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SIXPENCE WEEKLY.

Where State Monopoly Will Lead Us

The following is the second of a series of weekly radio talks being given over 3SR Shepparton (Vic.), by Mr. Eric D. Butler, Campaign Director of the Victorian League of Rights. Mr. Butler broadcasts at 10.10 p.m. every Monday.

The basic issue confronting the Australian people is whether they are going to have further centralisation of power—political, economic and financial—into fewer and fewer hands, or whether they are going to take action to decentralise power to the stage where every individual in the community can effectively control his own affairs.

It is unfortunate that this basic issue is, to a very great extent, obscured by the misuse of such words as Socialism, Communism, and Capitalism. Words have today become weapons in the hands of skilful propagandists, the result being that many people will resist an idea when it is given one label but will accept the same idea if given another label. For example, Communism has been put forward as an alternative to what is termed Fascism or Nazism, but most thinking people realise that the political, economic and financial system operating in Soviet Russia is very similar to that imposed upon the German people by Hitler and his National Socialists and to that imposed upon the Italian people by Mussolini and his Guild Socialists.

Basic Feature

The basic feature of the systems termed Communism, Fascism and Nazism is the centralisation of all power into the hands of the State and the subordination of all individuals to policies decided by those who in reality are the State.

Although the sincerity and idealism of many Socialists cannot be questioned, the policies they advocate must lead to greater and greater centralisation of power, and the ultimate creation of what can be best termed the Monopoly State. Socialism in practice inevitably leads to an extension of the very monopolistic practices, which the Socialists claim they are opposing. Monopoly of any description is, of course, an evil thing, which every freedom-loving individual should resist with all his might. But is there any evidence to show that increasing Government control results in less monopolistic practices?

Before answering this question let us briefly define Monopoly: A Monopoly can be said to exist when the individual has no

genuine alternative to any proposition placed before him. A Monopoly exists when the housewife cannot change her baker, butcher, milkman or grocer because of poor service or excessive prices. There is also Monopoly when the wage earner cannot change his job if he so desires, or cease being a wage earner to strike out in a business of his own.

Virtues of Free Enterprise

One of the principal virtues of decentralised free competitive enterprise is that it enables economic power to be widely distributed. Consumers are the real bosses who dictate to producers and retailers what results they require.

Now how can the consumer control production under Government control? Government control of an industry does not mean that the politicians who happen to form the Government actually do the controlling. Irrespective of what Party may be in office, the members of that Party are merely a cross section of the community—there are doctors, lawyers, schoolteachers, farmers and many others. Even assuming that they had the time, which, of course, they haven't, no group of politicians could take over an industry and run it. They would have to delegate their power to those who could run the industry. In most cases this would mean in practice that those now running industry would continue to do so. But instead of being controlled by the consumer, as they are under free enterprise, these people would now have increased power with no responsibility.

It is true that in theory they would be responsible to the Government, but in actual fact the politician would not be competent to do other than rely entirely upon their decisions. The advocate of Government control will, of course, point out that, as the electors control the Government, they should be able to compel the Government to insist that Government-controlled enterprises get the results the electors desire.

No Real Control

But how much actual control have the electors over modern central Governments? The Government can be changed once every

three years, and it is a most important thing that electors still have this right, but the mere changing of politicians does not give the elector any greater control over a nationalised enterprise than he had before. The new set of politicians elected may have the best intentions in the world, but when they come to deal with those running any State-controlled enterprise they find that they are up against a well-entrenched vested interest, and that those running this vested interest naturally resist any proposals for a change in policies.

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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.

TO THE POINT

The New Despotism

In case there are any trusting electors who think that the abolition of petrol rationing automatically means that there will be a reduction in the bureaucracy, it is essential to draw attention to the obscure press report of June 8 which quotes Mr. Penrose, Deputy Director of Rationing, as saying that "Rationing Commission staffs rendered unemployed by any lifting of controls would be absorbed into other Government work."

Electors who want to restore responsible Government should immediately ask their Federal Members of Parliament if the bureaucracy has taken complete charge of the nation. It is a dangerous state of affairs when an official can say that the size of the bureaucracy will be maintained irrespective of the number of controls removed.

Federal Government Somersaults

Under present financial arrangements any increase in wage costs must be passed on to the consumer in increased prices. When the 40-hour week case was before the Arbitration Court the Federal Government claimed that there could be a reduction in the number of working hours without price increases. But now the Federal Government pleads that one of the major causes of the proposed increases in postal and telegraph charges is the 40-hour week. It should be pointed out to all wage earners that this admission by the Labour Government is indisputable evidence of the fact that even a Government enterprise must, under present financial rules, increase prices if its wage costs are increased.

Helping Communism from Washington

"Take care that your enemy is not behind you. When you are busy fighting Communism, and facing staunchly up to the Russians, be sure that the policies which made Communism possible, even in Russia, did not originate in, and are being directed from, America—or for that matter, Great Britain. The experience of two world wars should have shown that we can sacrifice millions of lives in the cause of freedom, and emerge from war more securely bound than the nations with whom we are in conflict. Now we are being trained to stamp out Communism, as once we were schooled to stamp out Kaiserism and Hitlerism. Might it not be more profitable to stamp out the origins of these evil things? We can hardly enlarge on this theme today, except to point out a few facts. Exchange Control, the home of which is the International Monetary Fund in Washington, is being used with great success by Russia to finance Communism. Bulk-buying and State-trading are sponsored, not only by Mr. Attlee, but by the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Washington (where the technique originated). Is it not at all significant that these techniques enable Russia to mobilise an economic army in Europe against the West? . . ."

-Views, April 28, 1948.

"Free" Medicine in the U.S.A.

President Truman and his economic "advisers" are very busy trying to impose the "Free" Medicine racket upon the American people. It is obvious that State medicine schemes are being given a high priority by the world planners, as an instrument for centralising control of the individual.

In fighting back against Truman's socialisation plans, the American Medical Association has pointed out that no fewer than 55,000,000 Americans are protected under voluntary health insurance and that 37,000,000 have insured, voluntarily, against surgical or medical bills. As for the cost, "Any family which can afford a package of cigarettes a day, or a weekly movie, can afford the finest kind of pre-paid medical and hospital protection."

Mr. Calwell on Liberal-Socialism

It is not often that we agree with Mr. Calwell, M.H.R., but he must be given full marks for his recent observation (vide "Labor Call," June 3) that "The Victorian Government should be known as the Liberal-Socialist Government."

Bureaucratic Growth

From June 1939, to March 1949, the number of Federal employees increased from 47,043 to 174,000. The increase in Federal Government employees since June 1948 approximates the total net gain by migration.

Cripps Threatens Worse Austerity

According to "Truth's" European Editor, Mr. F. E. Baume (vide "Truth," June 4, 1949), when Sir Stafford Cripps recently had a "command" audience with leading London editors, he was livid with rage and prophesied a period of future austerity for the British people which will make the present austerity seem like luxury. "What he'd told the Commons had been a joy-song in comparison with what he told the editors."

What a prospect for the homeland of the greatest Empire the world has seen, an Empire, which has sufficient of all resources to provide its people with a high standard of living and independence even if every other country in the world sank beneath the seas tomorrow! The present plight of the British people is the result of the manipulation of fools by traitors. While the fools should be made personally responsible for the role they have played, it is the traitors who must be rooted out and firmly dealt with.

Mr. Bevan's "Blood Bath" Speech

Genuine democrats everywhere should note carefully the recent "blood bath" speech made by Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the British Socialist Minister for Social Services: "If there is a Conservative majority at the next election Britain will have said to the world: 'The road to progress by means of democratic government is closed. There is nothing, therefore, left. All roads are closed except to civil war. All roads are closed except to the blood bath which is the history of mankind.'" The sentiments expressed by Bevan are similar to those expressed by Laski and other totalitarians. The Socialists will brook no opposition to their plans. We have been warned.

Where State Monopoly Will Lead Us

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Once Government control reaches a certain stage it is impossible for any set of politicians to be anything else but spokesmen and apologists for the permanent army of bureaucratic officials who do the actual controlling. Although tried in a number of countries, Government control always leads to the creation of a new ruling class, the bureaucracy, and the destruction of responsible Government.

Socialist Propaganda

Socialist propagandists claim that it is an evil thing when one man employs 100 men to help him produce goods and services which the consumer has indicated he desires. But these same Socialist propagandists see nothing to condemn in a system which results in one man in a Government Department controlling 500 people who are endeavouring to try and plan what they think is good for the consumer.

Under free enterprise it is necessary that the business man keep his labour costs at a minimum in order that his prices are not higher than his competitors' Under Government control it is only natural that the controller of a Department or a section of a Department tries to increase his importance by devising ways and means of increasing his staff to the maximum. The more staff he controls, the greater his responsibilities and the greater the prospects of an increase in salary commensurate with his increased responsibilities.

Growth of Bureaucracy

Although the Federal Constitution has seriously restricted all Federal Governments from increasing Government control from Canberra, the Government control that has been introduced, particularly in recent years, has resulted in an ever-increasing number of Government officials. Although it was stated during the war years that the cessation of military hostilities would result in a drastic decrease in the number of Government officials, the numbers actually increased at the average rate of approximately 1500 per month. Today there are over 600,000 Government employees in Australia.

It must be stressed that many of these are the genuine civil servants and employees of the Railways and the Postal Department. But the greater majority of the increases in the number of Government employees is the direct result of increasing Government control. Surely it is clear where we are heading if we are to have still greater Government control. Historians claim that just prior to the collapse of the Roman Empire, approximately half the people were on the Government pay roll. One-third of Australian wage earners are now Government employees. Government control must be drastically reduced and power decentralised back to the individual before we proceed any further towards the threatened Monopoly State.

VIC. PREMIER AND FREE ENTERPRISE

By H. A. HOTCHKIN

For months past radio listeners, at the monetary expense of the Liberal Party, have been told in no uncertain terms, just where that Party stands in relation to freedom and private enterprise. In short, like the Pharisee of old, they have "thanked God (and hoped the electors would believe them), that they were not like these Labour-Socialist sinners."

Having heard pre-election politicians before, angling for public favour; and also having read one of Bernard Shaw's plays — in which Mr. Shaw makes one of his characters say "It is the art that teaches and not the word that is spoken," I decided to do something to test out the sincerity of a Liberal Government already in office. With all this propaganda about free enterprise and individual rights, I thought Mr. T. T. Hollway's Victorian Liberal Party Government would be the right place to get a working demonstration of the principles of free enterprise and individual rights. The following correspondence explains just how successful I was.

The Premier,
Parliament House,
Melbourne.

Dear Mr. Hollway.

Under date 13th January 1949, I received a threatening letter from the Chairman of the Potato Marketing Board (Mr. A. C. Boustead).

In the abovementioned letter Mr. Boustead threatens me with a fine of £25 unless I register, as a potato grower, with the Potato Marketing Board.

I must here state that, at the poll taken for the purpose of establishing such a Board, I voted against the formation of such, and I do not desire to market my produce through them. I have no objections whatever to those growers who desire to hand over their product to the Board.

If they think it will be of benefit to them, all well and good. They have chosen their own method of marketing. I claim the same right.

I have listened with considerable interest to the broadcasts of the Liberal Party, whom you have the honour of representing and leading in this State.

I am particularly interested in the Party's championing of individual rights. Now, what is the Premier going to do in my case, and in the case of other growers who desire to choose their own method of marketing?

He is definitely in a position to restrain the Monopolistic tendencies of the Board. Will he grant me an assurance that he will do so.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

H. A. HOTCHKIN.

Premier's Reply:

Mr. H. A. Hotchkin,
Wynsover Jersey Stud,
Thorpdale.

Dear Mr. Hotchkin,

I am in receipt of recent letter on the subject of your registration with the Potato Marketing Board, and in reply wish to

say that I have referred the matter for attention by the Minister of Agriculture.

When in a position to do so, I shall be pleased to further communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,

T. T. HOLLWAY.

It would appear that the Premier, faced with the hard fact of having to do something to justify his Party's propaganda for individual rights, decided to pass the responsibility to the Minister of Agriculture (Col. A. H. Dennett). Under date 21st February 1949, the Premier received a long reply from the Minister of Agriculture.

This letter is too long to quote in full. Neither would any useful purpose be served in quoting it.

All the Minister for Agriculture said was that a Board existed, why it existed and recommended that I be advised to comply "with the law." That had nothing to do whatever with the question I put before the Premier.

My question was: What was the Premier going to do to free me from the Monopolistic powers of the Board?

The Premier's reply accompanied the letter he had received from Col. A. H. Dennett.

Mr. H. A. Hotchkin,
Wynsover Jersey Stud,
Thorpdale.

Dear Mr. Hotchkin,

Further to previous correspondence on the subject of your registration with the Potato Marketing Board, I am forwarding herewith for your information reply from the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture to my representations on your behalf.

It is quite apparent that it is mandatory upon growers who have planted at least half an acre with potatoes to register with the Board, and I therefore suggest that it is your duty as a citizen to comply with the law. MAJORITY RULE IS, AND MUST BE A CORNERSTONE OF DEMOCRACY, but I nevertheless sympathise with the few who must fall in with the wishes of the many.

Yours faithfully,

T. T. HOLLWAY.

So the Premier was very sorry but he cannot do anything for individual rights and private enterprise. It is worthy of note that the Marketing of Primary Products Act 1935, under which the Potato Marketing Board was established, was the handiwork of the ex-Socialist Premier of this State, the Hon. E. J. Hogan, then Minister of Agriculture in the Dunstan Country Party Government of that time.

Obviously, individual freedom is a mere abstract "catch phrase" so far as the Premier of this State is concerned.

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THE SECRET BALLOT

There is no subject, at the present time, to which readers of this review can devote their attention with greater profit than the ostensible basis of our political system — electoral suffrage.

It may be that when they have become conscious (mere understanding is not enough) of its enormities, they can do nothing; it is quite certain that until they have become conscious, they can do nothing.

The whole idea, the devilish idea, of anonymous, ballot-box universalised suffrage, the so-called democracy which is set over against totalitarianism in the hell we live in, and is of course designed to make totalitarianism a mathematical certainty, is based on the premise of human equality (having no quality) and homogeneity. Please don't take our word for this; consider carefully and critically the effect on an election of a slightly defective farm labourer, a prostitute; and the Archbishop of Canterbury, if they all vote in the same constituency in which a Single Taxer, a Communist, and a Conservative are standing for Parliament. And then ask yourselves— "What basis in the universe has this idea of human equality?"

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PETROL RATIONING

The unanimous decision by the full High Court that the Federal Government no longer has the constitutional power to continue petrol rationing was received with pleasure by most sections of the community. Those most displeased were the political and economic planners, who saw in petrol rationing an instrument for furthering the creation of the Complete Monopoly State, and the black market operators.

The High Court decision emphasises the great importance of the Federal written Constitution as a barrier to the power-lusting tendencies of the Canberra economic planners and their political tools. The Federal Constitution, in spite of the methods which have been devised to by-pass it, still enables every individual in the community to take action against the Federal Government if he feels that the Government has no constitutional basis for its activities. In a genuine democracy it is essential that the most humble member of the community can take action to, thwart the unconstitutional practices of Governments. The powers of Governments should be always considered merely as a grant from individuals. Governments are a means to an end; they are not an end in themselves, as many people think.

Now that the High Court has ruled against the Federal Government on petrol rationing, it is mooted that the Government may be challenged on more of its controls. This is all to the good, because every power which the Federal Government is compelled to disgorge is a step in the right direction. In the case of petrol rationing it appears at the time of writing that the Federal Government will seek other ways of having rationing continued. We believe that Mr. Fadden is right in his contention that there is no good reason why adequate petrol cannot be imported into Australia, and we recommend that every effort be made to ensure that petrol rationing is not reimposed in any shape or form.

THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS

In a recent article in the English "Social Crediter" we notice with interest the following comment on the next general Elections in Great Britain: "It has already been pointed out in these columns that a very narrow majority for the Conservative Party might have the advantage of releasing any talent for statesmanship at present hidden among the (Conservative) back-benchers, with the effect of introducing a note of realism into whatever battles are still open to parliamentary participation."

We feel that the above comment might also be applied to the Australian political scene. While we suffer no illusions about Mr. Menzies and Mr. Casey, we know from considerable first-hand knowledge that rank and file criticism of Liberal leadership on matters of policy is starting to make itself felt in a number of ways. A Liberal-Country Party coalition Government possessing a small majority would be a much weaker Government than would be the case of a Labour Government possessing a small majority.

Although we have no desire to assume the role of prophets, we feel that all the present indications are that the Labour Government will be re-elected at the Federal Elections. It therefore appears desirable to us that a considerable effort should be made to increase the anti-Labour vote except in those electorates where men like Mr. R. G. Casey are standing.

ISRAEL —

A VORACIOUS REPTILE

Henry Morgenthau has been elected chairman of the board of the Palestine Economic Corporation. He has announced the opening of a nationwide campaign in America to raise investment capital for the large-scale economic development of Israel. Morgenthau was Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, a most powerful appointment, from 1934 to 1945, and is the Jew who conceived the notorious Morgenthau Plan for Germany. This envisaged a Germany denuded of her industry and reduced to a pastoral people, rent asunder politically and permanently held down by occupying powers. The author of the Plan in detail was the late Harry Dexter White, Assistant to the U.S. Treasury Secretary (Morgenthau). Roosevelt and Churchill warmly endorsed the Plan at the Quebec Conference. In his memoirs, Cordell Hull says it was accompanied by an offer of a 6 1/2 billion dollar credit to Britain IF Churchill was elected again in 1945. He was not, but it didn't matter, the Plan went through. It was White who negotiated the Bretton Woods Agreement and the American "loan" with the late Lord Keynes. Morgenthau and White, and the politicians of the Churchill-Attlee regimes, put Britain in a straitjacket. Imperial preference was abandoned, Empire political and economic unity was sabotaged, the United Kingdom was saddled with the burden of re-paying 100 million pounds a year for 50 years. Since then we've had the martial Marshall Plan, Western Union, and some! The dire results of the Morgenthau-Roosevelt-Churchill combination can be seen in Britain and Germany today. Truman-Attlee-Morgenthau are an equal team.

Now comes the next stage in the Protocol Plan. Morgenthau is to run the economic expansion of the Jewish State. He is chairman of the United Jewish Appeal in U.S.A. At the 10th annual conference of the U.J.A. last month, at Atlantic City, the target for 1949 was fixed at 250 million dollars. In secret session, Morgenthau is reported to have tendered his resignation (the new job was fixed?), but difficulties arose regarding the adoption of a new chairman and the conference broke up without nominating his successor. Bernard Joseph, military governor of Jerusalem, flew to the conference to ask American Jews to raise 200 million dollars to develop the Negev. In recent years the United Jewish Fund has annually appealed for and obtained an average of 250 million dollars in U.S.A. to finance Zionist militarism and Jewish economic aims in the Middle East. In March 1948, at Los Angeles, Rabbi Max Nussbaum declared: "This is NOT a welfare fund, it is a war fund." It was, it still is. Using American dollars, American arms, American politicians, the Jews have shackled Europe and established themselves firmly in the Middle East. Israel, the State, is a voracious reptile, which lashes a most powerful tail — the tail being the U.S.A.! — *The Independent Nationalist*, Eng., Feb. 3, 1949.

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DONT GO DOWN THE MINE FOOTLE

Social science is really marvellous. It enables you to do almost anything with anybody — especially if you're a commissar. According to my newspaper, I quote: "Under a new distribution of labour scheme in Britain, a fur industry has been set up in Shelton, Durham, which is traditionally a coalmining area. Under the guidance of skilled experts from London, fur coats are being manufactured by former coalminers."

I don't really know much about coalminers, my education in the subject being confined to the movie versions of *The Stars Look Down* and *How Green Was My Valley*. And that education is of comparatively recent date. Previously I was content with the exhortation of the miner's daughter who implored dear daddy not to go down the mine. As to that, the advice still seems pretty sound to me, since I have observed that going down the mine usually means dispensing with most of those mod. cons which make life bearable. I gather that the Welsh get over this depressing aspect by indulging in a spot of choral work on the way home, or maybe they sing because their occupation gives them a constantly renewed appreciation of the good earth. It must have been a miner who coined the phrase, "on top of the world."

But I have always understood that coalmining was as much a tradition in coalmining families as the army or the church in a different stratum of society. A real coalminer in the old country would feel he had let his family down by becoming a millionaire or something of that sort. You don't have to specialise necessarily to become a millionaire; all you need is a billycan, a brutal father and a considerable amount of single mindedness. But not everyone can become a miner. Lots of people tried it in England during the First World War when the long arm of conscription came pawing for them. But the army spotted these hermit crabs and pried them from their adopted housing.

And now the beautiful tradition of the "black country" looks like being ruthlessly destroyed — and in a way I should never have thought of. It is hard to see any connection between fur coats and coal except that both are useful in providing warmth — not necessarily for coalminers, of course. But that doesn't really matter because the miners' womenfolk never get time to wear fur coats, what with scrubbing their men's backs, making up "cribs," demonstrating round the pit head and what not. I think we can put away the notion that it was a miner who conceived the idea; it is much more like the work of a commissar over-influenced by a session of "Unusual Occupations" at the cinema.

There is a certain amount of merit in the wheeze. It caters for an elemental urge in our natures — the urge to get away from ourselves. It exudes the spirit, which caused us, when we were very young to sing with candour, simplicity and shocking grammar:

"S'posin' I was you, s'posin' you was me,

S'posin' we were all somebody else,
How happy we should be!"

That is why sailors take to knitting, statesmen to fly-fishing, choirboys to bad

language, but not necessarily why company promoters take to picking oakum. It is a symbol of revolt against the specialist and a belated vindication of the Jack-of-all-trades.

Although it apparently takes a specialist to teach the coalminers the know how of the fur coat business, just think how much better than the expert the coalminer will be in the end. For he will have mastered two specialised jobs against the expert's one. I only hope he will be duly grateful and reciprocate by introducing the experts to the joys of coalmining. That, undoubtedly, is what ought to happen. From my own observation there are lots of experts who are quite ignorant about lots of occupations — necessary occupations, such as the farmer's, the fireman's, the sailor's and the thousand others which men follow in the hope of finding a crust. There are even some experts who are apparently deficient of information in their own chosen calling, such as Mr. Montagu Norman who led the British nation into a financial labyrinth, and then had the immortal gall to declare that "he could see no light at the end of the tunnel." Surely it was of his kind that Kipling sang:

"We shall lie down in the eye of the sun,
For want of a light on our way."

I have my doubts whether this fur coat business will really catch on among the purchasing public. The "utility" model costs £20/17/3, which puts it out for most people even if the basic wage does go on doubling itself like the National Debt. Besides, I seem to remember a state of fearful perturbation in ministerial circles in Britain recently concerning the terrible shortage of coal.

Perhaps, after all, it is only a scheme to give the miners something to do to keep them contented while they are on strike.

MEDICINE ACT CHALLENGE BY STATE

The State Government would challenge the validity of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Act if it were proclaimed, Mr. Oldham, Attorney General, said.

On advice from the Crown Law Department, Cabinet had decided to intervene should the B.M.A. act, he said.

We congratulate the State Government on this move. This should stimulate the doctors in their struggle for freedom for themselves and their patients.

THE WAY TO PERDITION

When a crowd stifles a man in a bad way in the street some humane person always shouts, "Give him air!"

That's what the average Australian most needs today when 605,200 Government employers have closed in on him. At February this year that was the number on the taxpayers' payroll. There are 157 boards and "similar authorities" (Mr. Chifley's definition) telling us what we may not do. Australians want room to breathe and to be freed from form filling.

—*Smith's Weekly*, June 4.

ERIC BUTLER ADDRESSES YOUNG LIBERALS

On Friday, June 3, Mr. Eric D. Butler, Campaign Director of the Victorian League of Rights, addressed the monthly meeting of Melbourne Young Liberals. Mr. Butler's address was entitled "Constitutional Barriers to Serfdom."

Mr. Butler said that it wasn't parties which protected the people's rights and liberties, but constitutions. He traced the manner in which all Federal parties had been guilty of trying to centralise power at Canberra. He instanced, for example, how Mr. R. G. Casey, present Federal president of the Liberal Party, had played a leading role in attempting to have introduced such Socialistic legislation as the National Insurance Scheme. He said that the major issue confronting the Australian people was how to make the Commonwealth Government disgorge all the powers, which it had filched, from the States. He made it clear that he did not believe that the Liberal and Country Parties, if successful at the Federal elections, would stand up to Dr. Coombs and the other planners unless compelled to do so by electors.

Many questions were asked after Mr. Butler's address, and there was much favorable comment on the direct and forthright manner in which Mr. Butler dealt with them. We understand from reports received that Mr. Butler's address is considered by many members of the Young Liberals as the finest and most stimulating they have yet had.

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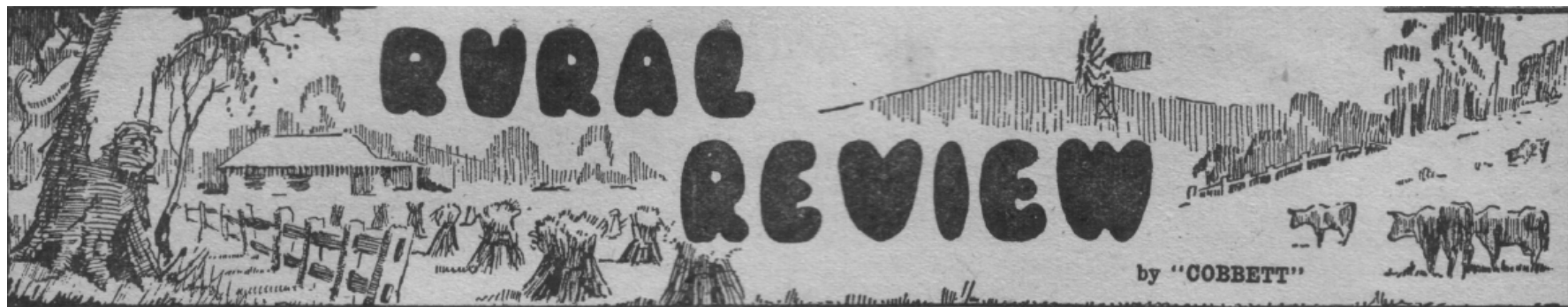
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By J. I. RODALE

Mr. Rodale, well-known on Non Chemical Farming, issues a challenge to the Chemical Monopoly in this strong article.

One of the most common of commercial fertilisers is super phosphate. It is an incalculably harmful fertiliser. Why? Because the plant will take up the phosphate but leave large amounts of sulphur, which is a dangerous element if in excess in the soil. It has a harmful effect on the biologic life of the soil—the bacteria, fungi, etc. Let us see how super phosphate is made. The base product is raw phosphate rock, of which there are large deposits in Florida, Tennessee, and some of the Western States. Since the phosphate- in this rock is raw or inert, and supposed to be unavailable, or insoluble or slow acting, a method was devised to make it, or a great part of it, immediately available to the plant.

This is done by mixing large quantities of sulphuric acid with the rock, in a process that turns out a fine powder, loaded down with sulphur and phosphate, which don't do the earthworms in the soil any good. It kills many of them. The fertiliser companies like such a product because they can get a much higher price for it. They don't care too much to ship the raw rock because the freight on heavy tonnage is too much of a factor. A serious disadvantage of the super phosphate is that it inactivates many of the trace elements, which are contained in the "raw phosphate rock, such as boron, zinc, nickel, iodine, etc.

A New Development

Something has happened in the last decade or two, which has transformed the whole picture. It has crept up quietly so that even today the average farmer and agricultural college staff are not aware of this sensational development. In the old days the machinery for grinding the raw phosphate rock into a powder was quite crude, so that the ground-up particles were coarse and did not break down too easily in the soil. But today there is such elaborate machinery available that the rock can be ground finer than talcum powder. Thus a sufficient part of it is immediately available to the plant, because the particles are so tiny that the bacteria and carbon dioxide of the soil can break them down quickly.

I was amazed a few years ago, in the November 30, 1946, issue of the *Science News Letter* to be exact, to read of an experiment conducted by Dr. Neil W. Stuart, U.S. Government plant physiologist at Beltsville, Md., in which the results were summarised as follows:—"Another money-saving discovery is the use of ground-up crude phosphate rock . . . The plants get as much

Phosphorus as they need, without the necessity of adding costly phosphates to the nutrient solution."

A Big Saving

This looked extremely interesting. For years we had been hammering away against super phosphates, and now a Government investigator had shown that the raw crude phosphate rock was not to be waved away with the ivory baton of the agricultural scientists. In some of the Western States the farmers have been wise to the substantial savings effected by using the raw rock. Here are the figures for 1947 for the State of Illinois, showing the entire amount of commercial fertilisers used:—

	Tons
Super phosphate.....	48,396
Rock phosphate.....	707,868
Mixed commercial fertilisers with numbered analysis ..	289,747
Other commercial fertilisers	26,083

Those farmers who used the 48,396 tons of super phosphate shown above are just throwing away money, at the same time reducing their yields, as will be shown below, and harming their soil, three strong counts against super phosphate. In spite of these figures, in other parts of the country practically no rock phosphate as such is used. Farmers, wake up! Save money, and at the same time build up the biological life and fertility of your soils.

Recently a farmer from Nebraska visited me, and said he was thinking of changing over to the organic method. In discussing his present practice I found that he used large amounts of animal manure, raw phosphate rock, and only small amounts of potash. He wasn't far from an organic basis. In many parts of the West, the use of raw phosphate rock is quite common.

Editorial Attack

In the December 1948, issue of the *Southern Farmer*, published in Montgomery, Alabama, with a circulation of one million readers, a battle cry is sounded against super phosphate. Let me quote parts of their editorial:—

"You can save from five to ten dollars a ton on phosphate by purchasing phosphate which has not been 'burned' by sulphuric acid.

"Natural phosphate will not leach from the soil. Rains will not wash it out. It remains in the soil until your plants use it. It is not water-soluble.

"You can apply natural phosphate at any time, and benefit from it... You cannot apply it too heavily, and 'burn'

your crops. You can either broadcast or drill it in the row.

"Natural phosphate does not harden or clog your machinery. It is safe around animals.

"Modern technology has discovered the way to grind it finer than flour, or talcum powder. You can now buy it ground that 85 percent of it will pass through a screen so fine that it has 90,000 openings to the square inch.

"When phosphate is so fine, more surface area is exposed to the acid exchange process by which phosphoric acid is absorbed by plant feeder rootlets. This absorption is by osmosis, not by the phosphorus running up the plant in a stream of sap.

"Soil and chemical experts now agree that mixing sulphuric acid with phosphate rock is only a process of breaking down the phosphate rock. Why pay for expensive sulphuric acid when you can get the same results from machinery?

"*Southern Farmer* is prepared to show where untreated phosphate under legumes deposited more nitrate in the soil than super phosphate, and even high-priced commercial mixed fertiliser. (University of Illinois' famous Mumford-7 plots.)

"Of course, in some Southern States, the Extension Service and/or the regular fertiliser trade, strenuously oppose raw phosphate. One company has informed *Southern Farmer* that it cannot even ship its phosphate into Virginia. Farmers there have taken the matter up with one of their Congressmen, who promised during his campaign a full investigation of the reasons why this natural phosphate is prohibited in Virginia.

"In Alabama, many farmers have had to ignore the Alabama Extension Service, as usual. The Alabama Extension Service and Experiment Stations have even gone to the point of conducting a full-dress exposition of why colloidal (natural) phosphate, for example, is far inferior to other phosphates, despite the proof to the contrary offered by the leading experiment stations of the Mid-west.

"More and more results of experiments are coming to the attention of *Southern Farmer*. Besides those mentioned in our last several articles, we note that the University of Oklahoma has allowed publication of the following figures:—

CRIMSON CLOVER	
200 lbs. phosphate rock with 400 lbs. lime	4175 lbs. HAY
200 lbs. super phosphate with 600 lbs. lime	3620 lbs. HAY
200 lbs. phosphate rock	3920 lbs. HAY
200 lbs. super phosphate	3170 lbs. HAY

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We Can Eliminate Super

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The Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station shows:

	Ibs.	bu.	bu.	bu.	Ibs.	tim-
		corn	oats	wheat	clover	othy
Manure, Rock Phosphate ..	41.0	38.0	27.5	4138	5425	
Manure, Super phosphate ..	38.4	32.4	28.3	3584	5066	

"As will be noted here, untreated natural phosphate showed up better in every instance (but one) than super phosphate. These results are in addition to previous proof we have submitted on this highly controversial question."

This editorial speaks for itself. In fact, it shouts, so I do not have to dwell further upon it. But there is one more development, a sensational one, which I am sure that Organic Gardening readers will be interested in. When we attacked the use of super phosphate, the experts, including those in the U.S. Department, said we were cultists, and intimated, therefore, that we did not know what we were, talking about. We said we did not like the sulphur residue left in super phosphate. Now look what's happened. At the Tennessee Valley Authority, T.V.A., they have perfected a process of producing a phosphate fertiliser without the use of sulphuric acid. It is done by melting the raw phosphate rock in a shaft furnace at a temperature of 1300 deg. centigrade. It is called defluorinated phosphate rock. If you want information about it, write to T.V.A., Wilson Dam, Alabama.

"Rantings and Ravings"

Now, we don't want to take any credit for this, because T.V.A. by 1942 had already developed the process, but we do want to show that our "rantings and ravings" against super phosphate have a scientific basis. It also begins to look as if the gap between the organic and the "commercial" method is narrowing. And to the agricultural colleges we say it is about time that the left hand finds out what the right hand is doing, and that they begin to experiment to see if they can take the sting out of the other commercial fertilisers.

We do not suggest a rush for this new defluorinated phosphate. While it is better than super phosphate, it still costs more money than the plain, untreated, raw phosphate rock.

The most important aspect of the victory is the taking of the sulphur out of the super phosphate. W. C. Greene, in his book, "The Cancer Problem," has shown that sulphur in coal smoke is one of the causes of cancer. His book was published in 1914 in Scotland, and it is amazing that as early as that he attacked the use of sulphur in fertilizers as a cause of human cancer. The Rodale Press (Organic Gardening) takes great pleasure in announcing that it has just completed arrangements to bring out an American edition of this book. It will be out late in 1949.

—Organic Gardening (U.S.A.),
February 1949.

"Road to Survival"

A DANGEROUS BOOK

Our suspicions about this book by William Vogt were aroused before reading it by two facts: (1) that it was published by the Jewish publishing house of Victor Gollancz, who has published most of the Leftist rubbish which has done so much to undermine the intellectual and spiritual values of Western European civilization; (2) that a foreword to the book was written by the Jew, Bernard Baruch, who for almost half a century has been one of the mainsprings of the world-wide programme to establish world Hegemony. This policy of centralisation has been the chief factor, particularly in regard to credit policy, in the destruction of the soil's fertility. It has led to the greatest parasitical growth of an industrial proletariat in history, with consequent manipulation of mobs through wars and revolutions, to destroy the sanctity of the individual and his just rights in property.

Our suspicions were fully justified. Vogt is a Socialist and a One World addict. He further suggests that our debt and taxation system is a result of depletion of soil resources, whereas the truth of the matter is the reverse proposition. The exploitation of the farmer by irresponsible central Governments using debt and penalising taxation has been historically one of the prime factors in the destruction of soil fertility.

He also resurrects the Malthusian doctrine of pressure of population on resources. His contention is that even with changes in farming technique the world is approaching saturation point in regard to population. From this standpoint, he advocates universal birth control. We do not agree with this, but in company with Professor E. G. R. Taylor, eminent English geographer, believe that, with the establishment of a better balance with Nature, on a conservative estimate, the world could carry eight thousand million people. Further, we feel that, in a better-balanced society, we envisage a natural organic relationship of population to resources would occur.

While there is much useful information in this book most of it has been well stated by other writers without the dangerous implications of this book.

In view of the wide publicity given to

this book, and the world-wide propaganda using soil erosion as its cry-havoc, to engage in large-scale resource planning, we propose to republish from *The Social Creditor* of September, 1944, an essay by Geoffrey Dobbs, entitled "Planning the Earth." We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating *The Australian Social Creditor*, to whom we are indebted for our copy, for its recent timely reprinting of this important essay.

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THE "INTELLECTUAL" —AN ANALYSIS

By D. B. PRITCHARD

In recent years a powerful and politically dangerous group has developed in Great Britain. It is composed of the popularly styled "intellectuals," a term as prostituted in current parlance as "progressive" and "reactionary."

The outward characteristics of the average "intellectual" (which appellation is occasionally prefixed by the generic "Bloomsbury") are too well known to warrant further comment.

His mental outlook is also established; pink to blood red in politics, atheistic and anti-traditional.

Essentially a bourgeois, fostered by the anti-imperialist, any-country-but-my-own attitude of the inter-war period, he probably attended a University in his formative years; an academy which, in an "enlightened" era, tolerated seditious infiltration of its many branches of learning.

Subjects such as history, literature and economics afforded the efficacious media for the dissemination of propaganda; and purposeful, unscrupulous lecturers were fully aware of the pliability of the adolescent minds under their tutelage. Moreover, subversive organisations were frequently encouraged as means of self-expression; "free" debates as a desirable stimulus for objective analysis.

The loose attitude of the intellectual faction towards morals flattered youth's incipient manhood; and the mantle of the New Culture assured escape from the sensitivity of his own real or imagined inferiority.

In later years, we meet our intellectual at the "Unity" or "Everyman." His civic code has now been established to his own satisfaction, and he has cultivated those esoteric digressions that are a sedative rather than a palliative for the nation's ills. Metaphysics, psychology, psychic research and philosophy in all its branches. Art and music, as expressed by "progressive" artists and composers, literature by similarly approved authors, and poetry that insults the memory of the meanest Edwardian bard.

Paradox is a necessary concomitant of the stock-in-trade of the Empire traducer. Setting himself up as the champion of the workingman against the "ruling classes" (a favourite phrase of the jaundiced Press), our "advanced thinker," nevertheless, eschews any connection with that essential section of the community. Not for him the suburban picture palace, the dog track, the fun fair; least of all the pleasures of the honest labour he so vigorously extols. His pabulum is rabid internationalism, illogically garnished with ultra-nationalist Red pepper.

Materialism, wedded to a narrow outlook, has resulted in complete spiritual sterility; a deficiency he endeavours to conceal by jibes at those whose lives, animated by a faith that is beyond his comprehension, are immeasurably richer than his own. For this reason, a flag (unless, of course, it is a red one), an honoured decoration or a Kipling poem is equally anathema.

The one, all-encompassing weakness of the intellectual rests, however, in his utter penury of empirical experience. His whole outlook has been built on no more solid

foundation than the vapourings of his chosen authors and orators, the edifice erected by warped interpretation of the facts presented in reputable journals, or uttered by knowledgeable sections of the community.

"Intellect tends to obscure more than it illumines," observed Zillneck. This is doubly true when unsupported by practical evidence.

The polemical structure of the intellectual mind is inherently feeble, and its owner easy prey to specious theory, such as that which deliberately conceals a desired conclusion for subsequent discovery, like prizes in a treasure hunt. "Behold" reasons our leftist, blind to his own naivety, "this is my unbiased opinion."

Another common failing of our youthful degenerate is his seeming inability to distinguish between the weaknesses inherent in a system, and the evolution of mankind. Thus, he will indicate the Inquisition as proof positive of the perfidy of the Church, without concept of the indigenous characteristics of the Spaniard, or of the spirit of the age.

The intellectual is, in fact, rarely disturbed by logic, screened as he is by a wall of dialectical claptrap through which the ray of reason has little hope of penetration. When all else fails, there is the irrelevant platitude or the vituperative catechism, for, to be sure, he "will't not listen to reason unless it prove him right."

Such is a typical example of a modern intellectual, "slack by training and slow by birth, only quick to despise." Nor does this melancholy symbol of twentieth-century youth alone represent the motley battalions of his kind. The cult — as such it may be termed — is also the refuge of the sequestered introvert, the embittered man of letters, the Fabian visionary, and those unbalanced few who, attracted by the aura of modern neo-romanticism, don the garb of the convert out of pure affectation.

All, blind to their great heritage, ignorant of the world at large, insufferably self-righteous, are in the vanguard of decay. Pathetic they would certainly appear, if they did not represent a malignant force, which only a rebirth of the age of reason can eliminate.

—*The Patriot*, Eng., January 1949.

CONFIRMATION

NEW YORK, May 19. —Israel yesterday thanked the President of the U.N.O. General Assembly, Dr. H. V. Evatt, for the decisive part he played throughout the Assembly's consideration of the Palestine problem.

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