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SIXPENCE WEEKLY.

The Plan to Abolish Parliaments

Radio Talk by Eric D. Butler Over 3SR Shepparton.

At the famous 1921 All-Australian Trade Union Conference responsible for the first major move to have the Socialist objective accepted by the Australian Labour Party, leading advocates of Socialism made it very clear that they realised that complete Socialism must result in the destruction of the Parliamentary system of responsible Government.

of the Socialisation objective, Mr. Scullin, later to become Prime Minister, said: "We want the parliamentary regime to give sanction to our proposal, and to the schemes we have prepared. From those industries nationalised shall be chosen a general central economic council which will really take the place of our parliaments of today." Mr. A. C. Willis, later to become President of the A.L.P., and of the New South Wales Legislative Council, Agent-General in London, and Chairman of the Commonwealth Central Coal Commission, supported Mr. Scullin and said: "The position today in Russia is that, although they have a Soviet form of political government, that is only intended to serve them in the transitory period. Behind it they are building up what will be the real Government of Russia - the Supreme Economic Council." Ten years after the 1921 Conference, a Conference of Trade Unions and A.L.P. Branches approved of the statement that "the necessity for a non-Parliamentary form of Government is inevitable."

A little consideration of Socialism should convince any reasonable person that once political, economic and financial power is centralised — and this is the basic proposition of Socialism — the politician must delegate the centralised power to a growing army of bureaucratic officials. The delegation of parliamentary responsibility must eventually lead to the destruction of Parliament altogether.

Undermining Self-Government

Lord Hewart foresaw this when he wrote his great book, The New Despotism, back in 1929. After drawing attention to the technique being used to undermine Parliamentary authority and constitutional safeguards, Hewart went on to say that 'the whole system of self-government was being undermined, and that, too, in a way which no self-respecting people would tolerate were they aware of the facts.' It is unfortunately true that the great majority of the people in this and other British countries are still not aware of the facts concerning the destruction of their Parliamentary institutions. In case there are any who are still doubtful about the results of Socialism, let us consider one of statements on this matter made by that

In moving the motion for the acceptance high priest of Socialism in English-speaking countries, Professor Harold J. Laski, of the London School of Economics. Writ-ing under the title, "Labour and The Con-stitution," Professor Laski has said: "The necessity and value of delegated legislation . . . and its extension is inevitable if the process of socialisation is not to be wrecked by the normal methods of obstruction which existing parliamentary procedure sanctions." In other words, Laski believes that the only function of Parliaments is to delegate enormous powers to the permanent economic planners who should then govern by passing regulations, which have the force of law.

Government by Regulation

When he introduced the National Health Scheme late last year, Senator McKenna very frankly admitted: "The Bill is an enabling measure, in which may be seen only the broad outline of a proposed national health service, the details of the service and its administration being left to progressive development, which will be implemented by legislation."

Listeners should carefully consider the terrible implications of this statement. Although no one knows as yet just how far reaching are the powers taken under the National Health Bill, these unspecified powers have been handed over to anonymous officials who can, by passing their own regulations, impose totalitarian policies upon the people without these policies even being debated by the people's so-called paid representatives.

The creation of Government monopolies by nationalisation must result in those with the necessary knowledge to run these monopolies becoming a law unto themselves. Those who believe in what is termed the centrally planned State say very frankly that the economic experts must not be hampered in their planning by politicians who know nothing about these matters.

major step has been taken for the destruction of Parliament and the elimination of the politician. Adolf Hitler used the Parliamentary system to obtain power, but once having obtained power, Parliament was subordinated to the dictates of the National Socialist economic planners. Hitler also had a Supreme Economic Council, to control all spheres of activity in Germany. Now the idea of centralised planning by a Supreme Economic Council does not appeal to a large number of people, particularly those who believe that the only alternative to centralised planning of some description

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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.
- The preservation and extension of genuine local government.
- The preservation and strengthening of all Constitutional safeguards for the purpose of protecting fundamental individual rights.
- The encouragement of all activities designed to bring Governments under more effective control by the electors.
- The preservation and extension of genuine free, competitive enterprise and private ownership, and opposition to all Monopoly, whether it be 'private" or State.
- The support of a financial policy 6. 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.
- Recognising that the basis of any 7. sound economy is agriculture, the encouragement of agricultural policies which will ensure the preservation and building up of soil fertility by

Destruction of Parliament

Speaking to the Oxford University Fabian Society in 1944, another leading prophet of Socialist planning, Mr. G. D. H. Cole said: "I do not like the Parliamentary system, and the sooner it is overthrown the better I shall be pleased.'

It must be admitted, of course, that once the proposition of centralised planning by economic experts is accepted, the first

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.

PLAN TO ABOLISH PARLIAMENTS

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is chaos, depressions, and all the other evils they have experienced in the past. But the fundamental issue is not planning versus no planning, but centralised planning of the individual's life by central planners, or planning merely designed to ensure that the policies of the individual are implemented.

Planning to serve the individual is very much different from planning to control the individual. The Socialist opponents of free enterprise claim that there is a lack of planning under this type of enterprise. So far from there being a lack of planning under free enterprise, those conducting business enterprises do a great amount of planning to serve the consumer.

It is true that it may appear that there is no planning of the consumer, but how is it possible to plan the consumer without tyranny. The consumer knows his own individual requirements, and is capable of doing his own planning providing Governments do not strip him of his purchasing power by high taxation and other methods. But the economic planners do not believe that the consumer should be left to do his own planning.

They believe that, as a result of their superior education, particularly if they have been educated at the London School of Economics, they know what is best for all individuals.

Economic Council Advocated

Thus we recently have Professor Copland, a Socialist, who has given disastrous advice to many Federal Governments since 1930, recently openly advocating the idea of an Economic Council for the purpose of centrally planning the whole of Australia and the lives of Australians. Australians who value their few remaining liberties must face the fact that Socialism; that is, centralised planning, must result in the destruction of responsible Government. The threat is very real and must be met immediately.

Sir Otto Niemeyer

"Sir Otto Niemeyer's appointment to the board of the International Nickel Company of Canada shows how high the services of this financial expert are valued.

"He is already a director of the Central Mining and Investment Corporation. His new appointment is also an important one. International Nickel is one of the giants in the mining world. Last year's profits were nearly $\pounds 21/2m$. One of Sir Otto's colleagues will be Lord McGowan, the chairman of I.C.I.

"Sir Otto is taking the place of the late Lord Melchett, who died in January this year. For the firm to be without a Melchett on the board is a break in a tradition. The first Baron was also a director

TO THE POINT

Sale Price Reduced

Cynical American comment on devaluation: "In his campaign to dispose of the British Empire, Sir Stafford Cripps has reduced the sale price.' drastically

Devaluation

The apologists for the devaluation policy said that it was necessary in order to enable Great Britain to earn more dollars. In his speech on devaluation in the British House of Commons on September 28, Mr. Churchill, after accepting the "inevitability theory," did remark that "I cannot believe American that manufacturers will immediately reduce their own highly protective tariff." This is surely obvious.

The Sydney Morning Herald of September 23 contained the following significant report: "Exporters in Britain fear that increased costs of base metals, freights and possibly higher wages will offset the possible benefits to Britain's export trade of devaluation.

"The exporters' alarm has arisen mainly from an announcement by the Ministry of Supply increasing the price of base metals by from 30 to 40 percent.

"The managing director of the London Aluminium Company said: 'this fantastic increase in the price of basic metals will torpedo any advantages the British manufacturer may have anticipated by devaluation of the pound. How can we possibly compete in the American market?'

"An official of the Austin motor company said: 'We were planning a big selling campaign in the dollar market. Now we will have to revise our ideas."

"Despite suggestions that the Government would arrange a 5 percent cut in the price of household metal utensils, manufacturers say price increases are unavoidable.

'One merchant said: 'Only fifty percent of our copper, for instance, comes from dollar countries, and even of that twentyeight percent comes from Canada, which has made a ten percent devaluation, so there is no excuse for a thirty percent rise all round.

'The Financial Editor of the Daily Telegraph says that the impact of the increase in the selling prices of non-ferrous metals will run right through the metal and engineering industries. Higher metal prices will become an appreciable component in the cost of a multitude of finished products."

As consistently predicted in this journal, devaluation is producing exactly the opposite results to those predicted by the "experts."

The most astonishing aspect of the devaluation issue is that so many people really believe that it was "inevitable." People who accept this idea are the raw material being manipulated by the international gangsters working for the destruction of the British way of life.

of £100 was imposed. British freedom!

Hurrah, for

Who Won the War?

"... a party of German musicians returning to Germany from a concert tour here declare they will be glad to arrive home 'to get something to eat.''

Trevor Smith in his London Round up, Melbourne Herald, October 3, 1949.

The Germans will only need to lose another world war in order to emerge as world conquerors!

Highly Probable

"There is a very strong belief, especially in American circles in London, that Sir Stafford Cripps took with him to Washington as bargaining counters, various possibilities of conducting a disguised sale to the United States of key positions of the British Empire. That the Chancellor of the Exchequer would have no moral scruples about such a transaction may be inferred from his recent boast that the Empire is in course of being liquidated as part of the Socialist Party's considered policy. He might therefore be expected to regard the transfer of Colonial power as a positive good, in conformity with his own highest principles. How that power was used afterwards would be a matter for other consciences. If there is any substance behind this stubbornly held belief of a Colonial deal — a deal suitably camouflaged, of course — it would explain the flying of the kite, two Sundays ago, by a newspaper which raised, apparently in vacuo, the question of America's being asked to bear some of the financial burdens arising from the defence of places such as Gibraltar and Hong Kong.

-English Truth, London, Sept. 9, 1949.

A Sound Statement

The Reverend Dr. P. J. Ryan said tonight that Socialist theorists who sought to abolish private property as a cure for modern economic ills were advocating a remedy, which would prove worse than the disease.

Dr. Ryan, who is the director of Roman Catholic Social Science, was speaking at the Religion, and Life Week conference at Newcastle.

He said the injustice of industrial capitalism consisted of the concentration of ownership.

The answer was not to concentrate it still further by handing all over to the State.

He said Socialism was an outmoded theory, which arose as an extreme reaction against the excesses of industrial capitalism of the last century.

"What we need is not less capital, but

"The family interests in nickel were part of the vast inheritance left to him by his father, Dr. Ludwig Mond, one of the founders of what is now I.C.I.

"Among the achievements of that chemist of genius was the discovery of a method of extracting nickel."

-The Daily Telegraph, Eng., Sept. 14.

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Britons Never Shall Be Slaves?

Those local apologists for the Socialist tyranny in Great Britain should have brought to their attention the action taken against Bobbie Driscoll, the American boy actor at present helping to make a film in Great Britain. The boy was charged with taking a job in Great Britain without the consent of the Ministry of Labour. A fine

more capitalists, not the abolition of property, but the wider distribution of it among private owners," Dr. Ryan said.

'We want this to enable the worker to become an owner so that he might achieve economic independence and political freedom.

"The industrial capitalist admitted in theory the right of personal property, but denied it in practice to the great majority of his fellow men.

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The Deliberate Informal Vote

We have received from the N.S.W. Decentralising Anti-Bureaucrat Association three circulars dealing with the advocacy of a deliberate informal vote by those electors who find that none of their candidates at the coming Federal Elections will pledge themselves to support a policy of genuine decentralisation.

The circulars are as follows:

CIRCULAR "A"

It would appear to be obvious that all social power arises in the individual, for there is no other possible source. This power is the greatest known force in the world. It is greater than atomic energy, for in the absence of organised society (controlled social power), atomic energy could never be released under the control of man. When this power is accumulated in great masses, we have organised society, organised research, organised political power and organised military power. All these enormous powers are accumulations of the trickle, which flows from the individual.

Like all power, in itself, it is neither good nor bad; but it can be directed to achieve either the welfare or the destruction of mankind. In recent years it has been directed more and more to the destruction of social institutions, which have consumed centuries in the building. As a consequence, the liberties of mankind are fast evaporating.

In its simplest expression, social power takes the form of CONSENT. And those individuals who "CONSENT," are finally responsible for all the consequences that ensue.

In the political field, that Party, which on polling-day can muster the greatest volume of "CONSENT," takes over the whole direction of our affairs.

Originally the Party-system had its roots in reality, for each "Party" represented a different policy. But today there is no fundamental difference in the policy, which each party represents for our acceptance. ALL parties subscribe to the CENTRAL-ISING of power.

So patent has this fact become, that in a leading article in *The* S.M.H. of 29/7/49, this fact is freely admitted in relation to the political situation in Great Britain.

It is obvious that centralisation of administrative power is essential to the success and on-going of Socialism-Communism; and that this centralisation leads inevitably to bureaucratic control, which is designed to impede the individual as he moves towards all his normal, natural and lawful objectives, and to frustrate him at every turn.

No centralised administrative power can operate until it has achieved a tight grip on all financial resources, including the power to tax, so that it can dictate financial policy.

The only effective method of defeating

the "DECENTRALISING ANTI-BUREAUCRATIC ASSOCIATION" has been founded.

K. W. MARLOW, Hon. Sec.

CIRCULAR "B"

Dear Candidate,

I am in general agreement with the views set out in attached Circular "A," and with the policy of DECENTRALISATION, detailed therein under clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d).

I am very desirous of avoiding an informal " vote; I earnestly desire to record an effective vote for the only policy which wins my approval, i.e., DECENTRALISA-TION.

Would you be so good as to let me know, either by public statement or by letter direct, whether you will use your best endeavours to implement the policy set out in clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) hereunder:

- (a) To oppose centralisation of adminis trative power;
- (b) To terminate UNIFORM TAXATION;
- (c) To annul the FINANCIAL AGREE
- MENT; (d) To restore FINANCIAL AUTONOMY

to the STATES. If your answer is "YES," you may rest assured that I will do all in my power to promote your candidature.

SIGNATURE.....

ADDRESS.....

CIRCULAR "C"

To the Unattached Voter,

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is hoped that you will find the enclosed circulars "A" and "B" to be self-explanatory.

Ås a large number of candidates for the forth-coming Federal Election have already been nominated, it would appear desirable that they (together with all sitting Members) be immediately approached by electors residing in the electorate concerned.

To that end, if this policy of DECEN-TRALISING wins your approval, would you be so good as to sign "B," and to forward it, together with "A," to all candidates (omitting Communists) who are contesting your electorate.

We would be very pleased to hear from you if you support this policy. We propose to compile lists showing "YES" candidates and "NO" candidates, and to give these lists wide publicity. It would assist us, therefore, if you would be so good as to let us know of the replies you receive from candidates. Additional copies of "A" and "B" will be made freely available on application, and we hope you will use them extensively. Thanking you in anticipation for your cooperation.

America's Debt

I was very pleased to read in an editorial last week a recognition of the tragic position of Europe vis-à-vis America. You stated: "Twice in 25 years the countries of Western Europe had to take the brunt of military aggression" . . . and so "make it possible for America to emerge, materially unscathed, an immensely stronger nation, actually and comparatively, than she had been before."

The immense natural resources of America have brought her great power and wealth, but not only has she been very tardy in accepting the responsibilities that this wealth brought her, she has failed to recognise the stabilising influence of the British Empire in a fast changing world. She has failed to recognise that it was not only British grit and inventive genius which held the fort during the critical stages of two world wars, but without British engineers and inventors, no American ship could have taken to the sea nor American plane to the air.

These two wars were America's wars more than they were our wars, and America has yet to pay for them. Dollars cannot pay for the devastation, but the position is now so stupid that America will have to justify herself to a very critical and increasingly hostile world. America is in the position of the big boy who helps to start a fight, and then takes all the marbles. Now there are no marbles unless there is a redistribution.

Now is the time for the British Empire to present America with a bill for saving her in two world wars. If America refuses to face up to her responsibilities, we shall have to get along without the dollar. We are entitled to know by what devilish bookkeeping a country, which contributed most to victory, should be left in the position of debtor to half the world. We are also entitled to know what peculiar bookkeeping entitles the people of a highly skilled and industrious country to one chop a week on "full employment."

Fern Tree. JAMES GUTHRIE.

-The Mercury, Hobart, July 18.

TO THE POINT

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"The Socialists' proposed remedy for this condition would intensify and aggravate all the evil against which they have rebelled and add new evils of its own.

"Private ownership is a natural, instinctive and necessary thing which derives immediately from the nature and needs of men.

"With the right of private ownership

Socialism-Communism is to pursue a policy of DECENTRALISATION, i.e.,

- (a) To oppose centralisation of administrative power;
- (b) To terminate UNIFORM TAXATION;
- (c) To annul the FINANCIAL AGREE MENT;
- (d) To restore FINANCIAL AUTONOMY to the STATES.

A general acceptance of the foregoing principles, and of the detailed policy (a), (b), (c), (d) forms the basis on which Yours faithfully,

K. W. MARLOW, Hon. Sec.

296 Pitt Street, Sydney

there goes serious duties and responsibilities

"Private ownership is necessary for the welfare of the family. Hand over all owner ship to the State and the State, not the father, becomes the provider.

"Once the State becomes the provider, bureaucrats will tell families just to what extent they are to be allowed to exist." — *Sydney Morning Herald*, Sept. 29, 1949.

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DEVALUATION AND MANPOWER CONTROL

When Sir Stafford Cripps announced that the pound sterling was to be devalued in relationship to the American dollar, we predicted that one of the major results of this decision would be an intensification of manpower control in Great Britain; also increased pressure for the direction of labour in Australia.

The Melbourne "Age" of October 5 contained the following report: "The Ministry of Labour is considering plans which may include direction of labour to meet demands for more workers in some export industries.

'There may be sterner use of the Control of Engagements Order which requires men and women between certain ages to be engaged only through employment exchanges and makes them liable to direction. Up to the present this order has not been extensively applied. But production in some industries is expected to increase considerably owing to devaluation of the pound and consequent larger export orders, and they will soon be undermanned.

"Plans are expected to include the transfer of men and women from less essential industries serving the home market and the more economical use of labour in all industries.

Devaluation means that the British and Australian people must export more production to dollar countries and get less import in exchange. If a nation's economy is to be used for this fantastic export policy, it is obvious that all individual policies must be subordinated to those of the central planners trying to make the export drive a "success."

The tragedy of the situation is that many of those who are loudest in their condemnation of Socialism and the centrally planned economy, are enthusiastically supporting the very economic and financial policies, which pave the way for Socialism. Export drives are justified on the grounds that they provide "full employment" and prosperity. The only sane purpose of exporting is to obtain necessary imports.

But any "prosperity" based upon a policy of exporting more and more production in order to obtain less imports, is fictitious. A feature of this type of "prosperity" is growing inflation, which eventually must destroy every section of the community except the new ruling class — the bureaucratic planners.

Devaluation means another step forward towards the Slave State. Those responsible for this policy can only be defeated if sufficient potential slaves make up their minds now that drastic action against their enemies is urgently necessary. This journal exists to serve those who would strike a blow for freedom and independence. During the critical days ahead, we hope that all present readers will endeavour to place it before as many of their fellow electors as possible.

Attention, Mr. Casey

ticles published last year. It would be interesting to know if Mr. Casey still favours more of these Socialistic experiments. Or perhaps he contends that he and his associates could run them more "efficiently" than can the Labour-Socialists?

Wanted to Know?

According to recent press reports petrol has now been released from bond to be distributed to garages. Presumably this means that the Federal Government had control of the petrol all the time, and deliberately froze supplies until garage after garage ran bone dry, thus tending to create, with a remarkable measure of success, the public attitude that petrol rationing was 'inevitable." How many times do you hear, "Well, with ration tickets you at least know where you stand, and can get some petrol"?

The sixty-four dollar question is why have the big petrol companies remained so strangely silent through it all? As soon as Federal petrol rationing had been declared invalid full-page newspaper advertisements announced that petrol was available in any quantity. Sales drives were organised. Thousands of gallons were sold in drums direct to primary producers and other consumers. The sky was the limit. Then came the ominous warnings of the return to rationing. Practically everyone tried his hand at estimating Australia's supposedly dwindling petrol stocks. Figures were vague, conflicting, hopelessly unreliable. But the only people who could have accurately known the real position, the oil companies, kept their mouths shut. Why? Do the big international firms want to squeeze out the smaller fry perhaps? Why is Mr. Menzies (who was attorney for Shell Company when they were successfully charged with defrauding the Government of thousands of pounds in duties some years before the war) so reluctant to really challenge Mr. Chifley on the issue when it could easily win him the election, What deep game is being played?

Had the companies supplied the public with the facts it is patently obvious that Chifley would never have got to first base in the return-to-rationing blitzkrieg? It is also obvious to any realistic observer that there is plenty of petrol available. If there is not enough in the country, which has by no means being satisfactorily refuted, it could be obtained without difficulty. But once again the Socialist, with the tacit (if not active) support of the Big Business Monopolist, has stampeded the people into more centralised control. —J.W.

PETROL CONSERVATION

To highlight the desperate need to conserve petrol, Federal Government departments used 8,441,215 gallons of petrol in the twelve months ended June 30 last. Or nearly two-thirds the quantity used by the total population of Tasmania. Vive les rackets! —J.W.

PETROL PRODUCTION

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company

On the back page of our issue of September 30, we published a factual exposure of the disastrous results of the Socialist Queensland-British Food Corporation's graingrowing project in Central Queensland.

We draw our readers' attention to the fact that this project was "boosted" by Mr. R. G. Casey. Federal President of the Liberal Party, in a series of featured ar-

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Mr. Casey is also an ardent advocate of the T.V.A. type of Socialist planning. We trust that wide-awake Liberals are starting to realise where some of their "leaders" are proposing to take them.

announces that Iran production for the month of June 1949 amounted to 2,154,000 tons.

Production for the first six months of this year was 13,172,000, more than double the output for the same period last year.

—The Canberra Letter, Sept. 23.

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Whose Children . . .?

Our readers will be pleased to know that the people of one small village in Great Britain have given a practical demonstration of how a comparatively few individuals in voluntary association can resist the might of the totalitarian planners.

The following inspiring report from the July-August issue of *Housewives Today*—journal of that fighting British organisation, The British Housewives' League, relates how the parents of Lindsell, Essex, have successfully thwarted the British Socialists' policy of centralising control of all education and of depriving parents of control of the education of their own children.

British housewives, who have been in touch with the British Housewives' League, and many of those who have not, are aware of the constant, if indirect, attack on the home that is taking place in these islands. Sometimes one feels bewildered because of its strength, but few married women will, once they realise the truth, giving up fighting to maintain what is at once the core of their own, and of our national, existence, as well as the basis of our civilisation.

The Child of a Conservative

One thrust in this attack comes via the Education Act of 1944, which was the child of Mr. R. A. Butler, Conservative M.P. for the Saffron Walden Division. It is well to remember this.

Under this Act, Education Authorities everywhere drew up schemes for the reorganisation of schools in their areas. The Act itself made careful readers fear that it was intended to close the smaller village schools — to close what are probably the most intimate and respected institutions in the country — and to remove the children from the countryside into the towns for tuition. These fears have been fulfilled all over England. The loss of these valuable links between the generations, the centres of common experience for all in the village has been greatly regretted and deeply resented in many parts of the country, but it fell out that it was Lindsell, a village in Mr. R. A. Butler's own constituency, that was to challenge the authorities on a matter vital to the maintenance of the home, parental authority and village life. The people of Lindsell refused point blank to be ordered by the Essex Education Authority to send their children outside the village to school. They not only refused to send their children, but they took the eminently practical course of starting a school of their own, in spite of the threat of aggressive reprisals by a flouted bureaucracy, which they knew might follow their refusal. This school, Lindsell New School, having completed a first term with great success, is now well on its way through the second, and bids fair to become a permanent institution.

teacher in the old school had given her resignation and left the service of the County Council. So the new school had to be equipped, and staffed as well. Two blackboards were produced from somewhere; chairs came from this house and that; people in the neighbourhood combed their nurseries and their homes for useful materials — books, pens, ink, paper, paints, brushes, chalks, crayons and the like. Excursions to London brought school books in Quantities, sufficient to meet the emergency, and the school opened on the correct school opening day of the January term with every child in its place, and a team of six or seven voluntary teachers, under the Headmastership of Mr. Henry Swabey, the Vicar, ready to act as mentors for the young of these brave people of Lindsell, the people of quality. The whole of this was achieved in three days, because that was all the notice the Essex Education Authority gave the parents that the old school was not going to re-open and that their children would have to go to a school in a village some miles away.

The provision of mid-day meals was a great difficulty, but it has been overcome by the generosity and self-denial of numerous people in the neighbourhood, and by the devotion of Mrs. Anne Swabey.

The enrolment of adequate teachers proved easy and volunteers came from the village, and from places several miles away. One teacher has actually come from 40 miles away to live in the village in order to be able to assist in what he knows is a magnificent effort to defend the natural rights of man.

Few of these things could have been done without money, and here again, those with means, and those not so well provided, have given the money for carrying on the job. They have discovered identical interests, and the provision of means was easy. Those who could not give money gave services. Volunteers clean the school, make the fires, and labour has been given freely by men and women in many directions.

Wide Support

The stir caused by this uprising of

interested in what is happening. Several villages whose schools were threatened in the same way by the same authorities, have contributed money to Lindsell's effort; visits of deputations of enquiry from these villages show how deep is the resentment against the authorities in their implementation of the 1944 Education Act; but above even this is the widespread interest and moral support from all classes of the community over the whole Saffron Walden Division, and beyond. There is no doubt that in this division the "Lindsell Affair" was of major importance in the recent elections in this area.

The local Press throughout the whole of the last five or six months has been magnificent in its support of the Lindsell people, and it is a matter of great interest to note that a County Councillor, wishing recently to raise certain matters in regard to the school in open council, found that he was unable to do so, the matter being referred to committee. The Press are not in attendance at committee meetings.

Heartening Happenings

Several most heartening things arise out of this position. There is first of all the discovery of tremendous quality in the population of this village, where not a single dissentient voice can be found with regard to the conduct of this matter. They are unanimous in refusing the authority's orders and in standing up for their natural rights. The second thing is that the class warfare, which some people have been whipping up for a generation or more, does not exist in Lindsell. People don't talk about class but are united in acclaiming what they know to be right, and in rejecting vigorously what they know to be wrong. The farmer is united with the farm labourer, the tradesman with the customer, showing that their interests are, in fact, common. The Church is united with them all in defending their common interests in the name of God; and you only have to see the children to realise how happy they are.

In Lindsell the power of the Church in moral leadership has been shown in edifying vigour. The Vicar, The Reverend Henry Swabey, was unanimously called by his parishioners to the position of chairman and spokesman and leader in these defensive measures, and no one could have behaved with greater firmness, temperance, modesty and devotion than this young man. His own child attends the New School. As I have already said, all the children needing a mid-day meal are provided with it by Mrs. Swabey, his wife, who, with several others in the village, I am proud to say, is a member of the British Housewives' League, and from whom all of us should draw inspiration. She and her husband are fighting not only in defence of their own family; they are fighting in defence of all

Initiative

When the villagers, faced with what they regarded as a catastrophe, decided to start their own school, they naturally had to consider ways and means. The Vicar, with the unanimous consent of all interested, offered the use of the Church Hall, which also the Village Hall. There were no books, pencils, papers, chairs, tables, or copybooks. Everything used in the old school had been removed by the Essex County Council at the end of the autumn term, before even the parents knew officially the school was going to close. The

righteous indignation in Lindsell reached the London Press, and for three months has, from time to time, provided a feature in the evening papers, generally appearing under the caption, "The Rebel School." This warms the heart of people who are beginning to wonder what, if anything, can be done to ward off the ever-increasing encroachment upon their rights and liberties. But what is more important and more encouraging than the attention of the London Press is the fact that people for miles around Lindsell have become alert and the families in Lindsell; and they are fighting in defence of all the families in Britain — yours and mine.

The Bureaucrat

About a week after the new Lindsell school was opened, Mr. Swabey, in spite of having received from the Director of Education for the district, reproaches that seemed hysterical and accusations which (Continued on page 8)

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Planning the Earth (VII)

By GEOFFREY DOBBS.

We continue this important article from last week. Our copy is from The Social Crediter of September 24.

A time comes, though it seems a long time in coming, when people shed their illusions and seek for reality, however unwelcome or unfamiliar it may be, as offering the only hope of a way out of their pre-dicament. The "reality" to which most people have been conforming is a "reality" invented and imposed first of all by the creators and controllers of financial credit (the "reality" for instance, of the great Depression of the 1930's or the dollar "crisis") and secondly and increasingly by the Planners and Regulators and Dictators of the modern State. But when this pseudoreality diverges so widely from the real nature of things as to jeopardise the survival of the race, then a revolution — a turning back to reality — becomes vitally necessary. Indeed, not merely a turning back, but a binding back (re-ligion). In this sense a revolution in social affairs corresponds to, and arises from, the conversion of the individual — in both cases a turning round — not merely "back" but right round so as to face in the opposite direction, for the pseudo-organism of the modern political world is rapidly assuming the form of an inversion of a real, sane, and Christian Society, in which position alone an illusory equilibrium appears possible.

Inversion of Meaning

This inversion permeates the whole of politics, just as politics is now permeating the whole of life, and it is the clue to an understanding of the situation, and of the nature of spiritual forces, which are in conflict. The tragedy is that these words, religion and conversion, are commonly interpreted in so restricted a sense that they are supposed to apply only to the "private" lives of the people, *i.e.*, to that field of free action which is left to us after the politicians have taken the rest away; either that, or they are inverted to mean binding back again to the pseudo-reality of current social thinking. As for the word "revolu- above all he believes in decentralisation to tion," it is commonly used by Communists, the limit, down to the grass roots. His Collectivists, and One-Worlders, to mean the inevitable culmination of social and economic forces, which is about as revolutionary as, after getting on to a train to Manchester and staying on it, to arrive at Manchester. "Progress," again, now means drifting with the tide (or the "trend"); "you cannot stand in the way of progress' nowadays, it is not something, which has to be "made." "Reaction," which is a sign

of life, is now taken to mean a sign of death; and "The People" and "The Common Good" are the antitheses of the people and the common good.

Much of this inversion of meanings is no doubt the unconscious result of the prevailing methods of thought, which are so obviously driving us to destruction, but a good deal of it is the product of deliberate propaganda. The hallmark of it is always the same, a lack of integrity, an inverted relationship between what is said and what is done, between the alleged or implied aims, and the real ones. Nearly always, also, there is the old trick of the Accuser, the attributing of his own evil intentions to his opponents. All this, backed by every resource of cleverness and publicity which money can buy has been successful in creating a mental atmosphere in which the essential revolution is difficult to accomplish, and in misleading it and causing it to revert to the prevailing fatal direction. Nevertheless, it is making progress!

An Example

As a key example — a sort of textbook in the art of misleading the public with centralist propaganda in the guise of decentralisation, the present Chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commissions T.V.A. Democracy on the March (Penguin Books, 1944) is worthy of attention. (All quotations, which follow, are from this book, unless otherwise stated).

If we are to believe only what Mr. Lilienthal writes, and not what he is, and has been carrying out, he out-does the present writer in most of his enthusiasms. He starts by seeking to dispel the fog of words by seeing the reality behind the words. He ardently believes in true democracy, in experts being held accountable for results, in The People's Dividend (heading of Chapter 5) in care for the soil and the water system, in the avoidance of any sort of coercion or tyranny or bureaucracy "managerialism" or materialism, and or book is littered with the word "policy" (it occurs ten times on page 141); he shows familiarity with the concept of the economic vote ("Customers, so the idea runs, hold a kind of daily plebiscite" — p. 102); he seeks to use the machine to promote the freedom of the individual, and the things of the spirit; he quotes Quadragesimo Anno to this effect (p. 188); he denies the inherent wickedness of man, and believes in the redemption of faith through works (p. 190).

Lack of Integrity

Now this is a *combination* of ideas peculiar to one body of thought, Social Credit, which Mr. Lilienthal of course does not mention, but it is interesting and encouraging to see that he finds it expedient to adopt this disguise, in view of the almost complete lack of publicity which Social Credit has received since 1939. For it is a disguise, though only to those who are unfamiliar with this set of ideas. The suggestion that Mr. Lilienthal is some sort of an unacknowledged social crediter is too obviously the reverse of the truth to be entertained; and even if the facts did not belie it, the book itself carries evidence of its lack of integrity.

In fact, it starts on the cover with the title: Democracy on the March - with its suggestion of a brassy fanfare and of The Masses on the Move, its superficial appeal and fundamental dishonesty. As if we did not know that before the people - you and I and the others — can "march" we must surrender our freedom, and "Democracy" becomes a mere figment! There is much truth in the witticism that a more honest title would be "Democracy on the Run." There is, however, certain "integrity" in its literal sense both about the title and the whole book, provided each key word is taken in its perverted, and to most people, occult, sense. Thus T.V.A. — Democracy on the March carries very much the same meaning as the "British" Planners meant when they said that only in war or under threat of war would their plans become acceptable. That is very true; and we have seen that from start to finish, from Muscle Shoals to the "Atom" Bomb, war and preparation for war¹ have had plenty to do with the T.V.A.

"For electric power is the life blood of modern warfare. Take aluminium for example. This valley's power has produced a major part of the aluminium for American aircraft — at one critical stage of the war more than half-and aluminium is mostly the product of electric power: as much electricity goes into one big bomber as the average household could consume in four hundred years." (pp. 26-27.)

"Grass-roots Democracy"

To counteract the militant effect of the title we have, inside the cover, the phrase "grassroots democracy." Despite the natural enquiry, which it raises just, how "grass-roots democracy" can "march," it is a clever phrase, and Mr. Lilienthal repeats the adjective "grass-roots" with almost incredible frequency. It carries a very powerful suggestion, especially to people intelligent enough to know the importance of grass roots to the soil structure, of real, decentralised, honest-to-God, down-to-earth democracy, based upon detailed, local, love and care for the land; and if we are to believe him, there never was anything, anywhere, quite so decentralised, democratic, down to the individual, and grass-roots, as Tennessee, once the T.V.A. had descended (Continued on page 7)

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upon it and decentralised and democratised it.

Taking the grass roots literally, one naturally thinks of them when one reads all about the land restoration, conservation, afforestation and so on; one does not so naturally think of them when one reads about the Great Lakes of the South with their 9,000 mile coastline and their blue waters bedecked with steamers, yachts, bathing belles and game fish, rolling where the grass once rooted. But let us get these things in proportion. Up to 1944 the total investment in "river development" is given (p. 46) as 700,000,000 dollars — that is, largely in drowning grass roots. "During the {same} ten year period the net expense of T.V.A.'s land restoration and all other development work [my italics] has been 39,800,000 dollars; in addition 8,383,000 dollars has been spent on fertiliser plants . . . (p. 48). Let us be generous and say 5 per *cent* of the sum spent on drowning grass roots has been spent on restoring them. These quotations, by the way, are taken from Chapter 5 — *The People's Dividend!*

Metaphorical

But of course, his grass roots are mostly intended in a metaphorical sense, as we see in Chapter 9 — Democracy at the Grass Roots; For the People and By the People, — which starts with a quotation from Walt Whitman, about the greatness of the individual. Here we learn that ". . . The satisfaction of elementary physical needs is not enough. A man wants to feel important . . . that he is a needed and useful part of something far bigger [my italics] than he is" (p. 71). This "something," it is clear, is not, as you might think, God, or the Kingdom of Heaven, or even the mere Universe, but the Tennessee Valley Authority itself.

"This hankering to be an *individual* [Mr. Lilienthal's italics] is probably greater today than ever before." And so Mr. Lilienthal, with his T.V.A. and his billion dollars does not hesitate to confer *individuality* upon the Southern hill farmer. This, we read, is to be done by using *democratic methods*, by generously allowing, it would seem for the first time, "widespread and intimate participation of the people in the development of their valley," thus giving "a renewed sense that the individual counts." Indeed (p. 73):

The necessities of management make it mandatory. Efficiency, in the barest operational sense, requires it. There is nothing in my experience more heartening than this: that devices of management which give a lift to the human spirit turn out so often to be the most "efficient" methods. Viewed in any perspective there is no

tives: "remote control and extreme centralisation" or "decentralised administration of central policies." This latter is the New Democracy of the T.V.A. and its imitators. Mr. Lilienthal rebutts with horror the "cynical" thesis of Professor Burnham, who singles out the T.V.A. as an obvious example of the Managerial Revolution. One gathers that if such a thing occurs it will be Professor Burnham's fault for suggest-ing such wickedness. It should be clear that the methods of T.V.A. provide the effective antidote (presumably these include the devices which give a lift to the human spirit, and make a man feel important). On the other hand, Mr. Lilienthal deeply deplores the growing contempt of "politics" which he attributes to "defeatists about democracy" and reactionary forces generally. He will not have a word against "the role of politics in the fixing of basic policies." "... if the institution of politics becomes discredited, the enemies of democracy have won an important victory" (p. 164). Presumably by "the institution of politics" he can only mean the prevailing system of manipulating the anonymous majority vote, which is thus seen to be essential to what he means by "democracy."

(To be continued)

Petrol Austerity

Mr. Hollway, who had an open mind on petrol rationing before he went to the Premiers' Conference, is one of the Premiers who have now unanimously agreed to ration petrol. Last week Mr. Hollway introduced in Parliament a "blank-cheque" bill for re-rationing petrol. Although the Premier states that Victoria would not hand over rationing powers to the Commonwealth, the fact of rationing at Mr. Chifley's request would be in line with other complementary measures introduced by the State Government for continuance of war-time controls. One was the Hides and Tallow Act, legislation detrimental to the interests of the primary producers.

Any measure to assist the Commonwealth Government to overcome a High Court decision, no matter how it is couched in verbiage designed to establish the State's prerogative in matters for which the Commonwealth has no power, is only a subterfuge. Rationing in principle is Communistic; it is only an apology for incompetence of Government in trade, and the result reflects the restriction on private enterprise trading.

Petrol rationing is not designed to give equitable distribution: it brings with it a train of inequality in priorities.

In wartime many obnoxious regulations were permitted, and by general agreement received public co-operation; in peacetime it may be found that the States are also subject to principles of government, which must be observed and respected. Bureaucracy must not be allowed to attain a state of totalitarianism in Victoria. Petrol tickets are no substitute for petrol, but it is a curious mental aberration that rationing in some mysterious manner can increase the supply. It would increase the bureaucracy and it would tend to continue a socialistic control psychology of the people. It may possibly increase the work of the Law Courts. *—The Countryman, Sept.* 30.

"Only in War or Under the Threat of War..." the Threat of War.. !"

NEW YORK, Tuesday, A.A.P.—The United States must create immediately a standby mobilisation plan to meet the threat of atomic warfare, Mr. Bernard Baruch declared today.

Mr. Baruch, who has been adviser to six American Presidents, helped to draw up the U.N. plan for atomic energy control.

- He said that the U.S. must maintain its overwhelming advantage in atomic weapons. He also urged that the nation:
 - Re-examine its strategy for peace;
 - Stand its ground in insisting on nothing less than truly effective international control of atomic energy.

Mr. Baruch explained that he was not speaking in an alarmist sense.

But, he added, they must not wait until bombs were falling to debate control of prices, wages and rents; the elimination of profiteering, rationing of scarce commidities, the civilian-defence of cities and other measures.

-The Sun, Melb. Oct. 5.

Our heading and italics.

Bernard Baruch, a Jew, is one of the most powerful and influential individuals on this planet. He is one of those primarily responsible for the policy of world dominion being pursued by the International Jew.

He is here advocating the same policy, and suggesting the same technique that has proven so successful in the enslavement of the British people. It would appear to us that the Americans have just about served their purpose in underwriting Jewish aims. They are now to be incorporated in the World Socialist Republic with its eventual spiritual and geographical headquarters in Israel.

Liberal Policy

Even if all Labour politicians are not Socialists at heart, they have all signed a pledge to support socialism. Socialism and communism are merely two roads leading to the same goal — the police State, so if Labour is returned at the Federal elections we know what to expect.

With polling day only a couple of months away, however, we find that the Liberals still have no policy. Merely criticising Labour's bungling will not win votes. Failure to put forward a policy cost them the recent Tasmanian elections.

If the Liberals want to gain the confidence of the electors they must produce a sound, constructive policy that is definitely opposed to socialism, and promise that, if returned, they will abolish uniform taxation, repeal 1945 banking legislation, check rising prices by restoring subsidies, reduce our top-heavy bureaucracy to 1938 level, remove petrol and butter rationing, denationalise T.A.A., etc., abolish the means test and increase old-age pensions.

other way ... It is the people or nothing.

Later on, however, we read: "This job must be done, this task of changing our physical environment through science and the machine" (p. 189) and again (p. 191): "The physical job will be done. If not democratically, it will be done in an antidemocratic way." So it is clear that "democracy" has nothing to do with deciding what shall be done, but only how it shall be done. (We seem to have met this before.)

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If their policy is anti-socialistic there is no need to worry about Labour "pinching" it. —H. GERRAND (Box Hill). -

The Herald, Melb. Oct. 4.

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were false, took action on a complaint that he — the Director — had not been given an opportunity to explain the position to the parents. Mr. Swabey called a meeting of the parents to be addressed by the Director, Mr. Primmer, and his Committee Chairman. The meeting took place in the Lindsell Church Hall, which was packed. It lasted two and a half hours. Mr. Primmer addressed the parents and explained the whole scheme to them; and then he received a continuous, vigorous and relentless attack from nearly everyone present. He disclosed many interesting sidelights on bureaucratic mentality and on the "trends" on which the Education Authorities are working. He said that the village life in England was declining so rapidly that in a few years there would be no villages left at all, and they were therefore, preparing for that time by concentrating the education centres in the towns and larger villages. (Can you imagine an English village with no homes and no children?) He said that they were short of teachers as well, and that by concentrating the children by age groups in the larger schools, one teacher could look after more children! He said that there were only 30 children at Lindsell and they could not keep a school open and adequately staffed for such a small num-He did not explain how a teacher ber. could possibly teach 40-56-60 children in one class, which is what is taking place in the centralised schools. He said many shocking things that served only to whet the indignation and resentment of everyone there; but two outstanding points were that he could not be humane in his job, as he had to deal with numbers, not people; and then he burst out scornfully about the idea that individual freedom had anything to do with the matter at all. His audience was given the impression that there is more nonsense talked about freedom than anything else. They were not free. They did not earn enough money to be free. They could not send their children to school where they liked, but he could. Those who had the money could naturally choose to which schools they would send their children; others couldn't. The materialistic basis of this argument seemed to infuriate the them asked the committee members present whole audience, and these two remarks are, I am sure, among the sayings that Mr. Primmer has many times since wished he told that the parents have no rights!!! had left unsaid. Mr. Primmer also made the extraordinary statement that the old school League, please ponder these words. They been had not everything, equipment, furniture, books, etc., cracy, you no longer have any rights over and the key, had been removed at the end your children; but you, as women, must of the autumn term. audience that what had happened was that your lives are at stake and they will be the school had been "temporarily housed in irretrievably lost to you unless you are the village of Stebbing" some miles away. prepared to fight, to fight hard, to fight

Central Planning

"The State Department blurb says that the task is largely a matter of 'cocoordinating' (that lovely word) existing facilities under central planning and direction. Of course the emphasis is ours. Central planning is the death knell for representative government and free enterprise, whatever soothing words may veil the change." Edna Lonigan in Human Events (U.S.A.).

Jewish Fashions

NEW YORK, Tuesday. -Fashionable women here are tinting their hair pink, blue, purple and sometimes striped to match the colours of their hats and dresses.

Michel of Helena Rubinstein says 25 per cent of customers have already fallen for these eccentric tints he introduced a few weeks ago

Michel's colours wash out as easily as dirt. It is so simple a woman can use it at home and change the colours as often as she changes a dress.

Michel prefers pink and light shades for blondes. Brunettes with grey streaks can retouch with pastels to get fine highlights. -The Herald, Melbourne, Oct. 5.

Our heading and emphasis.

and his supporters have maintained a dignity worthy of their cause. When, under the burden of tyranny pouring in upon them, the Conservative M.P., Mr. R. A. Butler, and a local parson, who was then a communist county councillor, advised compromise (they seemed unable to realise that you cannot compromise on vital principles) Mr. Swabey and his colleagues, with the greatest humility and a profound anxiety to find a way out of the difficulties which had arisen through no fault of their own, agreed to send a deputation to interview the Education Committee. They found that humility is regarded as weakness by the bureaucrats. They were coldly fobbed off. The Education Authorities had nothing to suggest, but were furious to discover that the deputation had no powers to negotiate, which the astute-minded parents had resolved to retain for themselves. The deputation achieved nothing positive, but it did uncover one terribly important thing. One of about the rights of parents in the matter of their children's education . . . and was

Members of the British Housewives' closed — although mean that, according to the ideas of bureau-He assured his think differently. All the vital things in

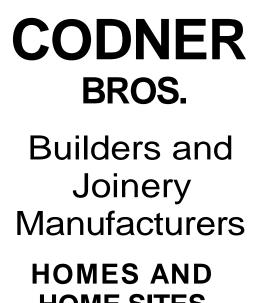


TEL AVIV, JAFFA AS ONE CITY

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. -The Israeli Government decided today to unite the twin cities of Tel Aviv and Jaffa under the name of Jaffa-Tel Aviv.

Ancient Jaffa, which adjoins the modern Tel Aviv, has been occupied by Israel since the early stages of the Arab-Jewish partition war, when almost all its 80,000 Arabs fled. The present population of the two cities is about 325,000, of whom only 4,000 are Arabs. —A.A.P.

—The Herald, Melbourne, Oct. 5. Our emphasis.



The egregious untruthfulness of this state- relentlessly, and with all your hearts, and, if ment was emphasised by shouts of anger needs be, to fight alone, to defend what from parents who pass the empty and de- Almighty God has given you as a natural serted school each day. They cannot right. We need more Henry Swabeys in understand why officials find it difficult to the Church. Don't wait for them to turn speak the truth, and they said so. **Parents Have Not Rights**

In spite of the most scurvy treatment by the Authorities ever since this business started some six months ago, Mr. Swabey

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up. Remember Mrs. Swabey. She is a mother and so are you. She is defending her family and yours. Ask yourself the question that a parent asked of Mr. Primmer at the meeting at Lindsell in January: "Whose children are they, anyway?" and then see that you get the right answer.

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