the furthering of this very idea, even if it is labelled something else.

Colac Radio Talks

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Centralisation of power, irrespective of how accomplished, means Communism—or, to be strictly correct, Socialism.

It is generally overlooked that Communism means the classless State. But even Russia is not a Communist State. The State has not withered away, and there is the most despotic class tyranny of any country in the world.

As the initials, U.S.S.R., proclaim, Russia is a Socialist State, and the results of Socialism are the same wherever they are introduced.

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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 organic fanning 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.

Will Non-Labour Politicians Oppose Communist Policies?

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That is why it is so misleading for Socialists to say they are fighting Communists — they merely disagree about the best method of reaching the same objective. The non-Socialists, such as the Liberals in Australia, claim that they do not want to reach the Socialist objective, while all the time they endorse policies, which bring that objective nearer.

Compulsory Insurance Schemes

In a confidential manual of instruction for Communist Party members, in which are outlined "the aims and technique to be followed, it is stated that the "seemingly harmless attack is better."

One of the "seemingly harmless" attacks advocated is the support of compulsory State Insurance schemes.

Compulsory State Insurance schemes further centralised control of the individual; they take the individual's money off him, and only permit him to get a little of it back if he submits to the dictates of an ever-increasing army of all-powerful officials.

It is interesting to recall that the first Federal Government to try and introduce a compulsory State Insurance Scheme in Australia was the Lyons Government, and that the man most active in connection with that scheme was Mr. R. G. Casey, at that time Treasurer.

Although strong public opposition resulted in the defeat of the Lyons compulsory Insurance Scheme, the Curtin Government introduced a similar scheme during the war, which, the P.E.P. planners said, was so essential for government planning.

The Social Service State

The Social Service State is now being rapidly introduced in this and other British countries. We are assured that the Government will provide security from the cradle to the grave.

In other words, we are to have the independence of the people undermined by further Government control of the most insidious type.

The planners know that many people can be bribed by Social Services, little realising that they have more than paid for the Services they get.

On a strict actuarial basis it has been shown by the Sydney Research Service that no less than 81 percent of Australian taxpayers must lose heavily on their Social Service contributions.

Losers include men who remain single, men who marry and have no children, men earning above the basic wage who marry and have one child, men earning above £7/6/ weekly who marry and have two children, and men who are earning above £8/8/ per week and have three children.

Problem of Non-Labour Parties

One of the main questions which the Liberal and Country Parties must face up to is how they can reconcile their verbal opposition to the Communists and

Socialists with their proposal to continue the present Social Service system.

Experience from every country demonstrates beyond all argument that the Social Service State must result in a heavier drain on the taxpayers every year.

Non-Labour Party speakers have yet to demonstrate how they can introduce drastic and permanent taxation cuts while continuing with Social Service schemes, which must cost more every year.

The only way in which the non-Labour Parties can continue Social Services and, at the same time, reduce taxation, is to finance Social Services from some



Mr. HAROLD HOLT, M.H.R.

other source than taxation. Under a genuine economic democracy every individual would be able to make provision for his own security.

However, it is generally agreed that provision should be made for those who are incapacitated and our elderly people who cannot look after themselves. These people could easily be paid adequate pensions without taxing other sections of the community — and they could be paid these pensions without the degrading Means Test now in operation. It can be said, without fear of successful contradiction, that, unless the non-Labour Parties are prepared to adopt a more realistic attitude towards financial policy, they must inevitably adopt more and more Socialistic planning.

In fact, some Liberal spokesmen are already openly advocating State planning. Here is a statement by Mr. Holt, M.H.R., a very prominent Federal Liberal member. Speaking at Canberra on June 16, Mr. Holt said: "That does not mean that we who belong to that group (opposing Socialism) see no virtue in State guidance and planning, or in ownership by the State of certain utilities and monopoly undertakings. We recognise that there can be virtue in such ownership, and Governments other than Labour governments have acted in that belief."

It is quite obvious that Mr. Holt and his colleagues do not mind some Socialism; but they appear to believe that centralisation can be taken to a certain point and then discontinued.

This dangerous nonsense is exactly what the Communists like to hear. They know that the centralisation of power makes it easier for further centralisation.

Will We Get a Change of Policy?

If Liberal and Country Party leaders are genuine in their alleged desire to save us from the Socialist State, they must immediately proclaim that, if elected at the next elections, they will decentralise power as rapidly as possible.

Unless a clear-cut promise is made to this effect, we can make this warning now, that a change of politicians next year will not mean a change in policies.

The incoming politicians will take over the power centralised by the Labour-Socialists and use it themselves. They will ask electors to believe that they can handle power much more ably than their predecessors. But all realists know that power corrupts everyone, particularly politicians. The Communists know this better than most people. The Communist menace can only be defeated by decentralising power. This is the crux of the problem confronting us.

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PATTERN FOR REVOLUTION

From the Voters' Bulletin, Berne, Switzerland.

A translation of a confidential manual of instruction for Communist Party members, giving the aims and methods of propaganda and party technique to be followed.

A literal translation of the manual from the original Russian is given by I.C.P.A. as follows:

"In order to obtain full victory, we must destroy the old world. A complete revolution will destroy all institutions of western type; religious, political, and social. The bourgeois world is founded on them. Therefore we must destroy the state, the church, the courts, the banks, the administration, the police, and the army.

"In the countries which are in our hand, these institutions must be transformed. In Capitalist countries they must be brought by decomposition. This will be done by the people, suitably indoctrinated and directed.

"Marching toward the conquest of the world, we must make our task more easy by implanting certain ideas which undermine: the faith in God—by propagating godlessness; morality, by contempt of duty and punishment (civil disobedience), capitalist individualism by undermining the family by encouraging free sexual unions and communist education without father and mother; personal property, by state ownership, socialisation, economic collectives, labor co-operatives, and standard wages.

"A ruthless and direct attack against

the capitalist world and its ideas could provoke a strong reaction and arouse alertness. That is why insidious encroachment into all organisations, the warping of their ideas of work, the boring from within, the roundabout and seemingly harmless attack is better.

"So, for instance, in religious life, through slogans of false tolerance; in political life — through the building of blocks of patriotic leftists, directed by the inciting of strife and inter-party wrangling in order to weaken the totality; in social life through compulsory systems of social insurance in the economical domain through state ownership, through fiscal pressure, partial nationalisation of land, production, and forests; in the cultural domain by spreading the idea of philosophical materialism; in literature, arts, theatre, screen, music, by propagating hedonism and sensualism." —From Canadian *Social Credit Challenge*, July 8, 1948. We ask readers to note carefully that the Communist programme includes compulsory State insurance schemes. When will the "Liberals" realise that they are supporting Communist policies?

KEEP THIS DATE FREE

October 25, at Assembly Hall, Collins St., Melbourne. Public debate on the question: "That The *New Times* Pursues an Anti-Semitic Policy." Affirmative: Mr. J. L. Waten, Jewish Council Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism. Negative: Mr. Eric D. Butler. Chairman: Dr. John Dale.

THE "DEAD" LEVEL

By HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

Democracy is not all clear gain. For one thing, its methods of reaching decisions by voting creates the general impression that the majority is right.

"From a ladies' sewing circle to the Assembly of the League of Nations we count heads when we wish a matter settled. The result is that we modern democrats, who would scorn to truckle to an autocrat, truckle to the majority with all the obsequiousness of a courtier before his sovereign. Once the fashions were set by a monarch—the king could do no wrong. If he wore a beard, beards were fashionable; if he wore a ruff to cover a scar, ruffs were the order of the day. Democracy, however, which has largely abolished this mimicry of kings, has for many folk only substituted mimicry of the mob. We do not go through the outward ritual of kneeling to *Their Majesties*, but in fact we continually bow before two great sovereigns of the democratic State—The General Average and the Majority Vote. "In a political procedure it doubtless is true that the best way yet discovered to run a government is to elect public servants by popular suffrage. But to grant the wisdom of political democracy is a very different thing from saying that in any decision which calls for spiritual

fineness the majority is likely to be right. Upon the contrary, the majority is almost certain to be wrong. Put to popular vote the query, which they enjoy the better, ragtime and jazz on the one side, or Chopin's Nocturnes on the other, and where would the majority be? Put to popular vote the query, which interests them more, the movies or *Hamlet* and *King Lear*, and where would the majority be? Which are more popular, novels written by animated fountain pens that turn out love stories by the gross, or the great classics of our English speech? The idea that the voice of the people is the voice of God is mostly nonsense. . . .

"The fact is that in any realm where judgment calls for spiritual fineness only the minority who are above the average are ever right. And because a man is always tempted to live down to the average of his social group, a searching test of character is involved in one's relationship with this dead level of public opinion and practice. . . ."

—*Twelve Tests of Character* (1923).

HAVE YOU STUDIED THE COMMUNIST MENACE!

The following is a complete list of special publications recommended to those who want to study authentic, factual material on the Communist menace:

The Real Communist Menace, by Eric D. Butler. 1/8d.

This is an excellent commentary on the Canadian Report and Soviet policy as laid down by Lenin and Stalin. It also contains the most important part of the Canadian Report.

Red Glows The Dawn, by Michael Lamb..... 8/d.

A detailed exposure of the history of the Australian Communist Party. The author shows by documentary evidence how the policy of the Australian Communists is dictated by Moscow.

Communism in Australia, by J. T. Lang, M.H.R. . . . 2/2d.

This hard-hitting book gives detailed information concerning the Communist domination of Australian Unions. Communist leader Thornton took unsuccessful legal action against Lang when this book was first published.

20 Questions About Soviet Russia, by H. W. Henderson 7 d.

More Questions About Russia, by H. W. Henderson . 10 d.

What Are Russia's Ultimate Aims? by H. W. Henderson

The Red Spider Web, by Bernard Newman 7 d. 18/6

A famous mystery writer deals with the thrilling story of the Canadian Spy Trials. He shows that truth is stranger than fiction.

Report On The Russians, by W. L. White 17/-

This famous book is the one, which caused considerable consternation amongst the Comrades all over the world. White visited Russia during the war years. A brilliant first-hand account.

Communism — Why Not? by "Advance Australia." . . . 2/8d.

A well-documented book dealing with the Jewish influence in Communism. Strenuous attempts were made to have this book banned during the war years.

Communism in Action. . . . 3/2d.

This detailed factual report was prepared at the instigation of a Member of the American House of Congress.

The Answer to Socialism, by C. Barclay-Smith..... 2/8d.

This excellent book is a "must" for every student of Communism. All the essential facts and figures are available for those who engage in controversy on the Communist question.

Inside Red Russia, by J. J. Maloney, M.L.C 4/8d.

In this book, the former Australian Minister in Moscow, "pulls no punches" about what he saw in Russia. He saw Russia as an Australian Labour man officially visiting a Socialist State, and returned to Australia horrified at what he had seen.

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CRIPPS & STRACHEY SHOW CONTEMPT FOR BRITISH WAY OF LIFE

The following extracts from the speeches and writings of two men at the heart of the British Empire today reveals the contempt in which they hold the British way of life, and their eagerness to turn Britain into a totalitarian state.

Sir Stafford Cripps: "If Germany should defeat Britain in a capitalist war I do not believe it would be bad at all for the British working classes (November, 1936).

"God, King, and Country, which, being translated, means capitalist property and profits." (May, 1936.)

"All sorts of excuses are being given why we should uphold rearmament, including the old-fashioned 'For God, King, and country patriotism, assisted by all the tomfoolery of Jubilees and Coronations." (February, 1937.)

"You have only to look at the pages of British Imperial history to hide your head in shame that you are British." (October, 1935.)

"It is fundamental to Socialism that we should liquidate the British Empire as soon as we can." (March, 1936.)

"I want to see the end of the Empire in the world because the Imperial method of world development has plunged us into war after war and will



SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS

go on plunging us into wars until civilisation itself is destroyed." (September, 1938, Jamaica.)

"The Socialist Government's first step will be to call Parliament at the earliest moment and place before it an Emergency Powers Bill, to be passed through all its stages on the first day. This Bill will be wide enough in its terms to allow all that will be immediately necessary to be done by Ministerial orders. These orders must be incapable of challenge in the Courts. . . . At the present time it is left to the Courts to decide whether these (Ministerial) orders are within the powers given by Parliament This power must be taken from the Courts."

(From *Can Socialism Come by Constitutional Means?*)

"The obstruction of the House of Lords to full Socialism will have to be overcome by the creating of new Labour peers. . . . If the Crown took the unconstitutional step of declining to create these peers, I should, acting through the House of Commons, be prepared to ignore both the House of Lords and the Courts which might refuse to recognise the new measures. It might even be necessary to replace the Judges." (August, 1933.)

"It is of first importance that the whole conception of Local Government responsibility should be revised. A larger unit will be required. . . . It will not only be necessary for the Central Government to pass Socialist measures, but it will be necessary to have Socialist Regional Councils to see that they are carried through promptly and efficiently." (From *Problems of a Socialist Government*.)

Mr. Strachey is reported as saying or writing:—

"We must never forget for a moment that British Communism is part of a world-wide movement, the successes or failures of any part of which quickly react upon the prospects of all its other parts. . . . A working-class dictatorship can alone open the way to Communism . . . the assumption of power by the workers can occur by means of a revolution alone." (*The Coming Struggle for Power*, 1932.)

"Like all Socialists, I believe that the Socialist society evolves in time into the Communist society." (Interview, *New York Times*, 1938.)

"Thus correctly defined the doctrine of the dictatorship of the proletariat becomes a very linchpin or cornerstone of scientific Socialist theory." (*What Are We To Do?*)

"Let us then devote intense efforts this winter to the building up of the Communist Party precisely because that is the one way by which we can ensure the immediate revival of the Labour Party." (September 1937)

"And you yourself are reported as follows:—

"We are deliberately putting a world order before our loyalty towards our country." (October 1934)

"The important thing is not to do things with the most scrupulous regard to the theories of democracy or exact constitutional propriety, but to get on with the job." (*Problems of a Socialist Government*, 1933)

(*On the new Local Government*): "I conceive him (the district commissioner) as an instrument of the Central Government sent down into a locality to see that the will of the Central Government is obeyed, and its plan implemented. He is to be the focal point at the same time of the regional activities and the rallying point for the forces of constructive Socialism. He must, therefore, be first and foremost a Socialist."



JOHN STRACHEY

In suggesting a commissioner of this kind I am departing from British precedent, but this, I think, is necessary in a crisis. . . . I conceive the district commissioner as something more than a public servant. He is the local energiser and interpreter of the will of the Government. He is not impartial. He is a Socialist, and therefore in touch with the Socialists in the region, who are his colleagues in his campaign. It may be said that this is rather like the Russian plan of commissars and Communist Party members. I am not afraid of the comparison. We have to take the strong points of the Russian system and apply them to this country." (*Problems of a Socialist Government*.)

MORE TREACHERY

Over and over again we have demanded That all these problems should be reduced to a question of allegiance. That, of course, would be the loadstone of the Royal Commission given the task of inquiring into Communism.

It is quite vital that this question is thrashed out. Subversive forces within Government realise its importance, and have used many of the opportunities of office to bring forward measures, which weaken the ties of the King's subjects with the Crown. This must be stopped at all costs. We have seen how the Empire has been weakened by the dangerous policies pursued in India. Now it is proposed to bring forward a Nationality Bill, which would sever the last tie, which holds the Empire together. If the Dominions are to be permitted to renounce their allegiance to the Crown, and still retain British citizenship, then the forces of Communism will have won their final victory over Great Britain.

The one link, which has remained unbroken until the present, has been the cardinal principle of common allegiance to the hereditary sovereign.

That is the sole remaining legal link; it is just this, which the Government now seeks to sever. The Opposition are very wise to challenge the Administration on that point should they fail, then the time really has come to start a few actions for impeachment.

—London. Tidings, June 24, 1948.

The Documents of the Case

Extract of "From Smoke to Smother," by Douglas Reed

It seems to me, when I consider the power of that entombed gold at Fort Knox (U.S.A.), and the pattern of events in the last 30 years, that there are great, organised forces in the world, which are spread over many countries, but work in unison to achieve power over mankind through chaos.

They seem to me to seek, first and foremost, the destruction of Christianity, nationhood, and liberty in Europe; that was "the design" which Lord Acton perceived behind the first of the tumults, the French Revolution, and it has become clearer with later tumults and growing success. This process does not appear to me a natural or inevitable one, but a man-made one, which follows definite rules of conspiratorial action. I believe there is an organisation behind it of long standing, and that great successes, which have been achieved, are mainly due to the efficiency with which this has been kept concealed.

Are There Proofs?

Are there any proofs? I think the shape of events is the proof. The course of the second war showed, in my opinion, that ways have been found and mechanisms set up to manipulate these wars in the interests of ulterior parties and ambitions, so that the one purpose advanced by them is that of spreading chaos, and destroying Christian nationhood and liberty in Europe. The rise through both the wars of causes remote from or antagonistic to those which were said to be, and which the masses believed to be, at stake is clearly worth study in this respect.

Evidence of Conspiracy

There is also substantial evidence, in my opinion, that this is an organised conspiracy of men, changing with the generations and collaborating from many countries, who largely succeed in remaining invisible, anonymous, or disguised. The sudden appearance on the

scene, at moments of climax, of beings hitherto unknown, like Hitler and Tito; the Communist practice of working under aliases and through ostensibly non-Communist bodies, newspapers, and parties; the use of Fascism and anti-Semitism as smoke-screens for the advancement of ulterior aims; all these are examples of the science of secret conspiracy in practice.

The Protocols of Zion

There are many instructive documents, too, and the especial energy used to suppress them is to my mind proof both of their importance and of the organised



DOUGLAS REED

conspiracy. One is that known as "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." In Communist-ruled countries it is suppressed under penalty of death. In many others it is violently combated, not by evidential refutation, but by the blanket reproach that it is anti-Semitic, a term of political rhetoric which has played the part, in the debates of this century, of a red whale, rather than a red herring.

In my opinion it deserves the closest and soberest study. It was published in Russia in 1897, translated into English by a British newspaper correspondent, Mr. Victor Marsden, who long lived there, and returned to England after the Bolshevik revolution, and published here about 1918.

Suppression of Publicity

I have, I expect, as much knowledge as any living writer of the methods employed to suppress publication or public discussion of certain matters, and I know nothing to equal the fierce tenacity

which is used to prevent the circulation of the book, or to discredit its contents. This is something, which has to be experienced to be believed; my own reminiscences of it are already stored for publication one day.

One objection raised against it is that it was pronounced a forgery by a Swiss Court at the application of the Jewish community of Berne. The findings of foreign courts are not necessarily conclusive for the British Islander; this judgment was in any case set aside by a higher court. Another argument used in rebuttal is that a correspondent of The Times, many years ago, wrote articles discounting the Protocols.

I was for many years a correspondent of The Times, and am convinced of the authenticity of the Protocols, whatever their authorship, as a document of a secret society engaged in revolutionary conspiracy.

The Forgery Argument

The complaint that they are forged presumably refers to the word "Zion" in the title. I think the masses of people who are puzzled by the stubborn chaos of our times should read the Protocols, and in this search for truth, in order to be completely impartial, they should strike from their minds, or even from the book itself, this word in the title and any similar reference in the text. They should go further, and regard the book as a non-Jewish one, or even an anti-Jewish one. Let them assume that the book, was written by Machiavellian plotters, who saw in the use or misuse of the Jews and their plights a good way of spreading strife and chaos in Europe. That is, after all, what is happening in our time; it is obvious that the pretended enemies, Communism and Fascism, only parade this issue in order to simulate a difference between them, though both

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THE POLICY OF MONOPOLY

Irrespective of whether it is termed Socialism, Socialisation, Communism, Planned Economy, or any other label, it is a policy of Monopoly that is being imposed upon the peoples of the world today. Unless this policy is attacked and defeated, a complete World Monopoly must eventually be established. Every step towards centralising power, political, economic, or financial, is a step towards the Monopoly State. This is the fact, which the non-Labour Parties must face up to if they are to help stem the totalitarian tide. But the possibility of this happening is unfortunately rather remote just at present.

Most of the criticism of the Labour Party by the non-Labour Parties at Canberra gives the definite impression that a new set of politicians could run the present centralised political structure much more ably than the present politicians. Mr. T. W. White and some of his colleagues have recently criticised the TAA as a "socialistic venture" which is being subsidised by the taxpayers, many of whom do not travel by air. While this criticism is excellent as far as it goes, it would carry far more conviction if the non-Labour Parties stated dearly what they intend to do about TAA if they are elected to form a Government at the next Federal elections. Silence on this matter can only mean that they propose to take over this "socialistic venture" and attempt to run it better than the present Government.

What all genuine anti-Monopolists must understand is that the inherent evils of centralisation can only be defeated by decentralisation—political, economic and financial. If the non-Labour Parties could remove themselves from the influence of their various advisers, and boldly proclaim that they will take immediate steps to disperse power to the individual of the community after the next Federal Elections, they would be pleasantly surprised at the support they would get.

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Planning Venture on Russian Lines in Central Queensland

Central Queensland Food for Britain venture would ruin the Queensland dairying industry, Mr. E. B. Maher, M.L.A., said today (July 6):

Mr. Maher, who is State Country Party deputy leader, made his prediction at a party conference.

"Every priority in petrol, tractors, and other farm essentials will be given to the food corporation, and local farmers will have to go without," Mr. Maher said.

Propaganda had been circulated alleging that the Hanlon Government was moderate and different from the Chifley Government—but both had signed to impose socialisation of industry, he added.

"This socialisation of industry is Australia's number one danger," he continued.

The Central Queensland land acquired on behalf of certain British interests—and which has Government financial backing—will be worked as a Government enterprise."

Mr. Maher said that Labour spokesmen had been careful to emphasise that all

this would not come about in our time, and that it was a bogey raised by Labour's political opponents. Such claptrap had lured many people from giving their support to a party strongly opposed to Socialism.

"This scheme, however, is a form of State Capitalism, such as obtains in Russia, where the State owns everything, including the land," he said.

"Such a principle departs from the system which has developed and built up this country. Why not follow the system and method in vogue and make the land available to rising youth without reverting to the camouflage under which the central Queensland land was acquired?"

—*Courier Mail* (Brisbane), July 6, '48.

DOCUMENTS OF THE CASE

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"From Smoke to Smother"

By Douglas Reed,

This important book can be regarded as a sequel to Douglas Reed's famous book, *Insanity Fair*. Reed exposes the groups, which he contends are making another world war inevitable. He also gives the most detailed exposure of the totalitarian policies of the British Socialist Government yet published. He deals with the large number of Zionist Jews in the British Government, the imposition of bread rationing, the taking of the traditional liberties of the British people, and many other vital matters.

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are more lethal to Gentiles than to Jews; and that the Jewish masses are moved about and manipulated like pawns by some force, which they themselves do not comprehend.

If the Protocols' are approached, then, as an anti-Jewish document, if all these allowances are made, what remains is still a blueprint, made before this century began, of the events of the last thirty years. From whatever angle the book is regarded, that result is the same. Long before we saw them, long before we would have believed that they could ever be employed, the methods by which our world has been reduced to its present plight are here laid down; here is the formula for the corruption, intimidation, or subornation of parties and individuals, newspapers and writers, Parliaments and politicians, which have been seen in practice as these three decades have passed.

Blueprint of World Plot

The book is the blueprint of a world conspiracy, which fifty years ago huddled in Russian cellars and today sits in the in the seats of the mighty and is largely successful. It was published in 1897! There is no need to believe that it is a record of a Zionist conference held about then; it is much better to disbelieve that and to accept the allegation that it is a plagiarism, that is, a rehash of some earlier document. That gives the clue. It means that the Protocols, though they are not Zionist, are authentic as the document of a conspiracy. This, in fact, appears clearly to be the truth. The thing to get at, then, is, who were the authors of the earlier document or documents, from which this one is descended, and at what still earlier source did they study? It is plainly wrong that so brilliantly illuminating a work should be dismissed merely with angry assertions that it is forged. The point is that its authors, whoever they were and whenever they lived, knew the methods by which the convulsions of this century would be brought about and Europe, by the middle of it, be almost destroyed.

It is important, then, not to suppress or to attack the book, but to find out whence it came. That might furnish the key to the still unsolved mystery of this century.

"The Design Behind the Tumult"

I believe the great opposition to any public discussion of the Protocols reveals the strength of the forces, which do not wish the key to be found. The Protocols are not uniquely important in themselves. They are but one in a long series of documents which cover nearly two hundred years. But they supply the key. The line of political thought set out in them can be clearly traced from the middle of the eighteenth century until today, and for at least that time a secret organisation, which desires the destruction of Christendom and nationhood in Europe, has apparently been in existence.

The story reaches back to the secret societies, which brought about the French revolution. It can first be clearly traced at that point. The "design behind the tumult" which Lord Acton so clearly saw when he was investigating that revolution of the 1790's was woven further by the revolutionaries of 1848, by the Russian ones of the 1880's and 1890's, and since 1917 has run through the whole chaos of our thirty years.

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Life Under Socialism in England

By H. W. SEAMAN

Well-known British journalist. Reprinted from "THE READER'S DIGEST" and condensed from "THE AMERICAN MERCURY." An outspoken opponent of England's Labour Government describes some of the strange restrictions under which he and his fellow Britons must live.

Remember the rumpus Loretta Young stirred up in England when she was moved to pity by a reporter who said he was wearing whiskers because no razor blades were available in the shops? The chairman of the British Tourist and Holidays Board gave the movie actress a prompt ticking-off, believing that such remarks might harm his cause of coaxing tourist dollars to Britain.

Visitors' criticisms of life in England under the Socialist Government are certain to be denounced, for the English are exceedingly tetchy these days—and I, as one of them, submit that they have plenty to be tetchy about.

Invasion of Human Rights

Here I am at my desk, smoking ordinary gaspers that cost 3/4 for 20, and trying to figure it out: Has Socialism in England succeeded or failed? Is it the doorstep of the Servile State, which Hilaire Belloc said long ago, would inevitably be brought about by the State's invasion of human rights? "Unless we restore the institution of property," he wrote, "we cannot escape the institution of slavery."

In those days people who called themselves Socialists believed that Socialism meant freedom and wealth for all. But today we have Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, proclaiming that it is more blessed, more social, to rent a house from a public authority than to own a house, and actually forbidding us to build houses for ourselves even with our own material and our own labour. And Sir Stafford Cripps, our most powerful politician, warns that, unless we toe the line that is ever drawn more tightly for us, "someone will be called on to force us to comply as the only alternative to disaster." This is not the Socialism that the well-meaning humanitarians of the last century saw in dreams. It is what Socialism was certain to bring to pass.

"Common Ownership" Racket

Not long ago an English lecturer wrote in a book about his tour of the United States that England was 50 years ahead of America in social legislation. That may be true, but how much happier are our people for "owning" the coal mines but not their homes; for "owning" the railways but not the right to use them easily; for putting their lives and destinies into the hands of politicians?

The New Statesman, a Socialist publication, quotes an American GI who served in this theatre of war: "You may have social security, but you can't go into a store and buy two quarts of milk." Brother, we cannot buy one quart in a store, and if more than two quarts are put on a doorstep in a week the house-

holder and the milkman may land in jail. To give away milk, or even to sell it, before the politicians have laid hands on it, is one of the thousands of offences created by the Departmental Orders.

"If you sell a green onion smaller than 1-3/4 inches in circumference," said a member of Parliament, "you are liable to fine or imprisonment. Very kindly, the order tells you that the onion's dimensions are to be measured by taking its circumference at right angles to its axis."

To learn what they may or may not do, shopkeepers sometimes have to purchase copies of Board of Trade regulations and orders as they pour from the presses. In the last 12 months there have been more than 30,000 prosecutions for disobeying Departmental Orders, in the enforcement of which a large army of officials is employed.

Export — and Perish

The ordinary citizen sees in shop windows Czechoslovakian coloured china, at high prices. The only British-made crockery on sale is white; the coloured is sent abroad. He hears that we buy from France men's clothing material of a quality inferior to that which we export. He hears also that exports are not nearly enough to close the dangerous gap; foreign markets are drying up. He is told that it is his fault for not working hard enough—not the fault of the Government, which controls all our foreign trade.

Each of us gets 4 clothing coupons a month. A suit costs 26 coupons, an undershirt three. Coupons must even be surrendered for handkerchiefs and household linens. A pair of sheets takes a woman's clothing coupons for three months. This austerity measure is not due to shortages. Textile chiefs report that goods piled up in warehouses would absorb 480,000,000 coupons' worth of clothing. There is a similar surplus of shoes. But adults cannot spare coupons for them.

I hear people say, "When this is all over . . ." They speak of the present ordeal as they spoke of the war—as a calamity that will surely pass. Some say that Socialism itself is the calamity, and others that Socialism will end it this year, next year, sometime.

Present-day London after dark is little brighter and much less lively than it was in wartime. Only half the streetlights are on. Most theatres close before ten o'clock. The subways close early. And if your home is in a suburb you have to grope in a blackout, for all suburban street lamps go out at 11 p.m.

No Free Air Now

The Government forbids using electricity for lighted signs. A shopkeeper who lighted his window with a dynamo driven by a windmill on the roof was

commanded by virtue of No. 2510 of Standing Regulations and Orders, to switch off. "The bad psychological effect" of such lapses is officially deplored.

During the war, light was what we longed for. "When the Lights Go on Again" was the song, and we pictured the shining eyes of children seeing street lamps for the first time. The lights did come, and bliss it was in that dawn to be alive: but how were we to know that it was one of those rosy dawns that bring in dismal days?

After three years of peace, we are worse off than before. Railway fares and coal prices are up. Our letters are opened and searched. A butcher said to me: "My customers are so hungry they look at me cutting a piece of stringy imported mutton as if they could eat me."

If a cow is ill, according to the East Anglian *Daily Times*, a farmer is entitled to use petrol to summon a veterinarian; but if his wife is ill he must walk or bicycle to get a doctor. A business man who applied for petrol coupons to drive to work by car, because the bus service did not get him there on time, was given half the coupons, reports the *St. Helen's Reporter*, and told that he could go to work by car but must come back by bus!

For Those Who Complain

Anyone who kicks is told that he is antisocial. When housewives march in protest, Government officials call them "infantile and irresponsible." When doctors refuse to be dragooned into wage-earning public service, Mr. Bevan calls their professional association "a body of politically poisoned people." Public opinion is denounced as "raucous clamor."

Keith Chessells, from his experience with Government departments, wrote in the *Glasgow Sunday Mails* "Why can't we grow more food? Because we must export agricultural machinery. Why? So that foreign countries can grow more food. Why? So that they can export it to us. Why? Because we cannot grow enough ourselves. Why? Because we must export; . . ."

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number exactly 49. The reason is that anyone with 50 or more hens must register with the government, which claims all his eggs for the market at government prices. So flocks are reduced to 49 by people who, left to themselves, would raise more chickens and produce more eggs.

Food Control

When a person passes the cafeteria cashier with a laden tray she computes the price; if it is more than two shillings and threepence, she removes the surplus with a pair of tongs; for a restaurant that keeps its price for a meal below 2/4 is exempt from certain rules that afflict more expensive establishments. Anyone can buy two shillings and threepence worth of sandwiches, but he who spends a penny more must give the names and addresses of the people who are to eat them. This is the law, God help us all!

It is generally agreed that, while we get less food than before the war, it is enough to support reasonable health. Government authorities estimate it at 2,900 calories per person per day—rather less than the prewar allowance to prison inmates.

The apparent indifference of the man in the corner pub to all this amazes beholders. He may lack some of the comforts he formerly enjoyed, but he has money in his pocket, social security, and more social security to come. His rations are meager, but they seem cheap, thanks to the illusion created by £400,000,000 a year he and other taxpayers pay in food subsidies.

Freedom? He has long been accustomed to obey promptly when the pub-keeper at 10 p.m. calls, "Time, please." Everyone else has to clear out, too.

On the whole, the man in the corner pub is little worse off than ever he was. The politicians he voted for promised him a five-day week, and he has it. If he loses his job he has to go to a Labor Exchange where, if he finds nothing to his liking, he is "directed" to another of the Government's choosing. But what of that? Most of us are now accustomed to "social engineering," to being ticketed and docketed in all our ways.

Control of Labor

Twenty-two years ago Hilaire Belloc, seeing even then the way things were going, said: "Two things are probable:

(1) that compulsory labor will come; (2) that it will be given some name not remotely connected with the idea of slavery or compulsion. There is quite a chance that the word 'loyalty' will capture the position, and that we shall have 'loyalty' courts for trying and punishing people who rebel against compulsory labor."

We have them now, but we have been conditioned to absorb the shock. John A. Harrington, of Bath, aged 28, threw up his carpentering job when work was slack and applied to the Labor Exchange for other employment. He was told to go back to the job he had quit, or go to prison for three months or pay a fine of £ 100. He went back.

In a letter to the *Daily Telegraph*, A. E. Storridge, of Kilburn, points out that if both Karl Marx and William Wordsworth were alive and working today a government official could decide that Marx was spending his time usefully in the British Museum, but that Wordsworth was a drone, idling in the Lake District.

Householders of Basingstoke who wanted to decorate their homes were warned by a High Court ruling that they must not spend more than £100 a year on the work - - including payment to themselves for their own labour at union rates.

A man in Jarrow who laid a pavement in his garden without a licence was acquitted of crime when he explained to the magistrate: "The highest official of the Ministry of Works in Newcastle stated that no licence was needed if the cement was applied not by a trowel but through a watering can."

Swarms of Officials

Meanwhile the country swarms with public officials: 700,000 in the state service and many hundreds of thousands in the municipal services. "If you fall into a government job," says the *Sunday Express*, "you can look forward to world travel, unrationed hospitality, and almost complete insulation from the

rigors of austerity. Privilege is no longer earned by merit. It is handed out as a sop for services rendered in the cause of Socialism."

All this is not to say that the British people have lost their spirit. Millions of them would disagree with the dark picture Charles Morgan presents in the *Sunday Times*: "The walls of the prison close in day by day; the area of enterprise shrinks; the ceiling of opportunity is lowered. The prisoners are charged more for the expense of the multiplying jailers. Food and drink diminish in quantity and quality month by month. Socialism, as now interpreted, is competition without prizes, boredom without hope, war without victory, and statistics without end."

Stout Hearts Still

Yet millions also realise that there is some truth in the picture. They are sad to see this sweet and lovely country, which has served and suffered, brought to such a plight. Some stout hearts seek to emigrate because they seek scope, as Englishmen have always done, for their enterprise and vigor. Some faint hearts, also seeking to get away, ask what the government will do to help them, and whether the government will guarantee their social security in lands overseas.

But the stoutest hearts of all stay right here, because they feel that, in spite of all the mischief that politicians have wrought, Britain can be made free again.

EDUCATION BY "THE STATE"

By JOHN STUART MILL (1859)

Were the duty of enforcing universal education once admitted there would be an end to the difficulties about what the State should teach, and how it should teach, which convert the subject into a mere battlefield for sects and parties, causing the time and labour which should have been spent in educating to be wasted in quarrelling about education.

If the Government would make up its mind to require for every child a good education, it might save itself the trouble of providing one. It might leave to parents to obtain the education where and how they pleased, and content itself with helping to pay the school fees of the poorer classes of children, and defraying the entire school expenses of those who have no one else to pay for them.

The objections, which are urged with reason against State education, do not apply to the enforcement of education by the State, but to the State's taking upon itself to direct that education; which is a totally different thing.

That the whole or any part of the education of the people should be in State hands, I go as far as anyone in deprecating. All that has been said of the importance of individuality of character, and diversity in opinions and modes of conduct involves, as of the same unspeakable importance, diversity of education.

A general state of education is a mere contrivance for moulding people to be exactly like one another; and as the mould in which it casts them is that which pleases the predominant power in government, whether this be a monarch, a priesthood, an aristocracy, or the majority of the existing generation; in proportion as it is efficient and success-

ful, it establishes a despotism over the mind, leading by natural tendency to one over the body.

An education established and controlled by the State should only exist, if it exists at all, as one among many competing experiments, carried on for the purpose of example and stimulus, to keep the others up to a certain standard of excellence. Unless, indeed, when society in general is in so backward a state that it could not or would not provide for itself any proper institutions of education unless the government undertook the task; then, indeed, the government may, as the less of two great evils, take upon itself the business of schools and universities, as it may that of joint stock companies, when private enterprise, in a shape fitted for undertaking great works of industry, does not exist in the country.

But in general, if the country contains a sufficient number of persons qualified to provide education under government auspices, the same persons would be able and willing to give an equally good education on the voluntary principle, under the assurance of remuneration afforded by a law rendering education compulsory, combined with State aid to those unable to defray the expense.



THE COLLECTIVE FARM COMES TO QUEENSLAND

By H.R.

During the debate on the Address in Reply at the opening of the Commonwealth Parliament, it was revealed that the Queensland Government has entered into an agreement with the British Overseas Food Corporation to establish at Capella, in that State, a monster farm for the growing of sorghum and sunflower seeds.

The sum of £2 million is to be invested in the project, £1,500,000 by the Corporation and £500,000 by the Queensland Government. The Government's part in the agreement is to acquire the necessary land, and a start has been made with the acquisition of Peak Downs station of 73,000 acres. It is hoped that the resumption of additional areas of land will bring the area under cultivation to at least 500,000 acres.

The aim is to use the sunflower seeds for cooking oils and margarine for Britain, and to feed the sorghum to pigs, with the object of producing some 500,000 annually. The soil is to be cultivated in the grand manner, with giant tractors ploughing thousands of acres in the shortest possible time. Everything has been planned except the weather, but apparently the big planners do not expect any hindrance to their plans from a detail of such minor importance as rainfall.

When the resemblance of this project to the collective farms of Russia was pointed out to Mr. Williams, who first raised the matter in the House of Representatives, that good Socialist replied: "Surely there is nothing wrong in adopting good methods from Russia."

Presumably the only part of the Russian set-up, which displeases the Socialists at Canberra, is the spilling of the blood of the bourgeoisie, and the ruthless manner in which the Red power lusts dispose of all who attempt to hinder their grab for power. Favouring, as they do, State-owned factories and collective farms, and permitting Communist control of domestic and foreign policy, what is there to distinguish them from the avowed Communists, except their objection to the brand "Communist," and their fear that the more ruthless elements in the Party will liquidate them in the final struggle for power in the Communist State?

Mr. Chifley's Policy

If it is considered necessary for steps such as the above to be taken to provide food for Britain, one might well ask why private enterprise could not be relied upon to raise pigs for Britain and to pro-

duce the sorghum upon which to feed them. It happens that there are very good reasons why both pigs and sorghum have not been raised in sufficient quantities to meet Britain's needs, and the basic cause for the decline in both cases is to be found in the policy of Mr. Chifley and his Socialist colleagues.

First we will consider what happened to the farmers who produced many thousands of bushels of sorghum during the war, much of which was grown on the Darling Downs of Queensland.

An inducement to grow sorghum was given to farmers at that time by the Commonwealth Government's guarantee of a payable price for the grain. However, when the people decided by referendum that they would put a constitutional limit to the power of the Socialists, the Chifley Government, in what can only be described as a fit of pique, decided that if the people were determined to deny them further powers, they would teach the people a lesson by denying further Government assistance to the growers of sorghum.

Acreage Reduced

Stating the policy of the Government on the matter, in reply to a question in the House of Representatives on 7th April last, Mr. Pollard, Minister for Commerce and Agriculture, said: "Because of the expiration of its war-time powers, the Government has not seen fit to guarantee a price for those grains for the forthcoming year."

The immediate effect of that policy was that many farmers reduced the acreage under sorghum, whilst others ceased to grow it at all, so that the planting of sorghum on the Darling Downs was reduced by 60 percent.

Now there was no valid reason why the Commonwealth Government should

have withdrawn its assistance from the growers of sorghum.

The Constitution gives it power to extend financial assistance, wherever it is required within Australia, but the Commonwealth Government refuses to give assistance to anyone if it cannot at the same time extend its power over them. The sorghum growers were told, in effect, that if the Canberra bureaucracy was not to be permitted to control the planting and marketing of the grain, the industry could drift to extinction so far as the Government was concerned.

This short-sighted and suicidal policy, in addition to restricting the acreage under sorghum and other grains, has caused the growers to send as much of their crop as possible overseas, in order to take advantage of the much better prices offering in other countries.

The Pig Meat Industry

A state of affairs in the pig meat industry, equally as deplorable as that of the sorghum growers, was revealed when George Farmer and Company announced in June last that they would be forced to close their factory at Ballarat unless the Commonwealth Government relaxed its policy on prices.

By fixing the price of its products at 10d a lb., the Commonwealth was forcing Farmers to offer the farmer a price for his pigs, which would force him out of production.

The only alternative under the Government's policy was for the firm to pay the farmer a reasonable price for the pigs and make a loss themselves, but because they had been following that course for too long, they had decided to close down their factory, until the Federal Cabinet opened their minds to a little reason on the subject.

Had Government policy permitted it, George Farmers could have given the pig raisers in the surrounding district the best possible incentive to raise additional pigs, by accepting pigs as fast as they arrived at the factory. But the Socialists willed otherwise, and it is they who must accept full responsibility for the condition of both the sorghum and pig industries.

How the Land was Acquired

Another point which begs an answer is why the owners of Peak Downs Station and surrounding properties should be tempted to sell land considered suitable for agriculture on the grand scale.

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The Collective Farm Comes to Queensland

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Presumably the main reason for the sale is that the policy of the Chifley Government, of high living and production costs and heavy taxation, plus the policy of the Communists of hindering or preventing wherever possible the production of the supplies and materials upon which industry depends, have made it difficult or impossible for them to continue in production any longer.

But Government policy will be far more sympathetic towards the Socialist monster, which is devouring private enterprise at Capella. Should the only unplanned factor, the weather, fail the big planners, or should muddling or excessive costs lead to a balance on the wrong side of the ledger, the taxpayer will be mulct to make it good. Socialist enterprise cannot possibly fail whilst Socialists control Government financial policy.

Source of Govt. Policy

Government policies do not fall from the heavens like raindrops, nor do they grow on trees like apples, or push their way up like mushrooms in the field. Political policies grow from the knowledge or ignorance, the aspirations or designs of politicians, and of those who pull strings from behind the scenes.

The policy of the Chifley Government was formulated by men with no love for private enterprise. They are men who are committed to socialisation of the means of production, distribution, and exchange by the platform of their Party, and are thus committed to the destruction of private enterprise and its replacement by State ownership.

On those rare occasions when they show a grudging sympathy for private enterprise, they state that they support private enterprise whilst it can do the job, but favour State ownership when it cannot.

What they fail to add is that it is within their power to prevent private enterprise doing the job, and thus to produce an excuse for extending State ownership.

Now is there any real difference between the actions of these men and those of the Communists in working for the same end through union control of selected basic industries. In each case the policy tends to strangle private enterprise with unbearable costs and insurmountable difficulties, and in both cases the policy arises from a common philo-

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sophy. Both aim at the same objective, but differ on the means by which it is to be achieved, and finally come into conflict one with the other as to who is to hold it.

The "Inevitable" Trend Accepted By Politicians

Has the Chifley Government ever taken any really effective steps to thwart the aims of the Communist plotters? The nearest that Government has ever come to taking action concerning the subversive and treacherous activities of that contemptible gang, apart from the Burns case, where action was unavoidable, is to plead with them to be a little moderate in their demands and less talkative about their aims.

It is quite clear from the activities of the Chifley Government, and from the statements of policy by Mr. Casey and other "Liberal" leaders, that our professional party politicians have resigned themselves and us to the "trend" towards the planned State. If the future is to be left in their hands, the economic serfdom and Socialist tyranny of the totalitarian State is inevitable.

Escape is possible only if the individual elector demands to be freed from the designs of these egotistical and starry-eyed planners, whether they wear the wolf's hair of Socialism or conceal themselves in the lambs' wool of "liberalism."

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